

June 19, 2000

Rainbow Family Gathering

Notes from morning Unified Command meeting

There were 32 people in attendance. Comments are summarized in the order they were made:

Sheriff - am increasing patrols in the area of the gathering. No unusual Rainbow-related incidents.

Mental Health Center - one Rainbow client. Forgot meds. Referred to Butte. He was a voluntary check-in and drove himself to Butte.

State Welfare - the number of people looking for food, welfare, etc. is increasing. State welfare administrators will meet this afternoon to discuss situation.

Forest Service Law Enforcement - Are currently patrolling the area from [REDACTED] hrs daily. 300 vehicles at site. Directional road counter installed. Will go to 24hr coverage starting the 23<sup>rd</sup>. "Things are going pretty well." Behavior of Rainbows "pretty quiet". Rumored kidnapping checked out. Suspect had a sword but no hostage. One "possession" charge. Rainbow term for USFS law: "Tree Pigs".

Dillon Police - Citizens complaining of beggars and panhandlers. PD working normal shifts so far. Will assess needs later.

BLM Law Enforcement - Supporting sheriff (there is only one BLM law enforcer)

Montana FWP - no game/fish violations.

Safety - lots of people drinking from streams. Could be problem after incubation period. Stop sign to be installed at hwy 278/Skinner Meadows. Citizen complaint: ICP staff driving too fast in vicinity if ICP.

Hospital - busy and full as usual even without Rainbows. About 1 Rainbow per day comes to hospital. Hospital projected costs due to incident: \$93,000 (based on info from last year's Rainbow gathering).

Mt. HWP - Working on gearing up to assist Sheriff's Office. Need two marquees (lighted highway message sign), one in at Wisdom; one at I15/Hwy 278. Signs should say something like "lots of traffic ahead, be careful". HWP will patrol Bannock area and will try to build PR and relationships with ranchers.

Dillon Ranger District - will focus on parking for Rainbows. Trying to get compliance. Soil and waste issues are a concern. Need to get garbage container at Skinner Meadows

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(county will handle). Will put up road closure signs to keep people on main roads (to protect cutthroat trout, elk, prevent weeds etc.). Asked Sheriff to ask commissioners to enact a speed limit and put up speed zone signs on Skinner Meadow road. (Sheriff agreed to talk with commissioners.) Ranger district will video area and will take additional water samples due to concern about stream pollution, e.g., from leaking vehicles. Will enforce 16-day limit at campgrounds. Encouraging Rainbows to not camp in Skinner Meadows proper because it is a Nez Perce burial ground (Battle of Big Hole).

Communications – will switch to new commo system today. ICP visitors to the Gathering will be required to carry a radio and check in and out with the ICP.

Information – will be distributing Rainbow updates to outlying communities (e.g., number of people at the Gathering, info on health issues etc.)

Incident Commander – Things look good. Have upper hand on roads. Law enforcement setting good tone on what is allowed and what not. Jackson residents want more law enforcement patrols – sheriff will handle. Complements to [REDACTED] for assistance in planning and for putting together a written check in/out procedure.

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Other comments from health/state meeting following the Unified Command Meeting:

Mayor – concerned that a lot of Rainbows might converge on Dillon looking for drinking water. Dillon has no source except resident garden hoses. A plan to accommodate the concern will be considered.

Public Health Nurse – heard that a local vet had a Rainbow dog or two with giardia. Todd Damrow will check it out. If true, could be significant.

Notes compiled by Bill Thomas, MTDES Agency Rep

June 26, 2000

To: Homer Young, SECC  
From: Bill Thomas, Agency Rep.  
Re: Unified Command Meeting notes

Beaverhead National Forest - At the Wednesday Unified Command meeting, there will be a briefing on wildfire plans, emergency procedures, "how the system works" etc.

Plans - Bob Fry handed out Unified Command Chart, list of participating agencies, demographics chart.

Beaverhead National Forest (Ranger District) - Made a site visit. Rainbows have an MD and EMT (questionable credentials) at one of the CALMS (Rainbow 1<sup>st</sup> aid site) - they want to do their own thing medical-wise. Folks at the CALM again asked for condoms.

Mt. FWP - Crowd is spreading out. Trespassing on private property increasing. More people fishing. Located the "Pleasure Circle" (FWP will divulge location for money).

Mt. DES - gave weather report.

Beaverhead Co. DES - nothing new to report

Safety - Traffic congestion increasing. Process is in place to get Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR), if necessary; USFS Aviation Officer can do; takes about 45 min. Lost of potholes on roads. Commissioner Garth will look into pothole repair. Traffic in Rainbow dispatch increasing significantly.

Health (Damrow) - Rainbows are going to doctors and St. James hospital in Butte but apparently are not reporting as previously agreed. Damrow will do three health briefings for law enforcement on health risks at the site.

HWP - Making lots of traffic stops including locals. (Garth response: they asked for law enforcement, they got it, so they shouldn't bitch.) One arrest for misdemeanor pot and paraphernalia. Several guns taken from Rainbows. Road getting more congested. "It's going to get crazy."

Sheriff - lots of traffic citations. Jail filling quickly - using "catch and release". 5 to 6 arrests per night. Ravalli Co. has 30 or so jail rooms if necessary.

Dillon Police - 25 to 30 Rainbows arriving on every bus. More panhandling complaints. Some people from Hamilton, Mt confronted some Rainbows but otherwise no real

problems. Lots of 'bows are carrying their own water (have seen quite a few blue 40 gal jugs.)

Communications – Working well. Rainbow dispatch working OK.

Beaverhead National Forest – have put out press releases on fireworks ban on FS land. Lots of good feedback from locals on visibility and performance of law enforcement, especially from the Jackson and Wisdom areas. Parking is a major problem. Some 'bows drinking directly from hoses at the gathering. Springs are drying up. 'Bows seem to be less friendly.

Hospital – Getting about 1 'bow per day. Some 'bows disconnected the sprinkler system at the hospital and are filling water jugs.

Information - Working on article on USFS presence and purpose in the area. Daily update being well received in the community. Rainbows don't seem to be buying fireworks.

Law Enforcement – Biggest challenge is safety. General atmosphere is changing; 'bows not as open and cooperative. Are getting more information/inquiries regarding missing juveniles and runaways. IC [REDACTED] has the day off.

Beaverhead Co. Welfare – not seeing too much. 2 people asked for food.

Mental Health – nothing new

#### Other

- mud/rock being taken to build ovens. Some areas of gathering are being trashed.
- Lots of fire rings and small fires from cigarettes
- Trails looking like spaghetti
- Lots of pole structures, shelves, ovens etc.
- Latrines ("shitters") everywhere
- 9000 estimated population
- Schedule: 10 am Unified Command meeting Wed. followed by briefing on fire plan
- Water now available from pump at Van Houten campground
- Will soon have a specialist (from Butte?) to assist with potential situations involving children (e.g., abuse, what to with kids if parent is arrested etc.)

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June 29, 2000

To: Steve Knecht, SECC  
From: Bill Thomas, Agency Rep.  
Re: Rainbow notes

Notes from Jan. 28th

- State senator Bill Tash stopped in the ICP this morning to express his and his constituents concerns about the Gathering. Primary concerns are degradation of the environment and the "double standard" of permitting Rainbows to gather without a permit. He met for about 20 minutes with IC [REDACTED], Thomas and Fry. [REDACTED] asked for Tash's support by contacting the Montana congressional delegation and expressing his (Tash's) concerns with the Gathering. b2 b6 b7 c&e
- Steve Knecht called about 0902 to report a 4.5 earthquake about 25 miles SE of Missoula about 0829 this morning.
- Information Officer reported there will be a press conference in Butte this afternoon at the Mt. Skyline Sportsmans Club for Unified Command meeting notes
- Old Timers Day at Jackson has been cancelled. This is an annual event held the weekend after July 4 to commemorate passage of Lewis and Clark through the area. Road into and out of Jackson is closed off and all comers are given a free barbecue dinner.
- The well at S. Van Houten campground is working – usage should be encouraged.

Unified Command Meeting Notes (from the Jan 28 meeting):

Plans – Fry handed out revised stats and org chart (faxed to Helena)

Commissioner (Garth H.) – Roads have been patched. Used county plus 2 state crews on oiled section. Thanked state of Mt. and Mt. DES division for outstanding cooperation and assistance.

Red Cross – shelters ready

Hospital – nothing new

Mental Health – nothing new

Dillon Police – no real problems, “staying proactive”

Sheriff - echoed commissioners thanks to state and all agencies for good cooperation. Jail is filling up – no longer able to use “catch and release”. Some prisoners will be transferred to Ravalli County.

DOJ (Costigan) – nothing

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IC ( ) – Numbers of ‘bows are growing at same rate as last year. This weekend will be very busy. MHP doing an excellent job. Good road control within gathering so far-roads are passable. Glad tone was set early, so ‘bows know what to expect. Tone at gathering is changing, they’re not as open and friendly. Assistant attorney general, Chris McLean visited the site yesterday. They’re going after the leaders, probably this week. Good cooperation from county people.

MHP – Tone at site has changed. Locals are understanding when they’re stopped. Making arrests “constantly”. Word at the gathering is “be careful because you’ll be arrested.” Received a safety alert that drug addicts are putting HIV infected hypo needles on gasoline pump handles back East. Some people have gotten pricked and some have gotten HIV

Mary Jo Fox (Gov’s. Office) - Financial assistance from state will be approved. The initial EO declaring the emergency will suffice for financial assistance. The Governor reads the daily updates and reports. Education of the media about the event is very important – need to get the word out about why we’re here. Relayed greetings and gratitude from governor.

Info Officer – Daily updates are going to about 100 agencies and individuals. The local trapline (local distribution of updates) includes about 30 businesses.

Humane Society – lots of ‘bow animals showing up. Have 15 dogs; 1 fatality – no way to notify owner. Have very limited space and money. They arrested one guy who had eleven dogs. Concerned about diseases, lack of vaccinations, spread of diseases to town.

DES (Laknar) – Found the missing porta-potties, they were moved to another spot in Jackson. County received a check from (Rainbow non-leader) to pay for porta-potties.

BLM – nothing

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State legislator Bill Tash – offered his assistance as a “communicator” (e.g., with congressional delegation). Expressed concern about reimbursement for Barrett Hospital (he used to be on the hospital board). Laknar responded that hospital expenses are being

tracked by his assistant Lee Detrich (sp?) and that the hospital is estimating 'bow-related expenses to be in the neighborhood of \$120,000.

National Park Service – have law enforcement “presence” at the Big Hole Battlefield. Willing to help with Gathering if needed.

County Commissioner McGinley - concerned about sightseers from Dillon visiting the site. Sheriff Reeder responded that they visit at their own risk.

District Ranger (Dennis Halvig) – USFS resource people are at the site every day. ‘Bows are driving in the meadows. Congestion in Jackson increasing dramatically (Rainbows, 500 cows, highway construction equipment, 50 bicyclers, law enforcement etc.) Highway 278 becoming very hazardous. Advised all to be very careful of traffic. 278 is a national bikeway – 200-300 more bikers coming in the next few days. Rumor that private landowners are allowing Rainbows to park on their land is not true. ‘Bows want commercial water facilities at the site and might hire a water truck. Some commercial businesses want to provide water at the site for a price. There are more and more water disputes at the Gathering. ‘Bows suggested that USFS drill 4 shallow wells at the site. Forest Supervisor will not even consider such a request. Carroll hill (the 6 mile dirt stretch on hwy 278) paving will probably start July 5.

USFS Law Enforcement – Cooperation great all around (MHP, sheriff etc.). Anecdote: A New York vehicle was stopped and lots of drug paraphernalia was confiscated after being sniffed out by a drug dog. The NR’ers were bummed out because they said that they had washed all the stuff in alcohol to avoid detection but the dogs still found it. Stolen vehicles and murder suspects have been pulled out of the site. Four horses are working the site – they’re getting very positive reaction from the ‘bows.

Child Services (Pat Pomroy) - Will be staying at the Comfort Inn and will be available anytime to assist coordinate child protective services.

Damrow – Detox services plan is now in writing. 6 beds available, 3 of which are in Butte.

Mt. DES – noted good cooperation among all agencies. Gave weather report.

Safety – Population at site will double in the next week. Traffic is a concern; lots of impaired drivers. Damrow gave three in-service health briefings to law enforcement. Fire Plan Overview (by Diane Hutton, FMO Wisdom RD) – Fire probably not a major threat until later in July. Small fuels are pretty green at the site but 1000 hr fuels are very dry. (see Fire Suppression Plan faxed to SECC). Have received .33” of precip at Wise River, normally get 2” in June. Air ops plan is in place. ‘Bows are cooperating with fire planners; they have fire councils. (Note: when I was at the site yesterday, ‘bow non-leader [REDACTED] said that ‘bows will fight fires whether USFS wants them to or not. ‘Bow fire fighters will not evacuate to safe zones. [REDACTED] said ‘bows are not stupid and that there are experienced firefighters among them. He said to keep law enforcement

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people away from them if a fire starts and that they will cooperate with government firefighters.)

Note on Gathering site visit with Mary Jo Fox, Gov's. Office

People who participated in the site visit:

Garth H., Co. commissioner  
Pete M., USFS safety officer  
Bill Tash, state legislator  
Belinda Van Nurden, Park Co. DES  
Dennis Havig, District Ranger  
Peri Suenram, Wisdom Ranger District  
Lori Leighton-Boster, EMS/med Disaster Coordinator  
Bill Thomas, Mt. DES

We all drove through the dusty line of traffic several miles into the site, parked and walked around for 2-3 hours. As usual, curious 'bows sauntered up to talk and find out who we are and what we were there for. By and large we were all well received and had some interesting chats and photo ops. Some 'bows were suspicious but there was no overt hostility. The talk with [REDACTED] was a little tense (see note above). One of the 'bows (reverend [REDACTED]) checked to be sure that [REDACTED] had a belly button because that's one of the requirements to be a 'bow. Mary Jo quickly established rapport with several of the more colorful folks and probably got some good photos (e.g., with [REDACTED] and of a dreadlocked guy digging a "shitter" at "Kiddie Camp".) We visited a couple of the kitchens, saw a couple of solar ovens, visited a CALM (Center for Alternative and Living Medicine) visited the "Montana Camp" (where [REDACTED] was hanging out), chatted with small children, endured stares, exchanged greetings with a hairy, naked 'bow guy, walked by the Faerie Camp, turned down offers of coffee and cake, and heard continuous calls of "six up" (a warning that non-'bows were in the area). Temperature seemed to be in about the mid-70's and the mosquitoes mostly stayed away. Bill Tash talked with a few 'bows about rehab of the area and seemed somewhat impressed with their plans to clean up the area. Mary Jo decided to make the trip because Todd Damrow called her and asked her if she'd be interested, and apparently she unhesitatingly said yes. I saw one guy writing in a notebook as we were talking with [REDACTED] and asked him who he was. He was a reporter for Hustler magazine and was writing an article for the January issue. He asked about the state disaster declaration (look for my name). He said Hustler owner Larry Flynt is interested in the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment issues involved in the gathering.

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June 30, 2000

To: SECC

From: Bill Thomas, Agency Rep.

Re: Unified Command Meeting Notes for 6/30/00 meeting

Rainbow Gathering @ Beaverhead County

(0745 Law Enforcement briefing – arrests continuing [drugs, disorderly conduct etc.]; one ambulance run from Jackson, lady with heart problem at the gathering. Kitchens will cook 24 hrs/day starting today. Will probably start towing cars today. One guy with a fever and swollen leg was transported by ‘bows in a U Haul.)

#### Unified Command

Plans – Handed out updated gathering stats.

County commissioners – County has hired an independent contractor with a water truck to water the road into the gathering for dust control. Total cost estimated at \$2500 (\$60/65 per hour through July 7). Solid waste will empty the trash container today while traffic permits. Baucus staffer Jake Maciag from Butte will visit site today with county commissioners. Reps from Hill and Burns offices will probably visit the site after most of the ‘bows have left because they’re largely interested in resource and financial impacts.

Public Health – CALM unit finally being set up.

Law Enforcement ( ) – Major parking congestion problem. Will start towing today probably. ‘Bows are cooperating with law enforcement on road clearing. Will encourage use of Van Houten as parking area. “Rave” party (drugs, loud music, fires) at gathering last evening. Ravers were warned and will probably be shut down, i.e., speakers and/or power source will be confiscated.

Mental Health – nothing new

Dillon Police – increasing panhandling in city. Merchants downtown not greatly impacted, except for store selling outdoor and camping equipment. Some ‘bows finding hoses to fill water containers.

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IC [REDACTED] - So far roads are being kept open. Skinner Meadows road is very rough (county and IC agreed it's best not to try to blade it due heavy traffic; also rough road slows traffic). Compared to previous gatherings, things are looking pretty good. "A" (alcohol) camp is relatively subdued. Water is diminishing at the site; sources are drying up. People are being encouraged to use the pump at Van Houten but without much success.

Dillon Mayor - Merchants not reporting major problems. A commercial water vender intends to try to get to the gathering to sell water. He has a 3500 gallon truck and 1000 containers. A water source is available at Jackson. Lots of 'bows drinking lots of beer. .

Sheriff - Flew over site yesterday in a chopper and landed at a couple of LZ's. From air, the area looks like an ant hill - people and tents everywhere. Made an arrest yesterday at Jackson; guy had 70 hits of LSD plus other drugs. Some residents want more patrols in the area despite presence of 35 officers in the area. Wisdom normally only has one officer. Will probably not transfer prisoners to Ravalli Co. as planned because prisoners are coming up with bail, even felons. Fourteen prisoners in jail today.

State DES - Thanked county for keeping us up-to-date re expenses (approx. \$54,000 to date.) Gave weather report (hot today, chances of thunderstorms increasing over next couple of days, fire danger increasing etc.)

Beaverhead Co. DES - Water source available at Jackson.

County Health Officer - Seeing more 'bows at the emergency room. Preparing for real onslaught soon.

Beaverhead NF Supervisor - USFS is planning a walkabout at the gathering to talk with 'bows about the fire plan. Getting 'bows out of the way in the event of fire will be a problem. They are not trained or equipped to help. Not too many fireworks at the site, but there are some. Fireworks on FS lands are illegal. Lots of degradation at the site - pits, trails etc.

Child Protective Services (Pat Pomroy) - wants to visit site (Later - she will not go).

Red Cross - very few shelters in Dillon area to accommodate potential evacuees. Some 'bows have been stranded in Butte due to lack of funds and ask Red Cross for help. RC has no funds for this. Some 'bows get to the gathering, see that it's not what they expect (too crowded, unsafe, drugs etc.) and decide to leave. IC [REDACTED] said that's a common problem at gatherings.

MHP - Will be in "transition" today, therefore a few less troops will be around today. Will be a full strength tomorrow.

Information - Community appreciates law enforcement - lots of thank you's coming in.

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Baucus Staffer Jake Maciag – will visit site today.

Safety – ‘Bows becoming increasingly verbally abusive. People who do not have a real need to visit the site will be strongly discouraged. Summarized the fire plan (faxed to Helena earlier).

State Health (Damrow) – More drug seekers being seen by hospitals and doctors in Missoula, Hamilton and Butte. They claim pain in order to get drugs. Some claims are undoubtedly legitimate. No major health incidents being reported by surrounding communities.

Mt. FWP – Increasing trespassing at Jackson cow camp – fishing, swimming. Will have 4 wardens on horses in the area tomorrow. Due to drought conditions, the Fish and Game commission has closed the upper Big Hole from the N. fork to Big Creek (massive beer drinking could increase CFS.)

Communications – Rainbow dispatch continues to do an excellent job.

Other – Next Unified command meeting will be at 10 am Monday at the ICP

- No ‘bows seeking drug detox or mental health services.
- Via IC [REDACTED] got list of VIP’s to visit ICP tomorrow (MG Prendergast, Lt. Gov. Martz etc.) we’ll try to get a briefing prepared for them (handouts, photos etc.)

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July 3, 2000

To: SECC

From: Bill Thomas, Agency Rep.

Re: Unified Command meeting notes: 10 am, July 3, 2000

(Reminder: Check USFS website for daily updates and statistics: [www.fs.fed.us-r1/b-d](http://www.fs.fed.us-r1/b-d))

Plans – Handed out new stat charts. Population approx. 23,000 at the site.

Commissioner Haugstad – Some county residents resent county paying to water the road into the site. They feel nothing should be done to support the Gathering. Commissioner Sevalstad said she was receiving about 10 calls a day on the issue. Both commissioners and IC [REDACTED] agreed that the purpose of watering was a safety issue and that the decision to water was appropriate. Commissioner Haugstad expressed concern over problems related to the mass exodus expected around the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. A long discussion followed regarding how to handle the exodus. The consensus seemed to be to encourage one-way traffic out and to discourage traffic going in except for residents. The exodus could be significantly slowed and complicated if paving starts on the 6 mile gravel stretch on the main highway between the gathering site and Dillon.

Beaverhead National Forest Supervisor – Thanked everyone for coordination and cooperation. This has been a fairly smooth operation. Regional and deputy regional supervisor visited the site recently. USFS will host a follow-up session, probably in August/Sept. timeframe to discuss how to do things better at future events.

District Ranger – wants to meet with IC team to discuss transition back to the district and how to handle things after the team is gone.

Safety – reviewed issues. (Info sent to Helena earlier on the issues).

Law Enforcement – 17 tows so far. Forcing people to park at Van Houten. Other “lots” are full.

Mt. HWP – arrests continuing

Dillon Police – Nothing new. In “hippie herding” mode.

(Commo, mayor, Damrow, DOJ, Info – nothing to add)

Sheriff – drug arrests continuing.

DES (Laknar) - Check to see if dumpster has enough capacity to accommodate garbage which will be dumped during exodus.

Mt. DES – Lt. Gov. pleased with cooperation/coordination.

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Hospital – Averaging seeing 5 rainbows per day. 41 admissions to date. Most of 'bows treated do not have insurance.

Red Cross – Red Cross national says do not even try to figure out how to shelter the 'bows. Herd 'em into a meadow and we'll try to find tents. (Commissioner McGinley, suggested Stodden Park in Butte for the meadow.)

Child Protective Services – had one call. Referral process worked very smoothly.

USFS Special Agent – Going well, good cooperation all around.

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IC [REDACTED] – Rainbow (non)-leader [REDACTED] was cited yesterday for failure to obtain a permit. USFS goal: to get a permit and/or prevent future gatherings. Things came together well for the gathering. Unified command works. Effort on this Gathering was better than most.

#### Other

- Next Unified Command meeting Wed. 1000 hrs at ICP
- Last UC meeting will be held Friday at 1000 hrs at the ICP and will include an overall critique of the event. (Greene and/or Knecht or others from SDES might like to attend this).
- Ken Mielke, Great Falls weather called regarding calls to the Billings office from a person claiming he needed to know on behalf of the Forest Service the latitude and longitude of the RAWs (remote weather stations) in Beaverhead Co. Since Ken was concerned about security at the RAWs sites, I suggested he call IC [REDACTED] which he did. USFS was aware of the info request, has investigated but is not sure why the info was requested and does not know who called. Someone also called the Aerial Fire Depot in Missoula for the info.

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July 5, 2000

To: SECC  
From: Bill Thomas, Agency Rep.  
Re: Unified Command Meeting Notes

Today will be a big traffic moving day. MHP intends to maximize the flow out of the gathering and not concentrate so much on traffic stops. Good day for hippie herdin'.

Notes from 0800 law enforcement briefing:

- 2 ambulance runs last (kidney problem and hit-and-run)
- more radio jamming last night
- Lysol available in supply for decontaminating law vehicles
- 2100 cars in and out yesterday. 600 more out than in.

#### Unified Command Meeting

Plans – Handed out updated statistics/demographics. This was 1<sup>st</sup> time at a gathering that 'bows left on July 3<sup>rd</sup>'; variety of reasons – cold weather, need to get back to work, too crowded, etc. Road counter will be removed midnight on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Haugland – Watered road yesterday; will continue until Friday. Not as much rain at gathering as at Dillon. Visited site with sheriff. Some 'bows want A camp eliminated because it gives a bad name to the gathering. [REDACTED] not concerned b2, b6, b7c about his citation (for not getting a permit for the Gathering). Wanted to know definition of "nudity" and wondered why people were being cited for nudity but not so much for drugs. [REDACTED] (LE lead) said federal law says nudity is when the pubic area and/or nipples are exposed. Very little nudity compared to other gatherings. [REDACTED] "The Sheriff knows what nudity is because he damned near got his badge hung up in a nipple ring". b2, b6, b7c

Commissioner McGinley – will continue to work to get congressional delegation to the site and county to see damage and provide financial assistance.

Beaverhead National Forest – Wants to follow up with IC team to discuss how future gatherings will be handled. Need to have PR effort with citizens to explain why and how things were handled. Need to look at social and political issues involved. Commissioner Sevelstad seconded that idea. Citizens upset about double standard and 2 mill levy.

IC [REDACTED] – 'Bows will be fanning out all over the state. Sheriff will alert other sheriffs in surrounding counties. Missoula Co. notified.

Wisdom District Ranger – Rehab plan drafted. Getting questions from citizens: will 'bows help with cleanup along highways, around Jackson etc. IC and commissioners agreed that having 'bows do this type of cleanup might be a good idea. Better to have





them pick up needles than residents. Paving of hwy 278 probably will not start for 2-3 days at least. This will help with exodus.

Info – Friday will be last daily update. 10-15,000 will leave site today.

Safety – Reviewed safety issues (bio-hazards at cite, traffic etc.). Hospitals might get business during exodus.

Damrow - There are medical “horror stories” at the site not being seen outside the site or covered by the media. ‘Bows don’t want to give the gathering a bad name by becoming a medical statistic. [REDACTED]: press does not see the “dark side” of the gathering.

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MHP – 2 arrests this morning: drugs (opium), hit and run. Mostly everything’s going OK.

FWP – Things quiet. Will do a couple of patrols a week for awhile. Locals will probably take care of abandoned dogs, if any. All fishermen had licenses. Very few fish and game violations.

Dillon Police – Geared up for exodus. Business will be alerted to potential rip-offs, especially gasoline.

County Welfare – Have only seen a “handful”. Must save resources for locals.

Hospital – no final count yet. Several ‘bows came to ER recently.

Public Health – Need to do PR on 2 mills and other issues.

Law Enforcement – Will probably be abandoned vehicles.

Sheriff – Will have 2 shifts per day through the 15<sup>th</sup>. Communications center (Rainbow Dispatch) will be shut down Friday at 1800 hrs. No prisoner transfers to Ravalli County.

State DES – Will be working with county on assessment/reimbursement.

County DES – Jim Greene will visit tomorrow. We should be grateful that with an extra 40,000 people in the county that there have been no fatalities. Thanks to all involved in coordinating the event.

Other –

- Rainbows will probably do cleanup for about a month after everyone else leaves
- USFS will gather videos and make copies available to state and others.
- Several planes flew over site yesterday
- Camps are all over – up to three miles from the main gaggle.



- Last unified command meeting will be Friday at 10 am at the ICP.
- Hospital will get expenses to Larry
- Damrow will put together a report on incident health and medical issues.



July 7, 2000

To: SECC  
From: Bob Fry, Agency Rep.  
Re: Unified Command Meeting Notes

Unified Command Meeting 7/7

Plans – Handed out updated statistics/demographics.

Commissioner Haugland – Paving on Hwy 278 has been delayed until 7/17

Commissioner McGinley - Still lots of people at site yesterday - Gave the Rainbow Information site a bill for services and a copy of the large gathering ordinance - Did not receive any money from them, unknown whether they will pay

Commissioner Sevalstad - Need to manage the Public Relations, will be a big job yet

Beaverhead National Forest – Appreciates professional work done

IC [REDACTED] – Reiterated the public education message

Wisdom District Ranger – Presented Rehab plan. Received one death threat by [REDACTED] threatening to kill me if I gave him a ticket. Still a lot of people at site. Ultra light plane parked on side of roadway near Jackson.

Info – Today is last daily update.

Safety – Lot of waste coming out of site - Canisters worked well for collecting it. Passed out medical handouts on statistics, Todd mentioned that these were just the tip of the iceberg - Thanked MHP for excellent job on traffic control

Damrow - Statistics are just tip of the iceberg due to Rainbows discouraging other Rainbow's from seeking medical assistance when they really need it.

MHP – Got report 300 Rainbows have moved up to a Rega concert at LaHood Park in Jefferson County

Dillon Police – Still in Hippy Herding mode. Seeing quite a few more downtown than before. Will be changing back to 8 hour shifts tomorrow

County Mental Health – Reminder it is not over - Had Rainbow come into Hospital in Restraints this morning

Hospital – 57 Hospital visits to date - 2 to date in Butte

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USFS Law Enforcement – 1800 cars left the site yesterday, 400 went in. Any Rainbows that haven't left are packing up - [REDACTED] person units will be staying with a K-9 2000-4000 still in Meadow and Gathering still going on yesterday with Councils being conducted. A camp, Stage camp, Welcome Home, and Supply are all gone.

Sheriff – Dispatch still very busy, needed extra dispatcher put on because of additional traffic now that Rainbow Dispatch is shut down - Should be back to regular operations by Monday with exception of extra deputy in Wisdom area

Dillon Mayor - Costs estimated at \$3500 expended by the city

State DES – Will be working with county

County DES – Current County expenses passed out

Dept of Justice - Will be continuing to assist County