



# ***US Army Special Operations Command***

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## ***Request to Conduct Realistic Military Training (RMT) JADE HELM 15***



# Purpose

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The Commander of United States Army Special Operation Command (USASOC) seeks a written invitation and approval from local officials to conduct Realistic Military Training (RMT) within their jurisdictions for joint military exercise, JADE HELM 15 (JH15)



# What is Realistic Military Training

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- **Realistic Military Training (RMT) is training conducted outside of federally owned property. The RMT process is designed to ensure proper coordination between DOD representatives and local and regional authorities. The process includes the following measures:**
  - **Risk Assessment, Medical, and Communications Plans**
  - **MOU, MOA, and Licensing agreements (training areas, staging areas, role players)**
  - **Legal Review**
  - **ID of training, staging areas, role players, airfield, drop zones (DZ) and Landing Zones (LZ) surveys**
  - **Letters of Invitations obtained from local officials (Mayor, County Commission)**
  - **Coordination with local, state and federal law enforcement**
  - **Public Affairs Review**



# What is JADE HELM

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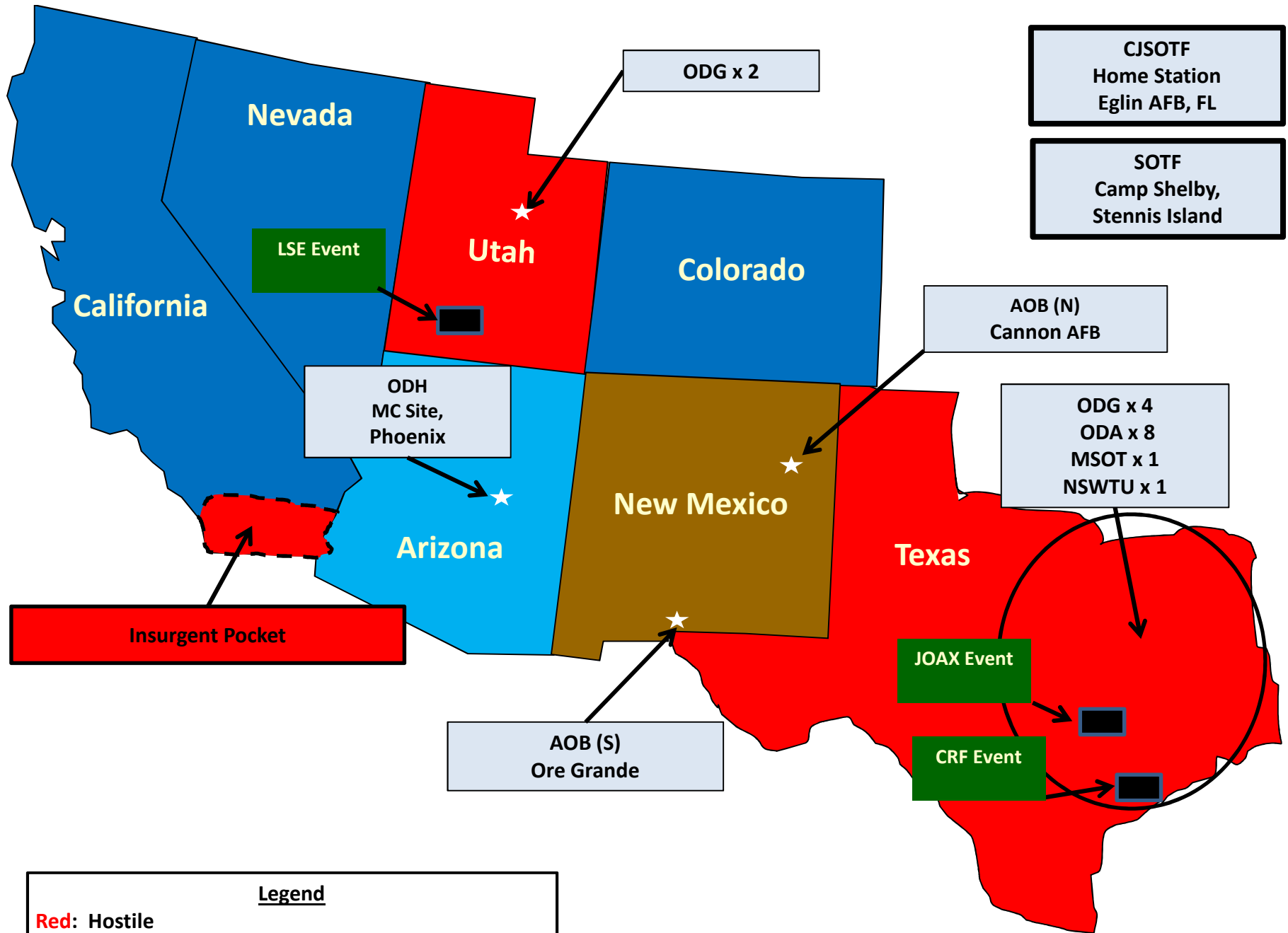
- JH is a challenging eight-week joint military and interagency (IA) Unconventional Warfare (UW) exercise conducted throughout Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah and Colorado.
- JH is a US Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) sponsored exercise to improve the Special Operations Forces' UW capability as part of the National Security Strategy
- JH 15 will run from 15 July through 15 September 2015



# Who and Where

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- Participants:
  - US Army Special Forces Command (Green Berets)
  - US Navy SEALs
  - US Air Force Special Operations Command
  - USMC Marine Special Operations Command
  - USMC Marine Expeditionary Units
  - 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division
  - Interagency Partners
- Exercise Locations within Texas:
  - Bastrop/Smithville, Big Springs, Caddo Lake, Caldwell, Christoval, College Station, Dell City, Eldorado, Goliad, Junction, Leakey, Menard, Mountain Home, San Angelo, San Antonio, and Victoria



**Legend**

- Red:** Hostile
- Blue:** Permissive
- Brown:** Uncertain (Leaning Hostile)
- Light Blue:** Uncertain (Leaning Friendly)



# Why Texas

- The United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) has conducted numerous exercises in Texas, because Texans are historically supportive of efforts to prepare our soldiers, airmen, marines and sailors to fight the enemies of the United States.
- To hone advanced skills, the military and Interagency require large areas of undeveloped land with low population densities with access to towns. The proposed areas offer the conditions conducive to quality training because of real obstacles to challenge Joint and IA personnel during planning and execution of their tasks. These challenges include:
  - Operating outside the normal support mechanisms
  - Adapting to unfamiliar terrain, social and economic conditions
  - Operating in and around communities where anything out the ordinary will be spotted and reported (Locals are the first to notice something out of place)
  - The opportunity to work with civilians to gain their trust and an understanding of the issues



# JH Impact on the Area

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- Over 1,200 service members will participate in JADE HELM 15 throughout Texas to include the training unit, operational support personnel, and opposing force personnel.
- Anticipate minimal physical impact on given area due to the large area of operations
- Funding identified for this portion of the exercise will go straight into the economy in the way of supplies, food, fuel, lodging, and services for exercise participants
- Estimated economic impact of JADE HELM is approximately \$150,000.00 into the local economy





# What to Expect

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- Increased military presence
  - Increased aircraft in the area at night
  - May receive noise complaints
  - Some individuals may conduct suspicious activities designed to prepare them for complex environments overseas
  - Local LEO's are fully aware of the exercise
  - Local footprint will be 60-65 personnel
  - Personnel may be carrying weapons with blank ammo
  - Some participants will be wearing civilian attire and driving civilian vehicles



# Safety Measures

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- Safety for civilians and exercise participants is our number one priority
  - Daily communications between DOD and LEA
  - Medics located with each element
  - Coordination with Life Flight and local medical facilities
  - Exercise Support Team with communications
  - Clear marking of exercise participants / Use of key words to determine exercise participation
  - Thorough Risk Mitigation Assessment
  - Coordination with local residents (verbal and written)
  - Fire conditions reviewed prior to each scenario
  - Fire extinguisher and other equipment located at each site
  - Public Affairs Office will make public announcement regarding exercise



# Questions / Concerns





# Contact Information

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