

**Interim Operating Plan
2024 Peaceful Assembly**

**Worked out by participants of the Peaceful Assembly
At Spring Council on June 16, 2024**

This Operating Plan has been developed to mitigate potential resource impacts associated with the 2024 peaceful assembly. This Plan is designed to follow the Standards and Guidelines of the appropriate Forest Plan, AND the code of regulations (CFR's) applicable to National Forest Service Lands.

The peaceful assembly will maintain volunteers for administrative agreement matters and resource concerns between the Forest Service and the assembly.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

1. Individuals are responsible for their own health and safety.
2. Medical volunteers will identify the vehicles to be used for emergencies to the Forest Service.
3. The Forest Service and medical volunteers will be notified of any contagious outbreaks.
4. Trash will be removed from the site by gatherers. Only wood and paper trash will be burned.
5. Infectious hazards generated by medical volunteers will be disposed of at an appropriate medical waste disposal facility. No infectious waste will be buried, remain on the site, or disposed of with other trash.
6. Drinking water will be boiled/filtered and/or treated.
7. Participants of the peaceful assembly will maintain approximately one functioning latrine per 100 people. The treatment of human waste is dependent on numerous factors. Therefore, to assure the health and safety of visitors to the peaceful assembly, the following actions should be followed:
 - a. Slit trenches or earth pit privies will be used.
 - i. Slit trenches should be constructed on upland sites. They should be located at least 300 feet from surface waters, kitchens, and down slope from any drinking water sources. Trenches should be approximately 12 inches wide (i.e. shovel width or better) and of an adequate length for the anticipate number of people. Buckets of lime or wood ash shall be available at all trench or privy sites. Trenches of pits shall be closed when they fill to within approximately 15 inches of the surface. A hand wash station should be provided at each location.
8. Kitchen washing procedures are recommended to be a three-bucket/tub system. A hand wash station is recommended for each kitchen area.

RESOURCE PROTECTION

1. Volunteers will direct parking
2. Sensitive areas of wetlands, especially sensitive species, and archeological sites will be flagged by the Forest Service and/or local indigenous communities. Participants at the peaceful assembly are requested to avoid camping or congregating within these areas, and for not removing items from these areas.
3. There will be no camping within 100 feet of surface water.
4. Gray water and compost pits from kitchens should be located in appropriate areas away from surface water.
5. Participants of the peaceful assembly will educate individuals to keep soap and disinfectant out of surface waters.
6. If ground water appears while digging any holes (slit trenches, grey water, compost pits, bliss pits, etc.) the hole should be immediately refilled.
7. Log crossings over creeks/streams will be constructed as to minimize impacts to the banks.
8. Individuals at the peaceful assembly will encourage gathering participants to follow CalFire recommendations regarding fire safety.

ANIMALS

1. Animals must be under control at all times.

SITE REHABILITATION

1. Site rehabilitation will be worked out during and after the gathering by volunteers.

GENERAL

1. Copies of the Operating Plan will be available at the peaceful assembly information center, and at other locations.
2. Participants of the peaceful assembly will establish contact with local agencies, businesses, and organizations to arrange services (i.e. garbage, recycling) and supplies as needed.
3. Participants of the peaceful assembly will be responsible for emergency medical coordination and evacuation with area medical facilities.