Going Places by Wei-Hwa Huang

Did you know California is *east* of Arizona? It's true! Go to Winterhaven, California. Go directly west. After crossing the Colorado River, you'll find yourself at the Cocopah RV and Golf Resort in Yuma, Arizona! Using this odd definition (crossing rivers is okay, but crossing oceans is not), the lower 48 states are more connected than you would expect. Can you figure out where each state goes based on their adjacency rules? (Hint: Natural borders almost always are curvy enough to allow for all four directions.)



is South of 5 states, North of 8 states, West of 8 states, and East of 8 states.

is S of 7, N of 7, W of 7, and E of 8.
is S of 7, N of 7, W of 7, and E of 7.
is S of 6, N of 5, W of 5, and E of 5.
is S of 5, N of 6, W of 4, and E of 5.
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and are S of 3,
N of 2, W of 2, and E of 2.
is S of 1, N of 3, W of 4, and E of 1.
is S of 2, N of 2, W of 2, and E of 3.
is S of 2, N of 3, W of 2, and E of 2.
is S of 1, N of 2, W of 2, and E of 3.
, and
border 2 states in all directions.
is S of 1, N of 3, W of 2, and E of 2.
is S of 2, N of 2, W of 2, and E of 1.
is S of 3, N of 1, W of 2, and E of 1.
is S of 2, N of 1, W of 2, and E of 2.
is S of 1, N of 2, W of 1, and E of 3.
is S of 2, N of 2, W of 1, and E of 2.
is S of 3, N of 1, W of 2, and E of 1.
is S of 1, N of 1, W of 1, and E of 1.

border 3 states in all four directions.