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CENSUS 2010 IS COMING! ADDRESS CANVASSING OPERATION THROUGH JUNE 19

Preparations for the 2010 Census are underway, as the U.S. Census Bureau launched a massive “Address Canvassing” operation in April, dispatching approximately 140,000 people to canvass all known streets and roads in the nation. According to a Census 2010 notice received by the City of Twentynine Palms, “the canvassers will identify every living quarter where people live or could potentially live, and verify more than 145 million addresses.”

Local residents should be aware that address canvassers will be traveling neighborhoods and roads throughout the Morongo Basin between now and June 19, 2009.

For the first time in Decennial Census history (that is, every 10 years since the U.S. census was established in 1790), census workers will confirm, add, and delete addresses using a GPS-equipped hand-held computer. Each building or structure will receive Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates to make sure it is recorded in the right location. Census workers will also update maps by adding new roads.

The purpose of the address canvassing phase is to ensure that the master census address list is accurate and complete for mailing and hand delivering questionnaires next year, so that everyone can be included in the population count on Census Day, April 1, 2010.

Census workers can be identified by their official U.S. Census Bureau badge. All information collected, including addresses, is confidential and protected by law, and a census worker will never ask for bank or social security information.

For questions, contact Twentynine Palms City Hall at (760)367-6799 or look for census updates on the city’s web site at: www.ci.twentynine-palms.ca.us.

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