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Governor Susan Martinez  
Office of the Governor  
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Dear Governor Martinez,

On behalf of the Peaceful Skies Coalition, we are asking you to please stand with the people and environment of New Mexico. We urge you to notify the Department of Defense that any activity related to Jade Helm 15 and all other military operations must be restricted to the very large military base area of 4 million acres within the state.

The two largest army bases in the world are both in New Mexico as well as bombing ranges and three airforce bases. In addition to these, New Mexico Tech operates the Playas, New Mexico warfare training center. Too much of our state has already been sacrificed to the military. With such a large militarized land base, there is no justifiable need for training incursions onto public or private land.

You have been elected twice to stand for and with New Mexicans. That means the public welfare must come first. Information is circulating that special operations warfare "practice" with ammunition "blanks" will be taking place randomly across New Mexico between July 15 to September 15.

While some news outlets try to brand this information as conspiratorial, the army itself has confirmed Jade Helm 15. USASOC spokesman Lt. Col. Mark Lastoria, has stated that Jade Helm is a real exercise and will take place in the Southwest, just as the slides circulating on the internet indicate. In the Army Times newspaper, Pentagon spokesman, Lastoria described the Jade Helm plan as "a training exercise. Just a regular training exercise." Lastoria said more information on the specifics of the exercise would be available Tuesday." [March 31, 2015]

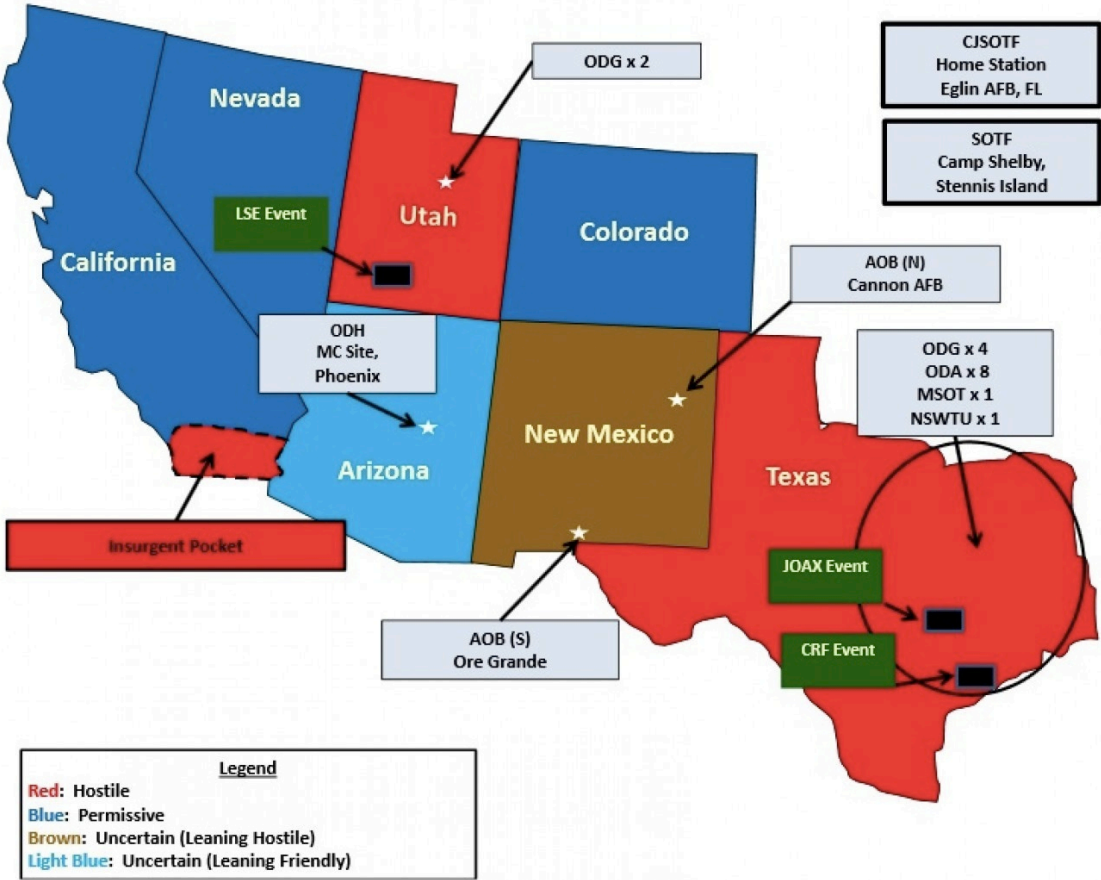
But the real news is that the spokesman said that USASOC could not immediately verify the slideshow which has been widely circulating. The special operators did not deny the existence or the accuracy of the slide show. The public now knows that Lastoria was lying. The military has confirmed to the Washington Post and other news outlets that the frightening slide presentation on the internet is, in fact, the military plan for over-running the southwest including New Mexico.

The scale of this proposed training and its potentially frightening and disturbing activities must not be allowed into the neighborhoods and communities of New Mexico. Please oppose this activity.

Sincerely,



President, Peaceful Skies Coalition



As first reported in the *Washington Post* on March 31, 2015, this map has been verified by the military as their map stating that it is “accurate.”