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attn: Ms. Kathy Mooney, Public Information Officer

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST:

re: 2010 'Rainbow Gathering ~

Delegation of Authority, Special Use Policies

Dear Ms. Marten:

This is a Request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, concerning the 2010 'Rainbow Gathering' in Allegheny National Forest; please provide the following documents:

- 1) *The Supervisor's 'Delegation of Authority' to an "Incident Commander", for administration of Forest Service and other federal policies during the course of this event in June-July 2010. 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.*

Due to ongoing events and the timely nature of this information, this Request is presented by Fax for expedited Response, as soon as possible within the 10-day limit allowed by law. Accordingly we should arrange simple and workable means of conveying this information:

I will be in the region over the next two weeks, so I can receive the requested items in person at your offices, along with available digital versions via direct email. Please apprise me on when hard copies will be available for pick-up, and we can make a plan to meet. This would also be simpler for the agency, superceding the requirement of Response by postal mail.

This FOIA Request is directed to the Supervisor's office because it deals primarily with this current event and related matters of record in Allegheny National Forest. Therefore these few items should be readily available, posing no problems or costs in search.

We affirm that this information is sought "for the general use and benefit of the public", qualifying this Request for waiver of FOIA fees. The Forest Service has long recognized *PCU /\ Free Assembly Project* in these purposes, and in the past has granted exemption from fees under FOIA provisions. However we need not reach that determination in this instance, with relatively few document pages required in response, well within the limit for free copies.

I will be in touch to discuss these matters and clarify as needed to proceed. Let us work out the most convenient means of handling these communications in the next couple weeks.

Thanks for your cooperation... I look forward to working with you.

Respectfully,

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