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Union of Farmers disassociates itself from the cuts next Monday, June 3rd

One of the reasons is that they have not been invited and that they do not feel identified with the protest either

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Union of Farmers disassociates itself from the protest that Catalan farmers plan to hold this coming Monday from 10.00 a.m. on the N-145, cutting off access to the country for 24 hours. The conveners, Peasant Revolt, denounce unfair competition from products from outside the European Union and, for this reason, they will cut the border that connects Andorra and Spain and seven other border crossings along the entire Pyrenees.

In a statement, Union of Farmers sets out the reasons why they are not joining the cuts at border crossings this coming June 3rd. The first reason they state is that they don't want them as a union: «They are 'anti', we are not 'anti-anyone', in addition to defining ourselves as an «apolitical and non-union platform». Even so, they add that these different platforms «have publicly and repeatedly stated that they do not want the unions, however, to ask for permits we help them», stressing that «asking for permits and mobilization communications entails a lot of responsibility, and you must know whom you are accepting the consequences. We don't like being used this way.»

In a second point, there is the political question, as they explain. «Some of the top representatives of the convening platforms have connections with the ultra-right. Outside the democra-



Image of previous cuts of farmers.

tic and anti-fascist framework, we will not be found in Union of Farmers », they indicate. Continuing, they highlight some examples regarding this issue: the president of the Association of Valencian Independent Farmers [ALIV], Victor Viciado, awarded by Vox in Villareal and who also received the explicit support of the aforementioned training, which participated in a demonstration of this agrarian organization; Platform 6F, whose export spokesperson, Xaime da Pena, has a long track record that includes videos in support of Milei; Lola Guzmán, former member of Vox in the Valencian Country; Diego Conesa, linked to the origins of Vox in Murcia, or the Asoc-

ciación de Defensa del Campo de Guadalajara (Castilla La Mancha), whose president, Rubén Flores Manso, shares content on social networks that sympathizes with far-right positions and catalanophobes.

In addition, from Union of Farmers they emphasize that they always defend democracy in the countryside through the agrarian elections that legitimize the representativeness of professional farming in Catalonia, since they know what it cost to achieve it and how they were when they hadn't it. «In the case of this call for cuts on June 3rd, we were literally kicked out of the preparatory meeting that took place on April 13th in Pamplona.»

Even so, they also state that they do not have a sufficiently argued proposal for the call reasons. «We are the first to take to the streets, but with elaborate proposals. No one has looked to us for consensus in this sense», pointing out that «we do not want partisan use of mobilization in the midst of the European election campaign. We do not mobilize in electoral campaigns so as not to interfere or be used. It is up to the voters to take a position with the vote.»

Union of Farmers concludes by explaining that «not all farmers are the same nor do we all defend the same thing. We will always be found defending family farming». ●

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The Arcalís road.

Ordino is once again limiting access to Coma del Forat from June 1st

Pedestrians and cyclists or cattlemen's vehicles with grazing rights will be able to access it without restrictions

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The Arcalís road, from Hortell, will be closed again to road vehicles from June 1st, as detailed on Wednesday in the Official Gazette of the Principality of Andorra (BOPA), in which it reported that the agreement was taken during the Board of Governors of the Municipality of Ordino that took place on May 21st, 2024.

Specifically, the restriction period for motor vehicles in the C.S. 380, from the 1,800 kilometer point in the direction of Coma del Forat, will be as follows: from June 1st to 21st, 2024, every weekend, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., from June 22nd to September 15th 2024, every day, from 08:30 to 17:00 and

from September 16th to November 3rd, 2024, every weekend, as well as on September 23rd, 24th and 30th and October 1st, 2nd and 3rd 2024, from 08.30 to 17.00, reports the ANA.

However, as the text informs, pedestrians and cyclists, livestock farmers' vehicles with the right to graze in the Coma del Forat (by means of an accreditation issued by the Municipality of Ordino), administration and government vehicles will be able to access it without restrictions emergencies, fishing license holders and any vehicle authorized by the Municipality of Ordino (by means of an accreditation issued by the Municipality).

On the other hand, from the Municipality of Ordino they recalled

Access restrictions for any tourist vehicle, except authorized (accredited) and emergency vehicles will be excluded from the restrictions

that this traffic restriction on the Arcalís road has been in place since 2019 with the intention of to the tourist interest of the area in the summer, giving priority to walkers and cyclists.

In this sense, from the corporation it was pointed out that the restrictions applied will be for any tourist vehicle, except authorized (accredited) and emergency ones, and that fishing licenses and grazing rights will be excluded from the restrictions.

«In order not to fill Coma, which is a splendid place visually and naturally, people are forced to leave their vehicles in the car park. Then they can choose to follow the tourist route», explained Ordino's junior consul, Eduard Betriu. ●