

# Rainbow Gathering Update

## Wednesday, July 5, 2017



The National Rainbow Gathering peaked on the Fourth of July with 13,120 people. By the morning of July 5, numbers had dropped to 10,660 people. Grant County residents can expect to see a large number of vehicles continuing to exit the area over the next few days. Forest officials remind drivers to stay alert and drive cautiously through the area.

The Forest natural resource staff has completed the Repair Plan defined by the Resource Design Criteria to 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.

Today resource specialists will conduct a flight, followed by site visits in the coming days to assess and document damage to natural resources.

Traditionally, a contingent of the Rainbow gathering remains at the site as a clean-up and repair crew to meet the expectations of the Forest's Resource Design Criteria. A smaller incident management team will remain working on the Forest to oversee post-gathering efforts.

The U.S. Forest Service continues 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.

Law Enforcement continues to have a strong presence on the roadways and around the gathering. 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.

To inquire about missing persons, please contact Grant County Dispatch at 541-575-0030. The incident information number (541-575-3131) will not be staffed as of Friday.

**This is the last update that will be posted around town. For future updates, please go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/malheur> or <https://www.facebook.com/MalheurNationalForest/>**

### Quick Facts Incident Summary

Attendees: 10,660

Warning Notices Issued: 437

Violation Notices Issued: 108

Arrests Made: 15

Location: Flagtail Meadow off of Forest Road 24

Public Information: (541) 575-3131

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