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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

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re: 2010 "Rainbow Gathering"

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**SECOND FOIA REQUEST**

**Delegation of Authority, Special Use Policies**

Ms. Marten and Mr. Drake:

This is a Second Request for certain documents not yet provided in response to our original FOIA Request of June 28, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552.

I personally received the 'Delegation of Authority' documents (3 pp.) at the Allegheny N.F. office on July 6, then on getting back to St. Louis a few days ago, your July 13 response letter was in the mail. It confirms that previous meeting and transaction, but includes no further disclosures, and makes no mention of other materials explicitly requested:

- 1) *..... Also provide supporting documents identifying Federal and local agencies and their staff representatives participating on the "Incident Management Team".*
- 2) *Agency plans, directives, and/or memoranda concerning special use policies as applied to the 2010 Rainbow Gathering, and in particular the decision to not require a signed Noncommercial Group Use application and permit for this event. Include relevant communications with Forest Service and other officials at the Regional and Washington headquarters.*

In effect, the agency has made only a partial response to date on each item:

- 1) No "supporting documents" have been provided on the composition of the Incident Team.
- 2) The 'Delegation of Authority' from Milwaukee was a means of implementing NGU policies applied to the 2010 Rainbow Gathering, but nothing is disclosed on the *formation* of these policies, nor the subsequent decision to accept an "Operation Plan" in lieu of a signed permit.

We are aware that further information may be found at the Regional and Washington offices of the Forest Service. However this Request went to the Supervisor's office because it focuses on policy communications with the responsible USFS and LE&I officials in Allegheny National Forest.

It is narrow in this purpose, anticipating a few pertinent memos via fax & email, before and after the Delegation was issued on June 11. Again, within these bounds relatively few document pages are required in response, and they should be readily available, so this Request remains well under threshold for copy and search fees.

We hope this serves to clarify the original FOIA Request, and the documents outstanding. Please contact me by phone with any further questions, and to apprise me on when to expect your Final Response and how communications will be handled.

To simplify and cut costs, we will accept correspondence and disclosures in digital format via email – concise 'PDF' files preferred – and a direct address is provided below to that end.

This should be easy... let us make it so.  
Thanks again for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

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