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**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

California Department of Parks and Recreation
San Diego Coast District
4477 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92110-3136



In the spirit of genuine collaboration between the communities of San Diego and Tijuana, the Imperial Beach Border Patrol station is prepared to re-establish access to Friendship Circle within Border Field State Park. This letter details the procedures and guidelines designed to allow access to Friendship Circle while maintaining a safe and secure environment for visitors, organizations, and Border Patrol Agents.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE ACCESS AND SECURITY

Beginning November 14, 2009, the Imperial Beach Border Patrol Station will allow routine public access to Friendship Circle every weekend between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Imperial Beach station will provide agents at the entrance gate of Friendship Circle and near the border monument for physical security each weekend. Occupancy within Friendship Circle is limited to a maximum of 25 individuals.

Access within Friendship Circle is limited to the concrete walkway leading up to the circle and the concrete semi circle that adjoins the border fence at the border monument. No individual is permitted within three feet of the border fence, including the border monument itself. Individuals found violating these limitations will be asked to depart the public access area. If a Border Patrol Agent advises the area is being closed due to an emergent operational issue, all individuals within the public access area must depart as requested.

RULES FOR ENTRY

It is expected that each individual, group, and/or organization will be respectful of and abide by the rules herein. These rules will be posted on federal property in plain view.

- Maximum Occupancy – 25
- Government issued photo ID is required to gain access
- Individuals and organizations are responsible for ensuring the public access area remains a clean, litter free environment
- The exchange of items through, over, or under the fence is prohibited
- Physical contact with individuals in Mexico is not permitted
- No weapons permitted

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- Disturbing, moving, or altering infrastructure designed to limit access is prohibited

These rules apply to the area in and around the entry to Friendship Circle and within the public access area. Any violations of the rules for entry may result in the loss of access privileges for an individual violator. The Border Patrol reserves the right to remove individuals and rescind entry privileges from all who violate the rules set forth.

The individuals and organizations that exercise their privileges to access Friendship Circle within Border Field State Park maintain a significant responsibility for actions occurring in and around the public access area. Please ensure your organization provides for a safe, secure, and clean environment as you participate in activities within Friendship Circle.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the Imperial Beach Border Patrol Station's Special Operations Supervisor at 619-628-2900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Moises Zazueta', written over a horizontal line.

Moises Zazueta
Acting Patrol Agent in Charge
Imperial Beach Border Patrol Station