

PUBLIC PETITION to Amend USFS 'Group Use' Rules:

36 CFR 251.50, et seq. | **Fed. Register 60:168 (8/30/95), as revised**

We call upon the USDA Forest Service to revise the 'Noncommercial Group Use' provisions in the Code of Federal Regulations, and to adopt appropriate new policies for lawful public gatherings in our National Forests.

- The 'Group Use' permit rule is an unconstitutional '*prior restraint*' – inflicting fraud, entrapment & groundless prosecution on citizens in voluntary assembly, with a legacy of targeted law enforcement and coercion against peaceful First Amendment exercise.
- The Permit has not served to protect public land and safety, in fact impeding good faith and co-work to these ends... the Operating Plan is a workable alternative for expressive assembly, where '*least restrictive means*' are mandated by common sense and by law.
- As trustee for public lands, the Forest Service must support citizen access & assembly in balance with environmental goals, with policies of cooperation and shared stewardship in accord with the constitutional, proprietary, and natural rights of the People.

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