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attn: Dolores Maese, Public Affairs Officer

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: I ~  
Rainbow Gathering, Permit Documents**

Dear Mr. Jiron and Ms. Maese:

This Request is made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

Please provide copies of selected agency documents related to the 'Rainbow Gathering' now convening in Santa Fe National Forest, Cuba Ranger District -- as follows:

- 1) *Noncommercial Group Use ("NGU") applications and signed permits for the intended gathering site, as received by the Forest Service on or after June 10, 2009. Copies provided should show names and addresses of presenting parties, and the date & time of receipt.*
- 2) *Forest Service letters of notification denying or granting such applications respectively, any processing documents or directives related to their screening or handling under agency review, and the NGU Permit as approved, with appended 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.*

Due to ongoing events and the timely nature of this information, this Request is presented by Fax for expedited Response as soon as possible within the 10-day limit allowed by law. To speed and simplify the process, requested items may be conveyed similarly by Fax, or preferably as electronic versions via direct email to the undersigned address. If handled promptly in either of these ways, I can waive the requirement of agency Response by postal mail.

This FOIA Request goes to the Supervisor's office because it deals narrowly with matters of record in Santa Fe National Forest, the Regional office, and/or local Forest Service operations. Therefore these few items should be readily available, posing no problems or costs in search.

Accordingly we ask that fees be waived, and affirm that this information is sought "for the general use and benefit of the public". The Forest Service has long recognized *PCU\_ / \ Free Assembly Project* in these purposes, and in the past has granted exemption from fees under FOIA provisions.

Please call to confirm receipt of this Request, and to clarify any questions as to its scope, at the phone number below. I would be happy to discuss these matters and work out the most convenient

means of handling these communications in the next few days. In this regard, note that any return Fax will require a call in advance, so that it can be received manually at the same number.

Thanks for your cooperation... I look forward to working with you.

Respectfully,

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