

OPERATING PLAN

**2009 RAINBOW FAMILY GATHERING
Exhibit B
As made part of permit CUB310009**

June 23, 2009

This Operating Plan has been developed in cooperation between the Forest Service and Rainbow Family Gathering participants to address public health and safety, allocate space among competing uses, and protect National Forest System resources associated with the 2009 Rainbow Family Gathering. This Operating Plan is consistent with applicable law and the Santa Fe National Forest Plan.

The Forest Service will attempt to hold daily meetings at noon at Information to discuss proposals for any necessary amendments of this operating plan. This operating plan will be posted at Welcome Home, Information, and other suitable public information centers within the Rainbow Gathering site.

HEALTH and SAFETY

1. Gathering participants are responsible for their own health and safety, including coordination with area medical facilities for emergency services and evacuation plans.
2. Emergency vehicles will be allowed ingress and egress quickly without unnecessary delays.
3. Emergency helicopter landing zones have been identified to accommodate emergency evacuation of Flight For Life needs at Wetherhill and Manuel's Cabin. Areas designated as landing sites in cooperation with Rainbow Family Gathering participants shall remain clear of campsites or other facilities within 200 feet of the center.
4. An emergency plan will be developed by the Forest Service in coordination with Rainbow Gathering participants for use in the event of fire, flood, or other natural disasters.
5. Victims of any non-life threatening injury or illness discovered by the Forest Service at the gathering will be referred to individual Rainbow Gathering first aid volunteers who have identified themselves to the Forest Service. These first aid volunteers agree to report any contagious outbreaks to the Forest Service and appropriate health agencies. Gathering participants have the right to refuse medical service from any entity.
6. Biological Hazards generated at first aid stations will be disposed of at an appropriate medical waste disposal facility. No biological hazardous waste will be buried or left on the site.
7. Trash will be removed from the site in accordance with State/County sanitation requirements. The County transfer station is open Wednesday and Saturday from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Only paper and wood trash will be burned.
8. Drinking water should be filtered or boiled or treated. Periodic testing of drinking water systems for total coliform and fecal e-coli will be performed as County or

State requirements dictate. Gathering participants may have an independent entity test water.

9. A hand washing station will be present at each kitchen area.
10. Minimum kitchen dish washing procedures should be a four bucket system followed by a trickling water non-dip final rinse. The first bucket should be for compost, the second bucket for warm water pre-wash, the third bucket for a hot soapy wash, the fourth bucket for a hot clear rinse, followed by a rinse using trickling disinfected water, or bleach water buckets. Dishes should be allowed to air dry.
11. To assure the health and safety of visitors to the gathering, the following actions should be followed:
 - a) Portable toilets should be utilized when feasible. The toilets will be pumped and cleaned as needed.
 - b) As an alternative to portable toilets, slit trenches or earth pit privies may be used. The trenches or privies must meet State or County requirements for temporary campsites.
 - 1) Slit trenches should be constructed on upland sites. They should be located at least 300 feet from standing surface waters or perennial streams, at least 300 feet away from kitchens, and down slope from any drinking water sources. Trenches should be approximately 12 inches wide and of an adequate depth and length for the anticipated number of people. Topsoil and sod should be stored for rehabilitation. Buckets of lime or wood ash shall be available at all trench or privy sites. Trenches or pits shall be closed when they fill to within 12 inches of the surface. Disinfectant hand wash stations will be provided at each location.
12. Due to endemic rabies in this area, all dogs, cats and any livestock should be vaccinated for rabies, per State and County ordinances. Any encounters with wild animals that exhibit unnatural behavior should be reported to the Forest Service.
13. If Gathering participants identify dead or defective trees that present a hazard to gathering infrastructure or participants, they will be discussed with a Forest Service resource adviser and mitigation will be jointly developed.

RESOURCE PROTECION

14. Sensitive areas such as wetlands, sensitive species, and archeological sites will be flagged by the Forest Service in cooperation with Rainbow Gathering volunteers. Gathering participants may not park, camp, or congregate within these areas or remove items from these areas (plants, items over 50 years old like bottles, cans, etc.)

15. To prevent disturbance to wildlife that utilize water sources in the area, no camping will occur within 300 feet of any streams, lakes, or ponds..
16. Gray water and compost pits from kitchens will be at least 100 feet from any surface water or running stream channel and will not be located in areas that contain riparian vegetation. Gray water and compost pits should be covered at all times with 4 millimeter polyethylene, ash or lime and will be marked so as to prevent people from falling into them.
17. Bathing or swimming areas will be suggested by the Forest Service in cooperation with Rainbow Gathering volunteers.
18. Water diverted from one live source should not be introduced to another live source (no stream to stream, spring to spring transfer.)
19. Gathering participants will monitor all activities to ensure that soap, disinfectants, medical waste, or any other foreign material is not introduced into lakes, streams, or other surface waters.
20. Gathering participants will do minimal excavation or digging out around drinking water sources. Temporary collection techniques (such as rocks, logs, or tarps, etc.) will be used to collect drinking water at the source.
21. Log and/or rock crossings will be constructed to minimize impacts to stream banks and will be removed at the conclusion of the gathering.
22. Campfires will be attended to at all times. A shovel and at least one five gallon container of water should be placed at each campfire location. Campfires must serve as community fires-- individual campfires will not be used. Fire pits should be completely contained and should not exceed a 12 foot diameter. All top soil and sod will be stored and covered for protection.
23. If local conditions dictate, a District wide or larger fire order prohibiting open fires may be issued. If such an order is issued, all cooking and warming must then be accomplished with camp stoves fueled by propane or white gas, or in kitchens approved by a Forest Service resource adviser; and smoking may only occur in vehicles or areas designated by the Forest Service.
24. No fireworks of any kind will be used on National Forest System lands.
25. Only dead and down firewood may be used. Cutting of green vegetation requires prior approval of the Forest Service.
26. Livestock fences will not be cut or damaged; gates will be kept closed.
27. Sensitive archaeological sites are present in and around Parque Venado.

28. Forest archaeologists will be present to help avoid effects on this resource by ground disturbing activities such as digging fire pits and latrines. Rainbow Gathering participants will not pick up or move any artifacts.
29. Vegetation transect markers (metal stakes) in the Parque Venado will be identified and marked with flagging or another method and will be left undisturbed.
30. The San Pedro Parks Wilderness is subject to applicable regulations. Motorized and mechanized (wheeled) vehicles are not allowed; and party size is limited to 15 in the Wilderness Area.

SITE REHABILITATION

31. All parking areas, Bus Village, trails and areas of concentrated use in the gathering site will be scarified to a depth of 2-4 inches unless deemed unnecessary by the Forest Service and gathering participants and if deemed necessary, will be seeded with a native seed mix approved by the Forest Service. Seeding will be accomplished following the gathering at a time approved by the Forest Service.
32. Slit trenches and latrines will be filled and covered with the native material originally removed from the pit and from the surrounding area, and mounded with excess material to allow for settling. Any surface waste will be removed from the area.
33. Gathering participants will remove and recycle all trash at an established sanitary landfill. Contracts may be made by individuals with local trash hauling companies.
34. Any abandoned vehicles will be removed from National Forest System lands at the cost of the owners.
35. All structures not previously existing at the gathering site (bridges, swings, lean-tos, ovens or art) will be dismantled or scattered to achieve a natural appearance.
36. Any unauthorized (user created) trails will be returned to as natural a state as possible. If necessary, existing trails will be returned to a width specified by the Forest Service, and the appropriate water controls will be installed.
37. All water lines constructed by Gathering participants will be removed from the gathering site and adjacent areas.
38. Fire pits will be filled with native material originally removed and mounded with excess material to allow for settling. Rocks will be scattered to give a natural appearance to the landscape.
39. Other site specific needs will be identified during a walk through the gathering site with Gathering volunteers and the Forest Service on the morning of July 6 and with Information and Welcome Home stations by noon on July 8.

40. When site rehabilitation is completed to the satisfaction of the Forest Service, a letter to that effect will be written to the Rainbow Family.

SPACE ALLOCATION

41. Sufficient limited use parking areas will be provided for Rainbow Gathering participants who are disabled, volunteers for emergency response, temporary supply drop-off by attended vehicles, ongoing shuttle services from remote parking areas, and Forest Service administrative purposes. Areas will be designated by the Forest Service in cooperation with Rainbow Gathering volunteers.
42. Wetland areas will not be used for parking.
43. All four wheels of parked vehicles must be completely off the road.
44. Whenever feasible, vehicles should be parked facing out toward the road to expedite egress.
45. Unauthorized vehicles parked in areas reserved for specific purposes or that interferes with the ingress/egress of emergency vehicles are subject to citation or towing at the owner's expense.
46. The Forest Service in cooperation with Gathering volunteers will institute a one-way system of travel. On Forest Road 70 parking will be limited to the south side of the road between Welcome Home and Palomas Trailhead. There will be 10-12 individually marked parking areas on the North side of the road between those two points. They will be well marked as "Rainbow Parking".
47. Pursuant to the exemption in Closure Order 10-322, clothing is optional within the Gathering site except that areas within view of Forest Roads 69, 70, 103 and State Highway 126 will be identified as "No Nudity" areas.
48. Leashing of animals within the Rainbow Gathering site is optional as long as they are under effective voice control, except that Rio Arriba County ordinances requiring that dogs be on leash at all times will apply on Forest Roads 69, 70, 103 and State Highway 126.
49. Rainbow Gathering participants and their animals will not harass wildlife or livestock.
50. No camping will be allowed in the closure area on Forest Road 70. The area is 2 ½ miles in length and is signed on both ends.