

# **2020 Resource Design Criteria for Rainbow Family of Living Light National Gathering**

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available at the information center and other locations.*

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## Introduction

These design criteria have been developed to mitigate potential resource impacts associated with the 2020 Rainbow Family gathering on the Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forest. This plan is designed to follow the standards and guidelines of the Forest Plan and the Code of Federal Regulation applicable to National Forest System lands.

The primary goals of this plan are to:

- Protect the health & safety of all;
- Minimize impacts to natural and cultural resources and leave site at or better than pre-gathering conditions;
- Respect the rights and privacy of local private landowners and communities and all National Forest recreational users.

**The Rainbow Family Gathering will maintain a council for administrative agreement matters and resource concerns between the Forest Service and the Rainbow Family Gathering to occur at the Main Gate daily at 12:00 noon Pacific Time Zone.**

The guidelines in this plan will be followed unless circumstances or subjects dictate that the team alters the plan in a safe manner. This decision will be made during the event, and will be based on the information available at the time.

## CFRs, Sensitive Resource Areas, and Flagging

Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) closures and other orders are instituted in the area to provide for public safety and resource protection. For example, CFR closures may be used to maintain emergency ingress and egress on roadways or to minimize potential resource damage to sensitive resource areas that have been identified by the Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forest Staff. This is not a complete list of violations that will be enforced at the Rainbow Family Gathering. Any Code of Federal Regulations relevant to the safe management of the event, and protection of resources will be enforced.

Sensitive resource areas may be flagged and communicated to gatherers by Forest Service personnel to identify areas with resource concerns during their established family council gatherings. Sensitive resource areas include wildlife areas, cultural sites, riparian areas and wetlands. Within these areas there should be no entry and no disturbance. This includes camping, walking, domestic animals, or motorized access.

In general, the Forest Service will use flagging tape and/or signage in sensitive resource areas. However, not all sensitive resource areas will be flagged. Specifications described in this plan should be used in conjunction with flagged areas. For example, wet areas such as seeps, poorly drained soils, and wetlands support a variety of sensitive plants and shall be avoided, even if not flagged off by Forest Service personnel. Gatherers shall not remove, damage, or otherwise deface the flagging or signage.

Do not walk through, dispose of waste, or allow dogs or pets into the wetland or surface water areas: this can negatively impact sensitive wildlife, soils and plants.

Cattle Range Allotments exist near the gathering sites and surrounding areas. Allotment structures and improvements such as water troughs, fences and gates need to be protected and not disturbed during the gathering event. Corrals and any other associated structures tied to range allotments shall be left unharmed and not utilized in any way. Water in troughs needs to remain available for livestock use. Thirsty livestock can damage dry tanks when sufficient water is not available nearby. Also, soapy water

may discourage livestock use as well. Any gates need to be remain untouched, whether it be a corral pen or catch pen gate, pasture fence wire gate or cattle guard gate.

Grasslands and sensitive plants exist around the immediate gathering area. These include areas around Wickiup Butte that starts approx. 0.3 miles north of Iron Phone. The area is thin soiled, seasonally wet and supports 2 sensitive plant species as well as many species that are rare or uncommon even though they do not have status. The grasslands at Cow Creek Saddle are also a concern for the same reasons. There is a grassland over the hill to the southwest that is accessed by road from the camp area. This grassland has good habitat for Spalding's catchfly, which is a federally listed species and lies on the Wallowa-Whitman managed side. All of these open habitats are rated as "High" or "Extreme" risk of weed invasion.

Cultural sites located on federal land are protected by a variety of federal and state laws (e.g., American Antiquities Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and Archaeological Resources Protection Act). These laws protect and preserve our nation's cultural heritage. Many of these cultural sites are important and considered sacred to American Indian Tribes and other local populations and shall be protected from all disturbance. Do not displace, remove, alter, damage, or destroy any cultural materials or historic objects. If during any activities or operations cultural materials are encountered, all activities and operations will cease immediately and a Forest Service agency representative will be contacted to arrange evaluation of the inadvertent discovery.

## Hells Canyon National Recreation Area

Hells Canyon NRA exists within the gathering area and lies to the west of Iron Phone Junction, Cow Creek Saddle and FR 420. The Hells Canyon NRA is managed by the Wallowa Whitman National Forest in Region 6 out of Baker City, OR. Particular resource concerns to the Hells Canyon NRA include:

- Sensitive plants exist near Kirkwood Corrals area and need to be avoided.
- No motorized vehicle use, driving or parking off-roads west of FR 420. This area is part of the Hells Canyon NRA
- Travel Management Closure Orders are Appendices to this document

## Health and Safety

For emergency purposes, the location of the event is near Iron Phone Junction in Idaho County, ID, T 25 N R 1 W, Section 2. It is approximately 14 miles northwest of the town of Riggins, ID along National Forest System (NFS) Road (FR) 241 which is accessed off Highway 95, 1 mile from Riggins, ID. The identified emergency evacuation routes for ingress and egress from the event are:

### Ingress/Egress to and from Rainbow gathering event:

- From the North & South take State Highway 95 and FR 241 (Bean Creek RD) which will be used for Rainbow gatherers to and from the Camp.

### Road Closures

- Cow Creek FR 242 will be closed from Lucile Bridge to Cow Creek Saddle and open to Administrative use, private landowners, and permittees. Cow Creek Road will not be allowed for public travel.

### Additional Health and Safety Concerns

- Participants are responsible for their own health and safety.
- The Center for Alternative Living Medicine (CALM) of the Rainbow Family Gathering will notify the Forest Service of any contagious outbreaks.
- Biological wastes generated at the Center for Alternative Medicine of the Rainbow Family gathering tent or elsewhere, will be disposed of at an appropriate medical waste disposal facility. No biological waste will be buried, remain on the site, or disposed of with other trash. No burning of plastics or rubber material.
- Participants of the Rainbow Family gathering are responsible to arrange services (e.g., garbage, recycling, medical, and supplies) as needed.
- Participants of the Rainbow Family gathering will be responsible for emergency medical coordination and evacuation with area medical facilities.
- Ticks with Lyme disease have been found in this area: be aware of Lyme disease symptoms and seek medical attention if any symptoms are observed. Keep ticks that have been attached for 24 hours or more for medical sampling.

### General Sanitation

State health requirements are expected to be met. The Rainbow Family gathering will cooperate with Idaho State Health Officials to maintain adequate on-site sanitation.

Water may be piped to the site and distributed and stored using piping or devices not intended for potable water. All water should be treated in accordance with approved practice following the advice of State Health Officials.

Adequate handwashing facilities shall be provided at kitchens and latrines.

No grey or black water is to be dumped from campers or RV's on site. This waste water must be disposed of in a State approved RV dumpsite

### Parking / Travel

No motorized vehicles allowed off road west of Road 420 into the Hells Canyon NRA as part of their Motor Vehicle Use Plan.

Adhere to Parking/Traffic signs wherever posted. Parking areas will be designated by the Forest Service. Parking shall only be along open roads, outside of wet and moist meadow areas, and outside of areas designated as no parking (avoidance areas). This is to ensure public safety, respect private property owners and minimize any oil, gas, or antifreeze chemicals leaking, infiltrating into the soil and entering the streams, and impacting water quality and aquatic species health/survival.

Participants of the Rainbow Family Gathering are responsible to provide volunteers to organize vehicles within the designated parking locations to ensure safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians into and out of parking areas, direct traffic, and provide security for the parking areas. Organization of vehicles need to be done in such a manner to have the highest density of vehicles thereby reducing the footprint of parking areas needed.

The Forest Service reserves the right to open or close roads as needed. Vehicles parked in areas specifically closed for parking, or parked in a manner that interferes with ingress/egress of normal vehicle traffic flow, Forest Service vehicles, or emergency vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

Administrative parking areas will be designated by the Forest Service. These areas will be signed and marked. Any vehicles or other items deemed unauthorized by the Forest Service will be removed and impounded following Forest Service and / or State regulations. It is the responsibility of the Rainbow Family Gathering parking/vehicle volunteers to ensure those areas remain accessible to the Forest Service.

Participants should use caution along all roads to avoid the spread of non-native invasive plants (e.g., weeds). Removing seeds from shoes, dog fur and from under vehicles is a good practice to reduce the spread of non-native invasive plants. Washing vehicle undercarriages before entering Forest land can prevent the introduction of new weeds.

All watercraft should be centrally stored at a single lake location to prevent/reduce lakeshore trampling, compactions and damage to riparian vegetation.

If the Rainbow Family gathering identifies surface or subsurface archaeological materials or deposits within a parking area, the site shall be immediately abandoned and moved to a different location and Forest Service resource staff will be contacted immediately.

## Fishing / Hunting Regulations

The State of Idaho regulates fishing on the National Forest including license requirements and bag limits. Consult Idaho Fish and Game regarding Fishing/Hunting Regulations on National Forest Lands.

## Trails / Foot Traffic

Remain on designated or established walking paths and common areas to minimize erosion and avoid impacting sensitive vegetation and water quality. Avoid wet habitats and do not collect any plants. Use established trails and open and closed roads for travelling between designated locations to the fullest extent (closed roads are for foot and non-motorized traffic only).

## Camping

Camping shall not occur within Cow Creek Saddle Administrative Area, Kirkwood Cow Camp, Kirkwood Corrals, Kirkwood Cabin, Dixon Cow Camp or other administrative areas marked on the ground.

Sensitive resource areas (wetlands, grasslands, archeological sites, etc.) may be flagged with flagging tape and/or have a sign in place by the Forest Service at their discretion. Participants at the Rainbow Family gathering are prohibited from camping, walking, or congregating within these sensitive resource areas.

Participants are prohibited from removing items from sensitive resource areas whether identified or not by the Forest Service (e.g., plants, items over 50 years old, such as bottles, cans, shards, pottery, etc.).

Camping and other activities shall respect a 200-foot buffer from wetlands, seeps, and springs in order to protect fish, riparian species and maintain water quality. Camps must also be on level, dry or hardened sites that are not creating resource damage such as mud bogs or trampling of plants, particularly in riparian zones.

Wherever possible, camping and general gathering areas should be focused to previously disturbed ground. If the Rainbow Family gathering identifies surface or subsurface archaeological deposits within a camp area, the site shall be immediately abandoned and moved to a different location and Forest Service resource staff will be contacted immediately.

## Invasive plants and animals

Non-native and invasive species of plants and animals are a concern in natural ecosystems. There are invasive plant species in the area that Nez Perce – Clearwater and Wallowa Whitman National Forests are attempting to control, primarily around rangelands/wetlands and along vehicle travel areas. Rainbow gathering activity is not expected to affect these significantly if several measures are taken:

1. No firewood should be brought from outside the area (~25 miles distant), as this may transport insect pests or fungi.
2. No soil dug in the area should be moved to another area (e.g., more than ten feet) to prevent spreading weeds or weed seeds in the soil. This is particularly important near road or trail areas and around lakes.
3. No plants shall be kept, cultivated, or grown in the area with the exception of approved local genotype native post-event restoration seeding. No seeds or propagules (plant parts that are capable of generating a new plant, for example potato or onion parts) shall be buried or discarded in the area.

## Water Use

The Rainbow Family gathering shall be in compliance with the Idaho Department of Water Resources and Idaho State Department of Environmental Quality for water withdrawals. We advise obtaining water from streams or springs to prevent impacts to aquatic species. Do not construct any type of river structure for pumping. Construction of such structures and pumping from streams or springs would require a Idaho State permit, and would be impactful to aquatic resources. It will be the responsibility of the Rainbow Family gathering to obtain any necessary permits from the State and to monitor water use. On/Off valves should be utilized on all pipes so that water is only flowing when necessary.

Existing cattle troughs tied to cattle allotments and range permittees may not be used or disturbed for water collection or use.

It is prohibited to excavate or dig out around water sources, including excavation for water piping. Disturbance to these areas can alter the hydrology and harm aquatic organisms.

Participants of the Rainbow Family gathering will monitor all activities to ensure that soap, disinfectant, medical waste, or any other foreign material will not be introduced into lakes or other surface waters. Please use only biodegradable soaps near lakes and streams.

Activities in and around water resources which increase turbidity are not allowed due to impacts to aquatic species.

## Kitchens

Kitchens will be located on level ground at least 200 feet from streams or as flagged on the ground.

Grey water from kitchen preparation areas and dishwashing areas will be discharged into a dug pit or slit trench located on level ground. If these are hand dug pits, they shall be at least 12-18 inches wide and at least 18 inches deep. The pit will not be located within 200 feet of surface water, any well, or any surfacing spring. The pits will be covered with soil once they are filled to within 12 inches of the ground's surface. Pits will not be located on any meadow or field surface, the preferred location for pits

are in forested areas. If grey water enters a water source it could contaminate the water source (e.g., with bacteria and other contaminants).

Compost pits attached to kitchens shall be covered at all times with 6 mil. polyethylene or similar material and shall also be located at least 300-feet from all bodies of water (lakes, streams, ponds, wetlands, etc.). Compost pits shall be removed from service and filled with soil when contents are within 15-inches of the surface.

Grey water discharge pits/slit trenches, compost pits, and other open ditches can trap small mammals, amphibians and reptiles and can cause injury to large mammals. Periods of highest activity for many species include nighttime, summer months and wet weather. Any created pits/trenches will be monitored and inspected daily for wildlife that may have fallen into the trenches and become trapped. Reasonable attempts shall be made to recover the animal(s) once discovered. An escape ramp shall be constructed for each pit/trench, or at least every 50 feet (15 meters) for larger/longer trenches. Escape ramps can be short lateral trenches or wooden planks or large branches sloping to the surface. The slope should be less than 45 degrees (1:1) where possible.

If ground water appears while digging any holes (slit trenches, grey water, compost pits, etc.) the site will be immediately refilled, abandoned, and moved to a different location, generally uphill.

To reduce ground disturbing activities and honor leave no trace ethics on the land, no kitchens shall have below ground cold storage.

Kitchen washing procedures are to follow Idaho Department of Public Health requirements. Drinking water should comply with State health requirements.

It is prohibited to damage or dismantle any archaeological or historic feature (e.g., structures, foundations, fences, artifact scatters, water development features) to utilize for camping/kitchen operations and any other proposed operations.

## Slit Trenches

**Sanitation needs to comply with Idaho Department of Public Health regulations.** Participants of the Rainbow Family Gathering are advised to maintain approximately one functioning latrine per 100 people. The treatment of human waste is dependent upon numerous factors. Therefore, to assure health and safety of visitors to this unauthorized event, the following actions should be followed:

- Slit trenches or earth pit privies will be at least 18 inches deep. They should be located on upland, dry sites. No trench shall exceed 6 feet in depth.
- **The trenches shall be located on level ground at least 200 feet from surface water and kitchens, and bodies of water (lakes, streams, ponds, wetlands, etc.). The trenches shall not be located in sandy or muck soils. The purpose of this is to avoid fecal coliform entering bodies of water in the area.**
- Trenches should be approximately 12-18 inches wide (i.e., shovel width or better) and of adequate length for the anticipated number of people. Buckets of lime or wood ash shall be available for all trenches or privy sites. A daily layer of lime or wood ash shall be applied to the waste to control odors and reduce insect attraction. The pits shall be closed by covering with soil when they fill to approximately 12 inches of the ground's surface. A hand washing station draining into the trench shall be provided at each location.
- It is prohibited to damage any archaeological or historic feature (e.g., structures, foundations, fences, artifact scatters, water development features) to utilize for trenches or privy operations. If



Forest Service resource staff determine a slit trench or privy site or proposed site contain or may contain surface or subsurface archaeological materials or deposits, or is too close to the stream, the site shall be immediately refilled, abandoned, and moved to a different location.

- If ground water appears while digging any holes, the site shall be immediately refilled, abandoned, and moved to a different location, generally uphill.
- In locations where the above standards cannot be met to maintain approximately one functioning latrine per 100 people, the Rainbow Family Gathering shall provide portable toilets at their expense or relocate to a site where the above conditions can be met.
- Slit trenches and other open ditches can trap small mammals, amphibians and reptiles and can cause injury to large mammals. Any created pits/trenches will be monitored and inspected daily for wildlife that may have fallen into the trenches and become trapped. Reasonable attempts shall be made to recover the animal(s) once discovered. An escape ramp shall be constructed for each pit/trench, or at least every 50 feet (15 meters) for larger/longer trenches. Escape ramps can be short lateral trenches or wooden planks or large branches sloping to the surface. The slope should be less than 45 degrees (1:1) where possible.

## Trash

All trash and/or recyclables will be removed from the site by the Rainbow Family. Provide trash/recycling receptacles onsite, with periodic trash/recyclable removal at the Rainbow Family's expense. Participants shall be encouraged to remove trash and recyclables from the site as frequently as the local transfer station schedules allow. No more than 20 yards of trash/recycling will be accumulated on site at one time (the purpose of this is to ensure that trash/recycling does not build up and is being continually removed from the site of the unauthorized event); exceptions will be negotiated with the Forest Service during periods of peak Rainbow Family Gathering attendance and trash/recycling production. If trash/recyclables accumulate onsite it could attract bears and other wildlife, and lead to undesirable human-wildlife interactions.

Trash and recyclable materials shall not be left at dumpsters at local businesses.

Trash/recycling receptacles will be placed at least 100 feet or more from streams, lakes or other surface waters.

Trash, recycling or any other foreign material will not be introduced into streams or other surface waters.

Only paper and wood trash will be burned on site if Forest Service burning regulations allow; all unburned trash and nails shall be removed from fire pits.

It is prohibited to damage, remove or burn any archaeological or historic feature (e.g., structures, fences, artifact scatters). Similarly, cultural sites may include trash deposits consisting of historic materials (e.g., cans, bottles, pottery, household objects, building materials), and these are not to be disturbed or removed during clean-up activities.

## Firewood

Do not bring in firewood from outside the local area. Firewood can have non-native invasive insects, plant seed, or other diseases you may unknowingly be spreading by bringing your own firewood from your local area to the Forest.

Only dead and/or down wood should be gathered as firewood. No dead and down wood should be removed from within 100 feet of any lake or stream or within flagged avoidance areas. Downed wood is

an important part of riparian systems, providing wildlife habitat, increasing water storage, and catching sediment.

Remember some of this wood will be needed for “naturalizing” bare soil areas during site rehabilitation.

## Campfires

Build campfires in an area that has been scraped and surrounded by dirt or rock in areas cleared of all flammable material within a 3-foot radius from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material.

Campfires shall not be located within 200 feet of lakes or streams. Campfire locations will not be dug into the ground and will be located on level ground, any topsoil removed (scalped) will be retained for rehabilitation purposes.

It is prohibited to damage, remove, or burn any archaeological or historic feature (i.e., structures, fences, artifact scatters).

Campfires shall be attended at all times (those leaving campfires unattended can be billed for the cost of fire suppression). Community fires are to be encouraged over individual fires. Take suppression action on any escaped fire immediately and notify the Forest Service as soon as possible.

When leaving, make sure your fire is DEAD OUT. Drown the campfire with water and stir charred material. Very carefully feel all sticks and charred remains. Make sure no roots are smoldering. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

If weather conditions are excessively dry, the Forest Service will place an appropriate fire ban at their discretion. The Rainbow Family Gathering will be subject to any increase in public use restrictions, should those restrictions be applied to the public due to changing fire conditions.

There will be no rock removed from lakes or streams for campfire rings or other structures.

## Domestic Animals (i.e. pets)

Dogs must be under their owner's control at all times, in order to ensure public safety, protect natural resources, and minimize negative impacts to public health. Dogs shall be leashed at all times when outside of tents and temporary residences as defined by current case law. Dogs off leashes may harm or disturb wildlife, including causing nesting birds to abandon their nests, harming small mammals and young wildlife, causing extreme stress to deer/elk if chased. Dogs drinking and cooling in streams can cause resource damage to fisheries resources. Dogs may also be harmed by encounters with larger mammals including bear, coyotes and wolves.

Any other domestic animal must be under the control of its owner.

Animal waste will be cleaned up immediately and disposed of in latrines, compost pits or in another environmentally responsible manner.

All abandoned domestic animals will be removed by participants of the Rainbow Family Gathering.

## Wild Animals

Do not walk through, camp, dump waste products, or allow dogs to run through wetlands or rangelands. These wet meadows, riparian areas, and rangelands are known for providing habitat for numerous wildlife species including domestic cattle.

Any camping and cooking of food near or outside the outer boundary of the activities may attract wildlife such as raccoons and skunks, bears and wolves: keep all food in airtight containers and in vehicles when away from your tent for long periods of time and during the night. If wildlife such as bear or wolves are observed near the camp, make loud noises to encourage them to leave the area. Please contact the Forest Service to inform of any bear or wolf observations or concerns. Be extra cautious of any mother bear with cubs, who can be much more defensive and may charge. If any cubs are observed, carefully back out of the area the way you came and do not enter again: immediately inform the Forest Service and others to avoid this area.

Numerous species of insect important to a healthy ecosystem exist at the Rainbow Family Gathering location. These insects are critical for pollinating and propagating native plants, decomposing vegetation/debris, and are food for other wildlife. Direct killing and application of insecticides to non-pest insects shall be avoided where human health and safety are not a concern.

**Resource protection summary of restrictions**

<b>Management Area</b>	<b>Resource Protection Restrictions</b>
Closed Roads/Areas	No motorized access on closed roads or Off road motorized travel within the Hells Canyon NRA
Closed Gates	Do not block closed gates or disturb gates associated with range permittee and cattle allotments
Fences, Corrals, Pens	Allotment structures need to be remain unharmed and not utilized for any purpose
Parking Area	Park within designated areas; Follow parking posting signs and flagging; No parking within 100 feet of a stream, spring, or wetland or as flagged
Sensitive Resource Areas (e.g. sensitive wildlife areas, cultural sites, wetlands, rare plant habitat, noxious weeds, etc.)	No use or entry (motorized or foot); No domestic animals; No camping; No ground disturbance; No activity within areas surrounded by flagging Provide one wildlife escape ramp for each pit/trench created, or at least every 50 feet (15 meters) for larger/longer trenches
Streams and riparian areas	Limit use; Use existing or designated footpaths; Do not damage streambanks or riparian vegetation; No pumping from streams or springs No camping within 200 feet of lake or stream and only on level ground or as flagged; No greywater within 200 feet of lake or stream and only on level ground; No slit trenches or waste within 200 feet of lake or stream and only on level ground; Use only dead and/or down material for firewood
Forest Service System Trails	No obstruction of public use designated trails allowed

Safety of all Forest Service personnel, Rainbow Family Gathering participants, and members of the public is paramount during the event. This Rainbow Family Gathering plan is to be used as a guide to ensure important factors are taken into consideration during the planning of tactical operations. There are many intangible elements in evolving events that may have a bearing on the assessment process. This plan is based on information available at the time that it was completed and is subject to changes that may or may not be produced in writing.

I have read and understand the safety and resource protection measures identified in this document. This document will go into effect the date and time signed by the Responsible Party.

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Signature of Responsible Party



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Agency Administrator  
Salmon River District Ranger  
Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forest

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Attachments: Site Rehabilitation Plan, Wallowa Whitman National Forest Closure Orders (2)

## Attachment 1

### Site Rehabilitation

Site specific rehabilitation needs will be identified at a walk through with Rainbow Family Gathering participants and the Forest Service no later than July 6th, 2020 at 12 Noon.

All human made structures not previously existing at the Rainbow Family gathering location will be dismantled, removed, or scattered to achieve a natural appearance. This may include any type of dug pit, built structures such as bridges, furniture, stages, platforms, fire rings, etc. No non-natural material shall be left on-site. The details that follow are meant to provide guidance and examples, and may not be all-encompassing. Forest Service resource advisors will provide additional guidance for site-specific rehabilitation efforts.

Unless areas are identified and excluded by the Forest Service resource advisors, all parking areas, bus villages, trails, meeting sites (e.g. main meadows, kitchens, Granola Funk, Traders Alley, Drum Circles, Boogie Pits, Spirit House, etc.) and areas of concentrated use will be scarified to a depth of 2-4 inches and will be seeded with a native seed mix approved by the Forest Service resource advisors. Seeding will be accomplished by the end of site rehabilitation. Seeding and scarification will be done as needed and as determined during the site specific walk through describe above.

Slit trenches and latrines will be filled with earth and covered with native soil and plant material originally removed from the pit and mounded to a minimum of 8 inch height with excess material to allow for settling.

When trenches, holes, or pits are dug, surface plants (“sod”) and the top foot of soil should be removed intact as possible and set aside to replace on the surface of the area when it is decommissioned. This will not necessarily retain the existing plants alive, but will retain some previous soil structure and root mass, facilitating revegetation with native species.

All trash and recycling will be removed and disposed of at recognized sanitary landfill, transfer stations, or local trash hauling companies. Trash and recycle materials shall not be left at dumpsters at local businesses.

Any user created trails will be obliterated and de-compacted to a 3-4 inch depth through the use of hand tools and covered with slash, grass seed, and debris.

All water lines will be removed from the Rainbow Family gathering site. Any modifications to water source areas will be returned to pre-gathering conditions.

If lake shorelines, streambeds, banks or any meadow areas are altered, restore to pre-gathering conditions.

All vehicles abandoned by the Rainbow Family gathering participants will be removed from the National Forest at the owner’s expense.

Fire/bliss rings will be filled with native material from the surrounding area or material originally removed, and mounded with excess material to allow for settling. Rocks will be scattered to give a natural appearance to the landscape.