

# Groom Lake visitors hit with fines

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Two Salt Lake City residents accused of crossing the military border near a secret air base have been found guilty of trespassing.

Ryan Chivers and Jason Winget had been arrested at night on Dec. 1 by a Lincoln County sheriff's deputy on a roadway several yards inside the military range known as Area 51 or Groom Lake.

The defendants, representing themselves, argued that they did not cross the border until Nellis security officers wearing camouflage fatigues marched them there before the arrest.

Chivers and Wingate said they were attempting to bike to Freedom Ridge, a popular viewpoint on public land near the border.

The two were fined \$600 each. They said they had not decided whether to appeal.

Glenn Campbell, of the Area 51 Research Center in Rachel, said a similar incident occurred Jan. 2 when Bruce Hedquist of Yucaipa, Calif., was on public land when he was detained. He was not arrested.

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