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Black Rock Art Gallery Opening of Sedimental

Twentynine Palms, California - Joshua Tree National Park management is pleased to announce a new art exhibition by Joshua Tree-based artist Margeaux Walter, the Fall 2022 Artist in Residence. *Sedimental* is an exhibition of photographs in which the artist has photographed sections of the landscape, printed them onto fabric, and then sewn them into outfits and drapery. The artist inserts their body, covered in the prints, into the landscape to form simple, targeted, visual interventions. Using camouflage tactics to garner a second glance, they encourage the practice of looking more than once at one's surrounding environment.

Margeaux Walter is based in Joshua Tree and utilizes mediums including photography, installation, video, and performance to portray issues related to conservation, climate change, consumption, and waste. She has been awarded artist-in-residence programs at organizations such as Montalvo Arts Center, MacDowell Colony, Yaddo, VCCA, JTHAR, BigCi in Bilpin, Australia (Environmental award) and at Joshua Tree National Park. Her work has been exhibited nationwide at institutions including Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) in LA, Hunterdon Art Museum, The Center for Photography in Woodstock, Tacoma Art Museum, and the Griffin Museum of Photography. Her work is featured in publications including The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Seattle Times, and Boston Globe.

The exhibition will run from October 6, 2023, until January 5, 2024, at the Black Rock Art Gallery in the Black Rock Nature Center, located at 9800 Black Rock Canyon Rd, Yucca Valley, CA 92284. There will be an opening reception on Friday October 6, 2023, from 5pm to 7pm. The building is open 7 days a week, 8am – 11am, 12pm-4pm, entrance is free.

About Joshua Tree National Park: Two distinct desert ecosystems, the Mojave and the Colorado, come together in Joshua Tree National Park. Dark night skies, a rich cultural history, and surreal geologic features add to the wonder of this vast wilderness in southern California. Learn more at <u>nps.gov/jotr</u> and on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Youtube</u>

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