

Rainbow Gathering Update

Monday, July 3, 2017



Grant County Sheriff's Office is leading the investigation into the death of an unidentified male at the Rainbow Gathering on Sunday morning. Multiple officers from the U.S. Forest Service, Oregon State Police and Grant County Sheriff's Office responded to the report.

According to Law Enforcement, an emergency room doctor from Kentucky who was attending the Gathering was near the group's makeshift medical station when the man collapsed, provided medical treatment and administered CPR for 15-20 minutes without success.

The U.S. Forest Service will continue to work closely with cooperators and collaborators consisting of federal, state and local agencies, as well as tribal representatives and elected county officials, to provide public health and safety and minimize natural resource damage throughout the duration of this unauthorized, unsanctioned event taking place on National Forest System lands.

The Forest continues to work toward completion of a site Repair and Monitoring Plan as defined by the Resource Design Criteria. This plan will assist the Forest Service and cooperating agencies in returning the site to as close to original conditions as possible in the shortest amount of time. Aerial flights and site visits are taking place in efforts to assess damage to natural resources.

Law Enforcement continues to have a strong presence on the roadways and around the gathering through the duration of the event. The Forest Service continues to fulfill its responsibility for public safety and resource protection and compliance with regulations. Participants and spectators will be expected to comply with the law, and enforcement actions will be taken for violations.

Quick Facts Incident Summary

Attendees: 11,840

Warning Notices Issued: 404

Violation Notices Issued: 107

Arrests Made: 15

Location: Flagtail Meadow off of Forest Road 24

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