

Operating Plan
Rainbow Family "Peaceable Assembly and Free Speech Gathering"
Black Hills National Forest
June 22, 2015

Copies of the operating plan will be available at the peaceful assembly information center and at other locations.

This operating plan has been developed to mitigate potential resource impacts associated with the 2015 peaceable assembly and free speech gathering on the Black Hills National Forest. This plan is designed to follow the standards and guidelines of the Forest Plan and the Code of Federal Regulation applicable to National Forest System lands.

The primary goals of this operating plan are:

- health & safety of all;
- minimize impacts to the resource and leave site at or near pre-gathering conditions;
- respect the rights and privacy of local landowners and communities

The gathering will maintain a counsel for administrative agreement matters and resource concerns between the Forest Service and the gathering.

HEALTH and SAFETY

- Participants are responsible for their own health and safety
- The Forest Service and CALM will be notified of any contagious outbreaks.
- Biological hazards generated at the CALM tent or elsewhere, will be disposed of at an appropriate medical waste disposal facility. No biological waste will be buried, remain on the site, or disposed of with other trash.
- Participants of the gathering will establish contacts with local agencies, businesses, and organizations to arrange services (i.e. garbage, recycling, medical and supplies) as needed.
- Participants of the gathering will be responsible for emergency medical coordination and evacuation with area medical facilities.
- Nudity on roads and areas open to public traffic outside the main gathering site is not allowed.

PARK/TRAVEL

Parking areas will be agreed upon by the Forest Service. Participants of the gathering are solely responsible to provide personnel to organize, direct, and provide security for the parking area(s), and will strongly encourage the parking guidelines. Site specific needs will be addressed on location to provide for shuttle, supply, route closures, etc. Vehicles parked in areas specifically closed for parking, or parked in a manner that interferes with ingress/egress of emergency vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense. If this is not possible then the vehicle must be moved and parked in other designated parking areas. It will be the responsibility of the gathering to determine which vehicles will be allowed at Handicamp parking area. Any vehicle parked at Handicamp will be required to display an orange card provided by the Forest Service.

Administrative parking areas are identified by the Forest Service. These areas will be signed and marked. If the area markings are removed, anything stored in that area will be confiscated, and any vehicles parked in that area will be towed. It is the responsibilities of the gathering individuals to insure those areas remain accessible to the Forest Service.

A special order will be issued to administratively close Forest Road 294.1D. This order will be enforced to insure ingress/egress of emergency vehicles.

Log crossings over creeks/streams will be constructed as to minimize impacts to the banks as mutually agreed.

CAMPING

Sensitive areas (wetlands, sensitive species, archeological sites, etc.) may be flagged by the Forest Service. Participants at the gathering are responsible for not camping or congregating within these flagged areas, and for not removing items from these areas (plants, items over 50 years old, such as bottles, cans, etc.).

The Forest Service rules state there will be no camping within 100 feet of surface water, or where posted, however, it is recognized that numerous water sources exist and that it may be difficult to achieve the 100 feet goal. Thus camps must be on dry or hardened sites that are not creating resource damage such as mud bogs or trampling of plants, particularly in riparian zones.

KITCHENS

Grey water from kitchen preparation areas and dishwashing areas shall discharge into a dug pit. If these are hand dug pits, they shall be at least 12-18 inches wide and least 18 inches deep. The pit shall not be located within 300 feet of surface water, any well, or any surfacing spring. The pit shall not be located in sandy soils or in a location that has bedrock within 5 feet of the ground surface. The pits shall be covered with soil once they are filled to within 12 inches of the ground's surface.

If ground water appears while digging any holes (slit trenches, gray water, compost pits, bliss pits, etc) the site should be immediately refilled, abandoned and moved to a different location, generally uphill.

Participants of the gathering will monitor all activities to ensure that soap, disinfectants, medical waste, or any other foreign material will not be introduced into lakes, streams, or other surface waters.

Avoid excavating or digging out around drinking water sources. Use temporary collection techniques, such as rocks, logs, or tarps, to collect drinking water at the source.

Kitchen washing procedures are recommended to be a three bucket system. A hand washing station is recommended for each kitchen area.

Drinking water should be filtered, boiled and/or treated.

SLIT TRENCHES

Participants of the gathering are advised to maintain approximately one functioning latrine per 100 people. The treatment of human waste is dependent upon numerous factors. Therefore, to assure health and safety of visitors to the peaceful assembly, the following actions should be followed:

Slit trenches or earth pit privies are allowed for temporary use. If these are hand dug trenches, they shall be at least 18 inches deep. They should be located on upland, dry sites. No trench shall exceed 3 feet in depth.

The trenches shall be located at least 300 feet from surface water and kitchens, and down slope from any drinking water sources. The trenches shall not be located in sandy soils or ground that has bedrock within 5 feet of the ground surface.

Trenches should be approximately 12-18 inches wide (i.e. shovel width or better) and of adequate length for the anticipated number of people. Buckets of lime or wood ash shall be available for all trenches or privy sites. A daily layer of lime or wood ash shall be applied to the wastewater to control odors and reduce insect attraction. The pits shall be closed by covering with soil when they fill to approximately 12 inches of the ground's surface. A hand washing station draining into the trench shall be provided at each location.

If ground water appears while digging any holes (slit trenches, grey water, etc.), the site shall be immediately refilled, abandoned, and moved to a different location, generally uphill.

TRASH

Trash will be removed from the site. Only paper and wood trash will be burned on site. Provide trash receptacles onsite, with periodic trash removal at family's expense.

CAMPFIRES

Please refer to Open Burning Permit associated with a special use permit and/or operating plan and related map

ANIMALS

In order to ensure wildlife safety, protect natural resources and minimize negative impacts to public health, animals must be under a maximum of a 6 foot leash control at all times.

Animal waste will be cleaned up immediately and disposed of in latrines, compost pits or in another environmentally responsible manner.

All abandoned animals will be removed by participants of the peaceful assembly.

SITE REHABILITATION

Site specific rehabilitation needs will be identified at a walk through with gathering participants and the Forest Service resource advisors no later than July 6th, 2015, at a time to be predetermined.

Unless areas are identified and excluded by the Forest Service resource advisors, all parking areas, bus villages, trails, and areas of concentrated use will be scarified to a depth of 2-4 inches and will be seeded with a native seed mix approved by the Forest Service resource advisors. Seeding will be accomplished by the end of site rehabilitation. Seeding and scarification will be done as needed as determined by resource advisor.

Slit trenches and latrines will be filled and covered with native material from the surrounding area or native material originally removed from the pit and mounded with excess material to allow for settling.

All trash will be removed and disposed of at recognized sanitary landfill, transfer stations, or local trash hauling companies.

All human made structures not previously existing at the gathering location will be dismantled, removed, or scattered to achieve a natural appearance. No non-natural material shall be left on-site.

Any user created trails will be obliterated. Existing trails will be returned to a width specified by the Forest Service, with the appropriate water controls to avoid concentrations of water and prevent erosion and gully formation.

All water lines will be removed from the gathering site.

All vehicles abandoned by the gathering participants will be removed from the National Forest at the owner's expense and at no cost to the Forest Service.

Fire/bliss pits will be filled with native material from the surrounding area or material originally removed, and mounded with excess material to allow for settling. Rocks will be scattered to give a natural appearance to the landscape.

I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this Operating Plan. This Operating Plan will go into effect the date and time signed by the Responsible Party or no later than 0800 June 26, 2015.

Refused (Postponing)
Signature of Responsible Party

G. B. S.
Forest Supervisor
Black Hills NF

Printed Name: Val

Date: 6-27-15

Address: _____

Time: 0940

Date: 6/25/15

Time: 14:20

- I recognize there is no signature by a Responsible Party as of 0800 June 26, 2015; therefore this Operating Plan goes into effect as stated above.
- The Rainbow Family of Living Light and the general public should recognize that additional Special Orders (CFR) may be implemented as necessary to protect public health and safety; resource protection; or other matters codified in Federal Regulations. CRS 6-27-15 0940