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**Rehabilitation Plan
2010 National Rainbow Family Gathering
Allegheny National Forest
Bradford Ranger District**

This plan provides specifications, methods, and guidelines to facilitate the clean up and rehabilitation of the areas impacted by the Rainbow Family Gathering participants.

The Forest assigned resource specialists to work with the National Team in identification of significant forest resources that may be impacted, and in the development of strategies to provide for their protection and post-event rehabilitation. From the beginning, members of the Rainbow Family have been informed of sensitive resource areas within the Gathering site. Forest resource specialists will continue to work with the Family during the rehabilitation process. Many of the site-specific rehabilitation needs have already been identified. However, additional design work will be necessary after most of the event participants have departed and the actual site impacts can be determined.

It is expected that all rehabilitation work will be completed no later than 8/8/2010.

The following are rehabilitation objectives designed to return the site to near pre-Gathering conditions:

1. Physical evidence of human presence created by the Rainbow Family will be removed from the site or rearranged to present a natural appearance.
2. To minimize erosion, all trail segments and disturbed areas on slopes over 5 percent will have erosion control structures in place prior to 8/8/2010.
 - a. Space waterbars 30 feet apart on slopes greater than 30 percent and 50 feet apart on slopes between 10 and 30 percent.
 - b. Construct waterbars at a 30 to 45 degree angle to the trail.
 - c. A maximum 6-inch berm height is acceptable.
 - d. Downslope end of waterbar needs to be opened and of adequate length to allow free flow of water off the trail.
 - e. Construct waterbars on all stream crossing approaches, regardless of slope value. Ensure approach waterbar outlets are of adequate distance from streams to prevent discharge reaching water.
 - f. Place obstructions on any newly created trails entering the river.
3. All refuse, litter and foreign material will be removed and disposed of at a recognized sanitary landfill or recycling center.
4. Fire pits will be filled with the native material that was removed from the pit.

5. Latrines will be covered with native material originally removed from the pit, and mounded with excess material to allow for settling. All fecal material will be completely covered with ash or lime before covering with soil.
6. Compost piles will only include natural decomposable material. Compost piles and gray water bumps will be covered with dirt and returned to a natural condition.
7. All structures and facilities will be totally dismantled. Man-made material will be removed from the site. Other material will be scattered to achieve a natural appearance.
8. All water lines will be removed.
9. Remove all soil, rock, and vegetation used for water diversions or impoundments.
10. Stream crossings will be the last areas rehabilitated prior to leaving the site. This will ensure that no further damage will occur to the creek and riparian areas. Pull all constructed crossings, rock walkways and materials away from stream channels.
11. All string, rope, wire, twine, flatting and signs, etc. will be removed from trees and hauled to a landfill.
12. All abandoned animals will be removed by the Rainbow Family.
13. All abandoned vehicles will be moved to suitable facilities at the expense of the vehicle owner.
14. All creek crossings will be returned to pre-gathering condition. Scarification and seeding of riparian vegetation in these areas may be required. Erosion control measures will be designated on-the-ground by Forest Service personnel.
15. Cut Multi-Flora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*) throughout gathering area.
16. Remove wire cribbing and dispose of at an approved landfill.
17. Repair berms at tank traps on the 209 road. Build up the worn portions to their original shape and height.
18. **Ensure ALL garbage is removed and disposed of properly from the entire gathering area.**
19. **All river rock used in fire or bliss pits, ovens, or other constructed features will be returned to the streams. River rock will not be scattered on the ground.**