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Rainbow Family of Living Light
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Dear Rainbow Family of Living Light:

Cleanup and rehabilitation efforts for the 2009 National Rainbow Family gathering held on the Cuba Ranger District of the Santa Fe National Forest have been completed and accepted. True to their word, approximately 60 Rainbow Family members worked steadily from July 8th to July 27th to complete the cleanup and rehabilitation. Rehabilitation efforts were completed before the July 31st agreed upon deadline.

In general the site is recovering well. Grass and other vegetation are sprouting back in most areas. Seeding was not necessary at any site due to the natural re-vegetation that is occurring. Several of the areas most heavily impacted will continue to be monitored into next spring and beyond.

The Rehabilitation Plan specified several items as follow.

GENERAL CLEANUP

Trash and litter were cleaned up very well over the entire area of the Gathering. Most trash was collected, separated and recycled after July 8. Trash and recyclables were transported to several separate facilities. This was greatly appreciated. This reduced the impact to any one facility.

Fire rings, gray water pits, compost pits, and latrines were covered up, mixed with dirt, and rocks scattered to appear natural.

All structures including kitchens, ovens, pole frames, sweat lodges, and shrines were dismantled and materials either scattered or removed. Highly compacted areas such as kitchens, trails, and other high concentration areas were scarified, mulched, and water-barred.

New foot trails were water-barred, mulched, and rocks and slash placed across them.

Elk/cow trails that existed prior to the Gathering and new trails to/from tent camping areas are doing well and reseeded is not necessary.

Structures along the Rito de las Palomas including bridges, dams, and swimming pools, were all removed and the river corridor looks natural. There was not much disturbance along American Creek, but the little that did occur was rehabilitated.



All hardware from water collection points, PVC pipe, and plastic liners were removed. Spring depressions were left for wildlife water.

All signs, markers, and rock cairns were removed.

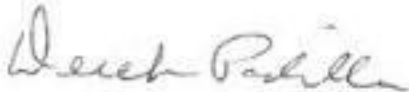
SPECIFIC REHABILITATION NEEDS

Specific areas needing rehabilitation were completed and accepted by July 27, 2009. These included A-Camp, Bus Village, Welcome Home, Trade Village, Kiddie Village and others.

With the exception of two disabled vehicles, all abandoned have been removed as of July 27th, 2009. We have been assured that the two disabled vehicles will be removed and based on all other agreements I trust that this will be the case.

The site of the 2009 Rainbow Gathering is recovering well from the environmental effects. The cleanup and rehabilitation efforts were successful due to the cooperation and the good working relationship between the Rainbow Family rehabilitation crew and members of my staff, including Jim Eaton, Ramon Borrego, James Casaus, and Tom Fuchtnan as well as others.

Sincerely,



DEREK PADILLA
District Ranger

cc: Garrick Beck, Daniel Jiron, Erin Connelly, Corbin Newman, Lindsey Dearborn