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Subject: Delegation of Authority - 2010 Rainbow Family National Gathering

To: Leanne Marten, Allegheny National Forest Supervisor and Gene Smithson, Incident Commander, 2010 Rainbow Family Gathering - Pennsylvania

All indications are the 2010 Rainbow Family Gathering will be held on the Allegheny National Forest. We expect this event to be fully integrated and operated under a unified command. Forest Supervisor Leanne Marten will serve as the Agency Administrator and Gene Smithson will serve as the Incident Commander. You will work together to manage this event in a manner that ensures:

- actions are consistent with long-standing policy of providing public access for the enjoyment of the National Forests;
- first amendment requirements of free speech, assembly, and religion are satisfied;
- health and safety risks to the public, area residents, agency employees, and event participants are sensitively and responsibly addressed;
- maximum participation of and coordination with affected federal, state, and local agencies and elected officials;
- impacts of the events on natural and community resources are minimized and impacted lands and resources are restored;
- use of discretion in enforcement of applicable laws and regulations throughout event areas in a manner that is fair, consistent and constitutional;
- enforcement activities are commensurate with law enforcement capability for safety and effectiveness, and are consistent with current standards set by affected judicial districts;
- timely information is provided to all interested agencies and the public, elected officials, the community. Media relations are managed in coordination with all cooperating organizations and in compliance with Agency standards;
- anticipation of, and minimal impacts from, conflicting land uses;
- proper records management and;
- cost containment.

As you are aware, our regulations expect any noncommercial gathering of 75 will obtain a non-commercial group use (NCGU) permit for the purpose of public health and safety considerations. We expect a good faith effort on your part to obtain a permit. If a permit is not obtained, we recommend you document a mutually-agreed upon operating plan the Rainbow Family will follow to assure participant and community health and safety. Work with the Rainbow Family to allow them to manage participant activities to the maximum extent possible. The final decision to document authorization will be made by you.



If you consider any type permit enforcement action, be mindful of employee and public safety and assess the availability of adequate resources. Please consult with the Office of the General Counsel and obtain concurrence from the local U.S. Attorney's Office.

Regardless of whether this NCGU is permitted or unpermitted, we expect you to fulfill your responsibilities to provide participant access to the National Forest while assuring public health, safety, and resource protection.

Budget Planning

You are authorized up to \$350,000 in NFRW funds to cover costs associated with the Rainbow Gathering. The job code to charge is **NFRW99**, override **0901**. These funds are for pre-event planning and event management, with the exception of Law Enforcement and Investigation (LE&I) costs. Post-event rehabilitation of the site will be charged to the appropriate primary purpose code of the Allegheny. We will work with you to fund final costs in excess of your program of work. WorkPlan will be the database of record to plan and track costs.

Financial Management Guidance

The following financial management guidance should be adhered to during the incident:

- Finance Chief Cindy Crawford has responsibility for tracking costs and overseeing procurement for both LE&I and NFS.
- Procurement staff on the Incident Management Team will be responsible for all procurement related to the incident and will look for the most cost-effective and expedient way to obtain resources. They may question a purchase and ask that the Finance Chief, IC, or Agency Administrator authorize the purchase.
- Time will be documented on a Crew Time Report and submitted daily to the Finance Chief.
- Shifts will be limited to 12 hours unless authorized by the IC and documented on a Crew Time Report. Work/Rest Guidelines will be followed.
- All LE&I charges will be against the LE&I job code including animal care (dogs/horses) costs.
- RO Staff and Line Officers providing support to the incident will charge their base 8 to their regular job code and Overtime to the NFRW99 code.

Please contact us at any time. We are committed to ensuring you have all the support and resources necessary.

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To: Anthony Scardina, District Ranger, Bradford Ranger District, Allegheny NF

The 2010 Rainbow Family Gathering has been announced as being held on the Allegheny National Forest, Bradford Ranger District. The expectation, as outlined in the June 11, 2010, delegation of authority letter from the Regional Forester and Regional Special Agent in Charge, is that this event be fully integrated and operated under a unified command. As Bradford District Ranger you fulfill the unified incident commander role with Gene Smithson. In this role you will work with Gene and myself to manage this event as outlined in the June 11, 2010, delegation of authority letter.

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