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Date: July 16, 2009

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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request, Control No. 338

Dear Mr. Addison:


This is a partial response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 17, 2009. Your original FOIA request was received in our Santa Fe National Forest FOIA Service Center on the same day. Your request has been assigned Control No. 338. Please include this control number in all communications regarding your request.

You requested "selected agency documents related to the 'Rainbow Gathering' now convening on the Santa Fe National Forest" including:

1. Noncommercial Group Use (NGU) applications and signed permits received on or after June 10, 2009 for the Rainbow Gathering;
2. Forest Service (FS) letters of notification denying or granting such applications, any processing documents related to their screening or handling under agency review, and the NGU permit as approved, with appending terms and Operation Plan;
3. Prior personal correspondences to and from the Offices of the Supervisor, Regional Forester or authorized personnel - before June 10, 2009 and since July 2008 - concerning the 2009 Rainbow Gathering in New Mexico, the NGU permit rules, and related policies as applied. Your FOIA request has been assigned the above listed control number.

We provided 17 pages of records responsive to item 2 on July 1, 2009. By copy of this letter, we are rerouting a portion of your FOIA request to the Southwestern Region FOIA/PA Service Center for review. They will respond directly to you. To check on the status of your request, please contact Paula Barnhill, Acting Southwestern Region FOIA Liaison. She may be reached by phone at (505) 842-3890. You may also write to her at Southwestern Region FOIA/PA Service Center, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM, 87102, facsimile at (505) 842-3111, or [pbarnhill@fs.fed.us](mailto:pbarnhill@fs.fed.us)."

Sincerely,

  
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request, Control No. 516

Dear Mr. Addison:

This is a partial determination to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 24, 2009. Your original FOIA request was received in our Santa Fe National Forest FOIA Service Center on the same day.

You are requesting records "concerning the 'Rainbow Gathering' in the Santa Fe National Forest" including:

1. "The Supervisor's Delegation of Authority to an Incident Commander, for administration of Forest Service and other federal policies during the course of this event in June-July 2008."
2. "Plans, directives, and/or memoranda which (a) identify all Federal, State and local agencies on the National Incident Management Team (NIMT) and those representing member agencies in their official capacities; and which (b) define the respective missions and responsibilities of member agencies under federal authorities."
3. "Any prior action or determination by USFS or other official that the 2009 Rainbow Gathering in New Mexico was deemed an incident, such that a Delegation of Authority was mandated in advance and the findings of fact which supported this decision. These or related documents should state federal authorities for such action, and cite to the regulations & standards applied."

We provided 2 pages of records responsive to item 1 on July 1, 2009. By copy of this letter, we are rerouting a portion of your FOIA request to the Southwestern Region FOIA/PA Service Center for review. They will respond directly to you. To check on the status of your request, please contact Paula Barnhill, Acting Southwestern Region FOIA Liaison. She may be reached by phone at (505) 842-3890. You may also write to her at Southwestern Region FOIA/PA Service Center, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM, 87102, facsimile at (505) 842-3111, or [pbarnhill@fs.fed.us](mailto:pbarnhill@fs.fed.us)."

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