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Mr. Scott C. Addison  
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Dear Mr. Addison:

I have reviewed your petition dated June 8, 2018, for revising the Forest Service's noncommercial group use regulations at 36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 251, Subpart B.

The noncommercial group use rule has been upheld repeatedly by the courts, and the Forest Service is applying it consistently and fairly to noncommercial groups using National Forest System lands. Therefore, the Forest Service is denying your petition for rulemaking.

We are, as always, interested in working with individuals on planning and administration of Rainbow Family gatherings, including advance site selection.

Sincerely,

*For*

MICHIKO J. MARTIN  
Director for Recreation, Heritage and Volunteer Services

