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Military Flight Exercise Support Death Valley National Park Protect Resources

Effective Friday, September 12, 2008, Death Valley National Park will permit a flight exercise in partnership with the US military. This unique opportunity allows the park to obtain detailed aerial photographs and other data that will be used to study and protect park resources.

The exercise will take place in a special military-use airspace complex known as R-2508. The R-2508 Complex does overlap the park boundaries; however the R-2508 airspace managers have worked closely with Death Valley National Park in establishing agreements that have helped minimize aircraft over flights that may impact park resources and its visitors.

During this exercise visitors may observe low flying aircraft photographing and documenting certain areas of the park.

“This kind of partnership with the military is something we have desired since I arrived at Death Valley and we have finally realized this objective,” states Superintendent JT Reynolds. When we are able to combine military expertise and technology with resource protection, everyone benefits. We also hope we can get the military’s support for future projects.

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