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~~ FOIA REQUEST ~~

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attn: Tom Florich, Permit Administrator <tflorich@fs.fed.us>
Jamie Kingsbury, District Ranger <jkingsbury@fs.fed.us>
Hahn's Peak/Bears Ears R.D.

re: **FOIA/ Rainbow Gathering Permit Documents**

Greetings:

Thank you, Ms. Kingsbury, for your return call Friday.

As instructed, I present this document Request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552. Please provide copies of these recent official documents related to the nascent 'Rainbow' gathering in Routt National Forest:

- 1) Application for Noncommercial Group Use, Form FS-2700-3b or equivalent, including any cover letter or attachments, as submitted for this gathering by one or more unknown persons on or about June 20, 2006.
- 2) U.S. Forest Service response letter denying this application and stating grounds, as issued on June 22, 2006 by Mary Peterson, Supervisor of Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests.
- 3) Concurrent special use and/or "priority" permits, or other contracts in effect for activities in the area during June-July 2006, which conflict with the proposed or intended 'Red Park' gathering site. Include applications or proposals as submitted and amended leading to approval, documents showing relevant use fees received and contract payments made, and map(s) showing the location of activities in-progress or planned in the area during this period.

Names of signers/agents in the above documents must be legible, and partial addresses intact. Minimal Privacy Act redactions must allow for independent confirmation in the purposes of public interest research. No requested documents are exempt from FOIA disclosure, so all should be produced.

Please provide the NGU Application and Denial Letter (#1-2) promptly, preferably via eMail as PDF attachments, or alternatively via Fax -- call first to arrange transmittal. These documents are short and should be readily available in your active file on this event. Items per #3 may take a day or so to assemble, but are not extensive and can follow by agreed means, postal mail if necessary.

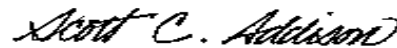
I request waiver of fees on the following grounds:

- (a) These materials are requested "for the general use and benefit of the public", acting on a voluntary basis in investigative research for PCU_/Free Assembly Project. This association has a creditable record of public information & advocacy on the issues at stake since 1993, and the Forest Service has waived FOIA fees on this basis in the past.
- (b) It is anticipated that the total number of copies will not exceed 25 pages; therefore the Request falls within the agency's limit for free duplication or electronic transmittal.
- (c) As stated above, the requested items are specific, related to current project files, and should be available locally. Therefore search time should be minimal and related fees unwarranted.

Since this Request concerns information of a critical timely nature, and is presented in the public interest, I ask that your *expedited Response* go out as soon as possible -- as outlined above, to the address/contacts listed below.

I may be called with any questions at the telephone number provided.

Thank you for your cooperation,



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