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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: II ~  
Rainbow 'Incident', Delegation of Authority**

Mr. Jiron, Ms. Campney:

This is a Request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, again concerning the 'Rainbow Gathering' in Santa Fe National Forest; please provide the following documents:

- 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 officials 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.*

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. Accordingly we should arrange simple and workable means of conveying this information:

I will be in New Mexico next week, so I can receive the requested items in person at your offices, along with available digital versions via direct email to the undersigned address. Please apprise me on when hard copies will be available for pick-up, and we can make a plan to meet. This would also be simpler for the agency, superceding the requirement of Response by postal mail.

This FOIA Request is directed to the Supervisor's office because it deals primarily with this event and matters of record in Santa Fe National Forest. It is also forwarded to the USFS Southwestern Region office, where certain items of prior policy were implemented, or might have originated. 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 at the phone number below. I will gladly discuss these matters and clarify as needed to proceed. Let us work out the most convenient means of handling these communications in the next couple weeks.

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

Respectfully,

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