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USNORTHCOM bolsters security at southern border

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PETERSON SPACE FORCE BASE, Colo. — U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) is the Department of Defense's (DoD's) operational lead for the employment of U.S. military forces to carry out President Trump's Executive Orders on protecting the territorial integrity of the United States. An initial deployment of active-duty forces will be on the ground by the end of the week. Additionally, we have already begun a 30-day planning effort which will include a multi-domain, and likely multi-component, response.

"U.S. Northern Command is aggressively bolstering security at the southern border. For initial actions, Soldiers and Marines are immediately deploying to seamlessly integrate with forces already along the border and working together with the Department of Homeland Security and Customs and Border

Protection. In a matter of days, we will have nearly doubled the number of forces along the border, effectively implementing the President’s intent while planning and posturing for expanded efforts to protect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the United States,” said Gen. Gregory M. Guillot, Commander, U.S. Northern Command.

Approximately 1,500 active-duty personnel from the U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps are deploying to the southern border to augment the approximately 2,500 service members already deployed supporting CBP’s southern border mission. The exact number of personnel will fluctuate as units rotate personnel and as additional forces are tasked to deploy once planning efforts are finalized. Specific units will be announced as soon as deployment orders have been released. These military forces will support enhanced detection and monitoring efforts and repair and emplace physical barriers.

USNORTHCOM is being supported by relevant DoD Combatant Commanders, Military Departments, and the National Guard Bureau, all of which are working in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security and Customs and Border Protection to secure the border.

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