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Fort Drum Soldiers deploy to southern border

Fort Drum, NY – Approximately 500 Soldiers stationed at Fort Drum will deploy to the Southern Border to carry out missions called for by the President of the United States to secure the area and protect the territorial integrity of the United States.

The 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) will serve as a Joint Task Force headquarters charged with overseeing units from across military services in support of the Southern Border Surge, at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

The unit will operate under the direction of U.S. Northern Command, who is working in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security and Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Units from multiple installations across the Joint Force will fall under the 10th Mountain Division Headquarters and report directly to them, while physically located in various parts of the southern United States.

“The 10th Mountain Division stands ready to deploy our Soldiers,” said Lt. Col. Sarah J. Ray, the 10th Mountain Division spokesperson. “Under the direction of U.S. Northern Command and Joint Task Force North, the 10th Mountain Division will deploy ready forces to support the effort to take operational control of the southern border.”

These Fort Drum Soldiers join the approximately 1,600 active-duty personnel from the U.S. Army and other services who deployed to the southern border earlier this year, augmenting the approximately 2,500 service members who were already supporting CBP’s southern border mission.

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