

Forest Service

**Rocky Mountain Region** 

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Subject:

Delegation of Authority - 2015 Rainbow Family National Gathering - South

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To: Craig Bobzien, Black Hills National Forest Supervisor and Curtis Davis, Incident

Commander

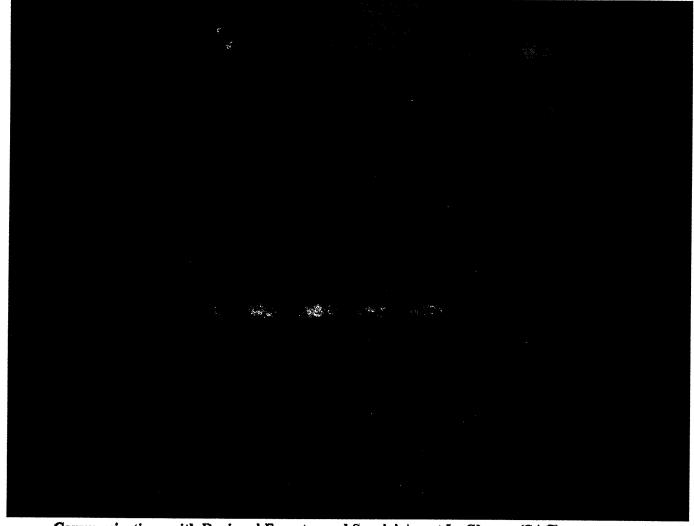
The 2015 Rainbow Family Gathering will be held on the Black Hills National Forest. We expect this event to be fully integrated and operated under a unified command. Forest Supervisor Craig Bobzien will serve as the Agency Administrator and Curtis Davis will serve as the Incident Commander. You will work 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 rights of free speech, assembly, and religion are preserved; participants are treated with respect and dignity;
- 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.

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 administration or enforcement action, be mindful of employee and public safety and assess the availability of adequate resources. We expect you to fulfill your responsibilities to provide participant access to the National Forest while assuring public health, safety, and resource protection.





Communications with Regional Forester and Special Agent In Charge (SAC)

Calls, as agreed to, with the Regional Forester's Team and SAC will be conducted at a time agreed upon by the participants, as needed. These calls should begin upon the determination of the location for the Gathering. Similar to fire incident duty officer daily calls, please share information regarding estimated numbers of participants, Forest Service personnel assigned to the incident, health and safety concerns, resource issues, law enforcement actions, coordination issues with local agencies and governments, and other matters of interest.

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

/s/ Dan McCusker (for):
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Regional Forester

/s/ Heiko Bornhoff (for):

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Special Agent in Charge

ce: Curtis Davis, Craig Bobzien