

Communication Plan for  
**Rainbow Family Gathering**  
**Pacific Southwest Region**

**Background**

The Rainbow Family of Living Light is expected to hold its annual Gathering on a California national forest this summer, most likely in northern California. The Gatherings, usually held at remote locations, have attracted 20,000 to 25,000 participants in the last several years. Because of the size of these Gatherings, they can strain the resources of local national forests and local communities and counties in which they occur. This is particularly true in rural communities and counties, whose resources are often limited.

In 1997 the Forest Service established a national incident management team (NIMT) to handle large group events such as the Rainbow Family Gathering, much as a large fire would be handled. This team brings with it a cadre of Incident Information Officers, which handle the day-to-day communication needs involving media, local communities and counties, VIP tours, etc. For that reason, this communication plan will focus on the communication actions needed for the pre-event phase -- prior to the arrival of the team (usually mid June), in preparing for the team's arrival, and on insuring communication roles are clearly defined between the NIMT and the Forest on which the event is occurring.

**Objectives**

- (1) Forest leadership teams, Law Enforcement (LE) Officers, and Forest and District contacts will be able to describe:
  - what to expect if the Gathering occurs on their Forest
  - how they will meet the communication needs prior to the event and the arrival of the IC NIMT, who their key audiences are, and how they will communicate those key contacts to the NIMT Incident Information Officer (IIO) operation.
  - What communication role(s) they expect to play when the NIMT is operating.
- (2) Local County officials, agency heads, and law enforcement agencies will:
  - Be able to describe, in general, the possible impacts a Rainbow Family Gathering can have on county and community services
  - Agree they are adequately informed prior to and during the Gathering, and were informed in a timely manner if the Gathering is taking place in their local area.
  - Will know who in the Forest Service to contact and where to obtain more information concerning the Gathering
- (3) Media will know appropriate information contacts prior to the IC Team's arrival.

**Target Audiences/key contacts**

County Supervisors, county agencies, local law enforcement of potentially affected counties  
Forest Leadership Teams  
Employees of potentially affected Forests  
Congressional representative staff in whose District the event may occur.  
State elected officials in whose District the event may occur  
Tribal Representatives of Tribes potentially affected by the event.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

*Forest Supervisors and District Rangers:* Increase awareness in local key contacts through informal contacts, provide information to Forest employees, identify communication objectives and key contacts for incoming IC Team.

*Forest Public Affairs Officer (PAO):* Coordinate pre event communications locally, inform RO/PAC of ongoing/emerging issues associated with Gathering, respond to local media during pre-event stage, assist IC IIO with local contacts during event, advise RO/PAC of emerging issues and VIP visits.

*Regional Office Public Affairs and Communication (PAC) staff:* Developing and coordinating communication strategy for pre-event phase and implementing some elements, respond to media in pre-event stage, assist NIMT IIO with media and Congressional contacts if needed during event,

*Regional Liaison:* Provide input on communication strategy, assist in pre-event external contacts if needed, participate in Forest briefings if needed, review and provide input to communication tools

*Regional Recreation Staff:* Review and provide input into communication tools.

*RFO-SAC:* Coordinate communications with state agencies, state-level organizations

*National Incident Management Team IIO:* Based on objectives set by the host Forest, establish and maintain internal and external communications with key contacts, including the Rainbow Family; coordinate with the host Forest PAO, advise the IC and the host Forest of emerging issues and concerns, handle VIP tours of the event and advise host Forest of upcoming or ongoing VIP visits.

### **Communication Strategy Overview**

Communications in the pre-event stage will focus on increasing awareness of internal and external audiences as to what to expect should the Gathering occur on their Forest or in their area. A combination of communication methods will be used to increase internal audience knowledge of what Forests need to consider in preparing for the Gathering, what issues to expect, how Incident Teams have managed past Gatherings, and what the communication needs are. Communications in Phase I will include all twelve national forests identified as possible locations and will be designed to better position them to communicate with local external audiences. As the Region receives better information as to where the location of the Gathering is likely to be (Phase II), communications will focus on those affected Forest(s).

Phase I external contacts will be more general communications aimed at raising awareness. These will include the key messages, stress the preliminary nature of the information, and that the final location of the Gathering will not be known until shortly before the event. At the local level they will be informal and done by Forest personnel. At the state level, LE will conduct more formal briefings for County law enforcement, state agencies, and Congressional staff. RFO-SAC will initiate communications to counties through a briefing at RCRC. Phase II communications will focus on the counties likely to be affected and will include a broader audience (e.g. county agency, organization heads). Law Enforcement Officers, either from the Regional level or local level, and Forests will be responsible for coordinating those communications until the NIMT arrives, then assist in the transition of communication responsibilities.

Phase III occurs once the NIMT arrives and the transition is complete. The NIMT will assume responsibility for communications with key audiences identified by the Forest and the Region, and for media response. The Forest and Region will assist as needed, and provide information to the

WO on any emerging issues. Special teams will be used during the Gathering to communicate fire prevention concerns and encourage compliance with the conditions of the special use permit.

### Specific Action Items

Action item	Who	When	comments
<b>PHASE I - 12 possible Forests affected</b>			
Develop and provide pre-event comm. Plan, key messages and talking points	RO-PAC	4/7/04	done
Conference call with potentially affected Forests	RO-PAC	4/14/04	Raise Forest awareness of impacts of Gathering, associated communication needs, role of NIMT that will manage the event.
Presentation at RCRC meeting	RO liaison (Tom Contreras)	4/15/04	Raise awareness of how FS is handling the event, what counties can expect. Advise counties to think ahead.
Forests make informal contacts to local elected officials, communicate information to forest employees	Forest Supervisor, PAO	4/18-29	Initial awareness raising contact - how Forest Service will handle event, etc.
State-level briefing for State and local law enforcement officers, state agency and organizations, Cong. Staff.	LE	4/22/04	Raise awareness of how FS is handling the event, what local law enforcement officers can expect
<b>PHASE II - Potentially affected Forests narrowed down</b>			
Forests identify key media contacts and community trapline contacts for use by IIO.	Forest PAO	mid May	
Forests identify and locate support facilities for IIO operation.	Forests	mid May	
Forests review Incident Communications plan and update as necessary	Forest PAO	mid May	Insure it includes a fatality plan and other possible crisis communication needs.
Conference call with potentially affected forests	RO-PAC	Late May	
Update County agencies and organizations likely to be affected.	Forest Sups, PAO, RO liaison.	Late May	
Update Forest Employees		Late May	
Employee briefing for use by frontliners (i.e. front desk operations, visitor contact people)	RO-PAC	Late May	
Forest/RO identify Fire Prevention Tech team resource	Forest	Late May	Team circulates in the Gathering, communicating safe fire use, and
Region identify Special Use Team	Réc Staff	Late May	Team circulates in the Gathering and focuses on SUP compliance
<b>PHASE III - Event location determined</b>			
PAO, team IIO meet, agree on communication strategy, responsibilities	IIO, Forest PAO	Mid June	At or just after transition meeting with Forest and NIMT.
NIMT assumes communication responsibilities, Forest, RO provide support	IC team, IIO	mid June to event end	

### Key Messages and Talking Points

We are concerned about potential resource damage, public health and safety implications, and effects on local communities from such a large unstructured event and will work continually with Gathering participants to prevent or mitigate as much as possible those impacts. The Agency is bringing in a special team experienced managing large group events to handle the event and will work closely with local organizations and government agencies.

While the Rainbow Family has the constitutional right to gather on public land, like any other large group they are required to have a special use permit for their Gathering. This permit helps the Forest Service manage the event by setting conditions for it. The permit does not relieve Gathering participants of their responsibility to abide by laws and regulations that anyone using public land must adhere to. The Forest Service does not want to infringe on the group's right to assemble, but does want to ensure that large groups do not damage the natural resources they have come to enjoy.

The permit requirement fully complies with First Amendment requirements for freedom of speech, assembly, and religion. When challenged, the courts have repeatedly found that large group Gatherings such as the Rainbow Family National Gathering are group uses and that the group is required to comply with the permitting regulations.

### Other Talking Points

The Rainbow Family has held national and regional Gatherings on National Forest since 1972. Members of the Rainbow Family describe themselves as a loosely structured group of people who gather on national forests to pray for peace, honor Mother Earth and discuss political and environmental issues. In earlier years Gatherings ranged from 2,000 to 6,000 people in size. Over the last several years the Gatherings have swelled to 15,000 to 25,000 people.

The Rainbow Family does not make a final decision for the location of the Gathering until just before it is to occur. The event, however, is a short term one. People begin arriving at the Gathering site in mid-June. Numbers usually peak over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, and drop rapidly after that. A few Gathering members may stay until the end of July for clean-up purposes.

The Gathering creates a small "instant city", but has none of the basic, necessary city services to support it, such as sewage treatment, garbage disposal, public health and safety delivery systems. This is a major concern to the Forest Service, local governments in whose area the event occurs, and to local residents.

The great majority of the Rainbow Family Gathering participants are peaceful, non-violent people. However, when this many people come together, the size and diversity of the group means federal, state, and local agencies face some significant issues. In the past these have included:

*Resource impacts* – If not managed properly, the large Gathering can cause soil erosion, riparian area effects, archeological site damage, wildlife habitat damage, etc.

*Traffic and parking* – 5,000 to 7,000 vehicles traveling on rural roads and highways and seeking parking.

*Sanitation* – The human waste is disposed of on site using relatively primitive techniques. Since Gatherings involve thousands of people, this creates health and safety concerns.

*Public Services* – Past Gatherings have impacted hospitals, child protective services, community food banks, charities, emergency services, and other local services.

*Law Enforcement* – juvenile runaways, felons with open warrants, trespassing in rural towns and areas, shoplifting, controlled substances violations, etc. create additional work for local police departments.

The Forest Service requires a non-commercial large group use permit for the event as a way to better manage it and prevent or reduce as much as possible the damage to natural resources. These permits are required of any group of 75 or more people that want to use national forest land for an event and set conditions for that event. In 2003, the Forest Service issued 381 non-commercial large group permits.

# In Brief

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## Rainbow Family Gathering

### Background

Since 1972, the Rainbow Family of Living Light has held national and regional Gatherings on National Forest System lands throughout the United States. Members of the Rainbow Family describe themselves as a loosely structured group of people who gather on national forests to pray for peace, honor Mother Earth and discuss political and environmental issues.

In the last several years, national Gatherings have attracted approximately 20,000 to 25,000 participants. Gatherings have always been held in a rural county that typically has few resources from which to draw. Some of the recurring issues that face local, state and federal agencies during the National Rainbow Gathering are:

- *Traffic and parking* – 5,000 to 7,000 vehicles traveling on rural roads and highways and seeking parking.
- *Sanitation* – The human waste is disposed of on site using relatively primitive techniques. Since Gatherings involve thousands of people, this creates health and safety concerns.
- *Public Services* – Past Gatherings have impacted hospitals, child protective services, community food banks, charities, emergency services, and other local services.
- *Law Enforcement* – The Gathering can create an additional workload for local law enforcement. Past problems have included juvenile runaways, felons with open warrants, trespassing in rural towns and areas, shoplifting, and controlled substances violations.
- *Resource impacts* – If not managed properly, the large Gathering can cause soil erosion, riparian area effects, archeological site damage, wildlife habitat damage, etc.

At last year's Gathering the Rainbow Family voted to have the 2004 National Gathering on National Forest System lands in the Great Basin area. Information indicates that this national Gathering may be held in the states of California or Nevada, most likely in northern California. The Rainbow Family does not determine the actual Gathering site location until just before its actual occurrence. This year the Region expects Rainbow Family members to start arriving in mid June, with numbers peaking around July 4, then dropping rapidly as the event winds down.

### Forest Service Actions



To better manage impacts, the Forest Service requires noncommercial groups of 75 or more to have permit to hold events on national forest land. The permit sets the conditions of use. The courts have consistently upheld the requirement for a permit and the need for groups to comply with it. The Agency has also established a National Incident Management Team (NIMT) to manage such large group events. The NIMT has managed the National Rainbow Family Gatherings from 1998 through 2003, and will manage the 2004 Gathering, using a Unified Command System that brings together all agencies affected by the incident.

**Pacific Southwest Region (R5)**  
**Rainbow Checklist**  
**May 26, 2004**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
1. Select a Resource Advisor (RA) prior to event; involved from beginning; key person to protect resources.	Forest
2. Identify Forest Staff that will deal with event and develop Forest contact list. Email to Donna Grosz by <b>May 01, 2004</b>	Forest - Completed
3. Provide resource information (information sheets) upfront to Rainbows (location of kitchens, kitchens 300ft from water; dogs on leach; where to location of camps, etc)	Forest
4. Initial response to Rainbows selecting and landing at location; need to set up perimeters; and flagging, etc.	Forest/Resource Advisor
5. Flag off private lands within location, if necessary.	Forest/Resource Advisor
6. Flag off environmentally sensitive areas	Forest/Resource Advisor
7. Develop Rehab Plan for site	Forest/Resource Advisor
8. Write letter to Rainbows upon completion of clean up and rehab of site	Forest/Resource Advisor/
9. Develop Community Contact list (hospitals; health and safety agencies; Red Cross, food banks, etc)	Forest
10. Keep local communities informed	Forest/PAO's
11. Build community relationship	Forest/PAO's

# Rainbow Checklist

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<u>Items</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
12. Make local contact – NOW County (Cty) Sheriff's; Cty Supervisor's Cty Administrators and Social Services Need to start pre-plan for Rainbow event	Forest/PAO
13. Develop Cty contact list (name and phone numbers) by <b>June 7, 2004</b>	Forest/PAO
14. Email County contact list to Dave Reider by <b>June 7, 2004</b>	Forest/PAO
15. Share Rainbow briefing with Forest 'key contacts'. Briefing attached to Regional Communication Plan.	Forest/PAO
16. IC Team will contact Mary Kraft and develop Cty numbers resulting from R4 event	  b2 b6 b7c
17. Write up or 'dust off' Forest Communication Plan including Fatality Plan; Crises Plan; Evacuation Plan; Fire Plan; etc	Forest/PAO
18. Combine Regional and Forest contact list by <b>May 01, 2004</b>	Tom Contreras/Donna Grosz <b>Completed</b>
19. Contact County to verify if a group use permit or large gathering permit is necessary for the Rainbow gathering along with sanitation regulations.	Forest



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National Incident Management Team

# Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest DAILY UPDATE



U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

Sunday, July 4, 2004

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## Current Situation:

As of yesterday at noon, approximately **15,992** people are now on site for the Annual Rainbow Family of Living Light Gathering's main celebration. Today is the climax of the Gathering, when participants gather in one place to pray for world peace and mother Earth.

Attendance numbers are low based upon their dependence on once a day vehicle counts, and many of the participants are arriving through an borate shuttle system.

License plates reflect visitors from 40 states. Participants from 8 countries are also at the site.

Visitors to the South Warner Mountain area should become familiar with the temporary Forest Orders that apply to the area. They are posted on information boards at the gathering site, the communities of Likely and Alturas, and are on the Forest's Internet site at the address below.

## SAFETY

Increased traffic on roads to the site is creating lots of congestion and travelers are urged to be very careful driving in and around the site, especially on the gravel road. The road to the Gathering is winding, and at certain times of the day the sun and dust can be blinding. Many vehicles are overheating. **Typically, most people leave the site on the 5<sup>th</sup> and travelers are urged to use extreme caution.**

Modoc County Health officials recommend that all drinking water from the site be boiled a minimum of 20 minutes regardless of the source or prior treatment.

## COURT DATE

The next U.S. Magistrates Court will be held on July 13, 2004 in Redding California.

## Background:

Each year for over 30 years, the Rainbow Family of Living Light has held an event on public lands they call the Gathering. The Gathering was held on the Modoc NF at Camp One in the South Warner Mountains, in 1984.

The Gathering is a very loosely structured event that attracts anywhere from 8,000 to 20,000 people. Gatherings are held in rural areas, usually some distance from the nearest town.

The Gathering is located on the Warner Mountain Ranger District just below the South Warner Wilderness. A National Incident Management Team is assisting the Forest with this event.

Information can be found on the Modoc National Forest's web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc). Information can also be obtained by calling 530-233-2141.

**National Incident Management Team  
Communications Plan  
Rainbow Family Gathering  
Modoc National Forest**

**Objective:**

To provide timely, accurate information to all interested segments of the public, including Forest Service employees, and to provide other support for the National Incident Management Team as requested.

**The Information Section will:**

Fully participate as part of the National Incident Management Team.

- Attend daily briefings

Interact with the media in providing appropriate information, as well as coordinating interviews with appropriate parties when needed.

- Coordinate with the Forest PAO and District Ranger to manage media contacts.
- Lead IO will be the main contact for the media; arranging for interviews, providing information for news articles, etc..
- Search web and print news articles on the Gathering.

Develop press releases in an effort to get our story out to the public.

- Information in the releases will be coordinated with appropriate Forest personnel. (reviewed by IC and Forest Supervisor or District Ranger)

Develop two Daily Updates for distribution (Internal Update for limited distribution and External Update for wide distribution)

- Approved for release by IC
- Reviewed by Forest Supervisor or District Ranger if FS not available
- Faxed or sent by email daily to all interested parties
- Distributed on trapline run

Coordinate incident law enforcement statistics with Operations Chief and provide the information to appropriate individuals and organizations.

Maintain mailing lists for distribution of information.

- Forest will provide a contact list of congressionals, Governor Office, cooperators, local officials, and media who need to be kept informed on the progress of the event.

Run a trapline to distribute information to individuals, business organizations and other Forest Service offices to keep local public in the vicinity of the site notified.

Maintain bulletin boards at key areas.

# **Modoc National Forest Incident Information Plan 2004**

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**Modoc National Forest  
Information Plan  
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## **Modoc National Forest /Incident Information Plan**

Introduction: The mission of the incident information program is to provide accurate, pertinent, and timely information regarding the emergency to concerned parties, the media, and local communities and to generate a greater sense of good will between the Forest and these communities. During crises, effective communication becomes especially important.

### **Modoc National Forest /Incident Information Priorities**

#### **1) Information Officer Safety:**

All information officers will be appropriately red carded for their assignment level. LCES guidelines will be reviewed along with the 10 standard firefighting orders and 18 watch out situations at regular briefings for IO's. Safety topics will include: safe driving, radio communication needs, ways to mitigate media pressure to get the most flame; checking out and in when a field information officer; emphasizing the safety message from the Incident Action Plan, watching weather and fire behavior when in the field, ppe for IO's and media, etc.

#### **2) Media Safety:**

All efforts will be taken to provide for media safety however it is recognized that media do not necessarily care to be "managed". IO's will provide access to the supply unit and encourage media to check out nomex when possible. Escorts will be provided when available. IO's will locate observation points for media to safely observe firefighters and flames. IO's will notify appropriate Division Supervisors when escorting media to the line. IO's will explain dangerous situations to media. When possible, media safety training will be put on throughout the year for local media in coordination with the forest training officer.

#### **3) Community Relations:**

One of the forest's primary priorities is to improve and maintain relationships with local communities during and after the incident. It is important that key contacts have accurate and timely information that they require to do their jobs. Recognize that more information is better than too little. Go the extra step to assist key contacts and groups in gathering information. Forest representatives (i.e. Forest Supervisor, District Ranger, Public Affairs Officer, Public Affairs Assistant, key District employees, etc.) will be highly visible and involved with local communities during incidents.

**4) Local Media:**

Local media is a trusted source of information in the community but do not have the numbers of reporters that major networks or newspapers do. They often cannot provide the personnel to gather the news, thus may need assistance in getting regular updates, digital photos, or access. These needs should be priority for the information team. Having a local employee do interviews with local media is preferable to those information officers from other locals. Initial and update calls to local media will be a priority for the information team.

**5) Information Accuracy:**

All information must be timely and approved by the lead IO or IC. In the early stages of a fire, this is most difficult. All information centers must be updated regularly and all have the same information. Information should be appropriate to the audience and limit the use of jargon.

**6) Employees Updates:**

It is important that the local forest employees be kept informed of the incident, suppression strategies, and impacts to communities. This can be often overlooked in the heat of information duties. This is a priority in addition to keeping the fire fighters up to date on suppression progress.

**7) In the Event of a Fatality/Arrest/Emergency Communications Processes:**

Consult the guidelines set up and provided in the Agency Administrator's Guide to Critical Incident Management (PSM 926/NFES 1356 a publication of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group) and the California Interagency Mobilization Guide). Communications regarding a fatality should be coordinated with the Forest PAO for specific procedures and division of the duties associated with the on-going incident and the fatality. Be sure that all IO personnel are familiar with the National Forest Service information notification processes. See later section on emergency communication processes with WO/RO. With arrests, be sure to contact LEO and legal system entity prior to referring media to their phone numbers to assure that they are willing to take calls.

**8) Training Assessment Needs:**

Lead Information Officer should discuss their skill levels and training needs with all IO before assigning them to specific duties. All trainees should identify their trainee status as they arrive on an incident.

**9) Multi-Agency Emphasis:**

It is important that all information officers share information about the multi-agency approach to incident management. This will be an important aspect of IO operations on the MDF.

## **Delegation of Authority**

As designated under FSM5132.03 a letter of delegation outlining authority and responsibility shall be issued to Incident Commanders of national and local incident management teams. In addition to the letter, a copy of the MDF Incident Information Plan will be provided to the Team IO during the transition briefing. Forest PAO or acting will brief the Team IO on expectations, roles, and coordination responsibilities. This documents the roles for both the Forest PAO and the Team IO and identifies who has the lead for which responsibilities.

Information sharing and teamwork is critical between the Forest PAO and the IO. Generally, the team will work for the Incident Commander, however in critical situations, the information team may work for the Forest Supervisor/Forest PAO. The following will normally be retained by the Forest:

- Coordination with Elected Officials
- Webpage Information
- Tribal Consultation

## **Incident Information Roles**

### **Team IO/Forest PAO**

On a major incident, the Team's IO and Forest PAO will work hand in hand to cover the information and community relations' needs of the incident. On all incidents, when a team is called in, the Forest PAO or rep will share basic Forest information with the Team IO in terms of information objectives, key resources issues, local community issues, community assistance opportunities, and local media contracts.

Depending on the complexity of the incident, the Forest PAO and lead IO will work together regularly to develop/refine key contact lists, key messages, overall information strategy, information needs on key issues, release of key information, and other information/community relations needs.

Forest PAO will continue to work for Forest Supervisor while acting as liaison with team IO.

Forest PAO and teams IO will evaluate incident information operations at the end of an incident and the Forest will prepare an evaluation letter for the team.

Team IO will provide the Forest PAO with a copy of 209's, shift plans, summaries, and maps, on a daily basis. At the end of the incident, a packet will be provided with a set of all information and media logs as well as other pertinent data.

### IO/PAO Coordination Checklist

- Local Media
- Documentation
- Community Relations
- Press Releases
- Web page
- Key Contacts
- Key Briefing
- WO/RO
- Key Situation
- Areas where coordination is critical
- Death, evacuation and accidents with RO

#### **Line Officers:**

The Line Officers (District Rangers, Forest Supervisor) will be very visible during major incidents within the local communities. This could include Boards of Supervisors meetings, community meetings, one-on-one with community leaders, media interviews with local media, etc. Forest PAO will work closely with line officer to insure that all key contacts are identified and receive updates.

#### **Local MDF employees:**

Local MDF employees will be used in community relations' efforts if possible to strengthen ties with the community and provide a sense of consistency after the incident is over. Local IO's will be used if possible to do local media briefings.

### **Direction for FY 2004 Key Messages**

- Implementation of the National Fire Plan. Highlight those areas where fuels were treated with NFP funding affected the current incident.
- The Forest will take no position on the legislation being introduced regarding roadless and wilderness - that is up to the Department of Agriculture. All IO's should be careful not to make any off-hand comments that indicate personal or other opinions regarding this topic.
- Being sure to give credit to local fire departments and the importance of interagency cooperation.
- Tie in with Air Quality agencies on any key messages.
- If appropriate, a key message can be to stress the importance of doing the fuel reduction work around homes and communities.
- The importance of campfire safety and other incident safety messages.
- Thanking the firefighters or incident personnell and the community after the incident for their support and efforts.
- Emphasize the rehabilitation process as the incident winds down.
- Talk about the use of Air Tankers and their affect on the current incident.

### **Key Messages for FY 2004**

- Firefighter and public safety is always our first concern.
- Describe how the public can help:
  - By reducing the fuel loads on their property
  - What to do if see suspicious behavior in the area prior to the fire

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## Initial Information Dispatch

Dispatch will contact Public Affairs when media/community calls begin. Public Affairs is in charge of incident information duties until relieved by the team IO, is incorporated into the team, finds a relief IO, or the incident ends. They will handle initial attack.

IO will contact the forest PAO to provide incident information and to discuss any major concerns or staffing needs. IO's to be contacted are:

### All Incidents

**Nancy Gardner, Public Affairs Officer**  
Type 1 Fire Information Officer  
Home [REDACTED]  
Work 530-233-8713  
Cell [REDACTED]

### Call as needed

**Stephen R. Riley Type 3 (T)**  
Home [REDACTED]  
Work 530-233-5811

**Louis Haynes, Public Affairs Specialist**  
Type 2 (T) Fire Information Officer  
Home [REDACTED]  
Work 530-233-8846  
Cell [REDACTED]

### Call as needed

**Terry Reedy Type 3 (T)**  
Home [REDACTED]  
Work (530) 233-8822  
Cell None

### Call as needed

**Susan Leonard Type 3 (T)**  
Home [REDACTED]  
Work 530-299-8446  
Cell 530-640-0396

### Call as needed

**Aaron J Schmidt Type 3 (T)**  
Home: [REDACTED]  
Work: 530-299-8445  
ICS QUALS: ICT4, CRWB, DOZB, HECM, ENGB(t), HCWN(t), IOF3(t)

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## 2004 List of MDF Incident Information Officers

### Type I Information Officers

Nancy Gardner

wk (530) 233-8713 Cell [REDACTED]

Brian Harris (Klamath National Forest)

wk (530) 841-4485 Cell [REDACTED]

### Type I – Reno

Steve Frady – City of Reno/Reno Fire Dept

wk(775)326-6309 Cell [REDACTED]

### Type I Trainees

Lona Rodreick- Lassen National Forest

wk 530-252-6605 Cell [REDACTED]

hm [REDACTED]

### Type II Trainees

Louis Haynes (Line Qualified 2004)

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hm [REDACTED]

### Type III Trainees

Terry Reedy (Line qualified 2004)

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Susan Leonard

wk (530) 299-8446 hm [REDACTED]

Aaron Schmidt (Line qualified)

wk (530) 299-8445 hm [REDACTED]

Stephen Riley (Line qualified 2004)

wk (530) 233-5811 hm [REDACTED]

### Type III Trainees Off Forest

Wendy Yun – RO

wk (707) 562-8928 hm [REDACTED]

Denise Aaron – RO

wk (707) 562-9008 hm [REDACTED]

Martha Ayalla – RF's Office in Sacramento

cell(916) 837-4831 hm [REDACTED]

**Others that are interested in helping out on Forest incidents**

## Emergency Communication with WO & RO

Major incidents or fires that develop into major stories/catastrophes including evacuations, burning homes, major vehicle or air craft accidents should be brought to the attention of the following:

Washington Office Fire Desk

Phone: (202) 205- 1450

Fax: (202) 690-5774

Matt Mathes, Regional Press Officer

Phone: (707) 562-900



Fax: (707) 562-9053

Email Address: mmathes@fs.fed.us

**All National Media interviews (Today Show, CNN Live, NSC Nightly News, etc) must be cleared with the WO PAO, Joe Walsh. Contact directly or through Matt Mathes, RO PAO Press Officer. Wildland fire documentaries should also have similar level of coordination**

Joe Walsh, National Press Officer

Phone: (202) 205-1294

National Media Desk (202) 205-1089

Under Secretary of Agriculture (only for very high profile incidents)

Office of Communications

(202) 720-6767

### **Emergency Information Operations**

Contact Forest Supervisor, District Ranger, and Forest PAO with information.  
Follow notification plan to RO/WO

Determine if IO team and lead IO can handle additional duties. If not, establish additional team and team leader to handle information needs. As a part of the teams duties:

- Assign IO/PAO to hospital/ morgue (if needed) to shield employees or families from media and to gather information.
- Assign IO/PAO to investigation team to gather information and to deal with media that might show up.
- Assign IO/PAO to share info with RO/WO, other agencies, etc.

Ensure a central point of contact for all information releases. Ensure total coordination with any involved agencies. Ensure that information dissemination roles are clearly understood among all agencies. (If this involves a CDF employee, inmate or ward, the State may take over all info functions.)

Develop statement in writing- get approval from IC or Forest Supervisor. Be absolutely accurate.

Share information with a RO, WO, Fire Desk, WO PAO, and Forest Supervisor/ Ranger. Be sure that everyone on the emergency team has the most recent public updates.

Share as much information as possible immediately (Rapid Release with Minimum Delay). If information is not shared, media will go elsewhere and will perhaps get incorrect information.

- Confirm information/dispel rumors
- Get information on wire service (use media alert form if needed)
- Coordinate with other agencies.
- Share info with key contacts.

**In case of fatalities:**

- Before releasing any names, need approval from the people to be sure that this information is correct.
- For Media Contact the Sheriff's Office County Sheriff.
- Appoint FSL Liaison person for each family to coordinate benefits and other personal actions. The Information Office should have the names of who the liaisons are and with which families they are working.
- IO/FO's work to shield family and injured employees from media.

**Initial Information Duties Check List**

1. Begin gathering information to share with media:
  - Monitor radio, contact dispatch, FMO, IC to get initial information.
  - Maps of area/incident
  - 209/ blank forms
  - Determine if evacuations are imminent/expected.
2. Order additional IO's.
3. Establish initial phone number for media to call- preferably one with two phones in case calls get numerous. The team can use the Forest Supervisor's Office front desk initially.
4. Share incident info phone number with SO/District/Dispatch.
  - Contact the affected District Ranger about the incident. Share information with them. If they are getting information calls, be sure there is someone who can answer them and that information is consistent between the team and the affected district office and forest. Discuss where media can go to see the incident and if media is present. For a major incident, chances are that multiple offices will have to handle information calls until the main information center is up and running.
5. Initiate phone log- in addition to the name of the media; try to record the name of the person calling and their phone number.
6. Refine community contact lists- Begin making calls. As community members call in for information – keep track of their phone numbers so that we could call them back if necessary.
  - Begin calling appropriate Board of Supervisors, OES contacts, city/town contacts, air quality control boards and tribal governments.
7. Contact local media to be sure they know of the incident.
8. If necessary, send someone to gather information from the incident and to see if media are present. Find some view locations if possible.

9. Any equipment for the media will be signed out from the cache operated by the team. For incidents in California please refer to page 45 for media access guidelines.

10. Make regular update calls to local media depending on their requirements (ie. Herald and News wants calls at 6:00am and then at 12:00 noon and at 5:00pm). Provide MDF Websites address – <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc/>.

11. Brief team IO on the incident to date and information activities.

### **Extended Incident Information Operations Checklist**

**Information Center-** Consider the following depending on the size and location of the incident and the cost of each item.

- Have a bank of phones installed. Share phone numbers with all FS offices and media. Keep one line for outgoing calls.
- Once information center is activated, shut down other information centers and notify the media through the wire service and the world wide web of new information numbers.
- Continue with phone log and list of community contact numbers.
- Order Information Officers. Determine the need for information photographer/ videographer.
- Order fax machine, fax daily info to media/ key contacts.
- Request large maps of the incident.
- Update 209 with large format/ Mylar overlay
- Post vicinity map
- Program scanner to receive incident frequencies.
- Attend briefings
- Order camp newspapers
- Type daily update and send to employee/ community
- Erect and maintain camp bulletin boards
- Look for possible extended stories
  - Rehab- a priority
  - Cause of the incident
  - Impacts of the incident on the public; recreation, road closure, community,
  - Incident Camp- setting up mini city- amount of food served. etc
  - GPS mapping story
  - Key firefighters- local and distant
  - Cultural sites on the incident
  - Important resources sites on the incident: cultural, plants, habitat
  - Aircraft/ Air Tankers
  - ICS system/team system
  - National Fire Plan- fuels reduction projects.

### Field Information Operations

- Order cell phones. Give all IO's list of numbers.
- Make field IO assignments.
- Locate view points/ Station IO's at hot spots
- Insure that all line IO's are red carded.
- Assist media in acquiring nomex through the cache.
- Update the information center with new information as rapidly as possible.
- Coordinate with community relations team to hold show- me trips for key contacts/legislators/key groups.

### Community Relations

- Coordination with Line Officer, Team IO, and Forest PAO.
- Develop key contact/ organization list for regular updates. Update those on the list 1-2 times a day with new information. Share information by phone, personal contact, or fax.
- Establish and maintain community bulletin boards.
- Listen for and dispel rumors
- Listen for stress points, rumors, hot spots that require the DR's/FS's/PAO's attention.
- Monitor media reports.
- Place ads in the newspaper to thank the local communities for their support.
- Work with Sheriff's office on any potential evacuation.
- Hold public meetings.
- Obtain crisis/stress professionals for employees, families, and community members if needed.
- In small communities, schools are major conduits of information. If incidents are occurring when school is in session, consider giving presentations to students or teachers.
- Keep list of community assistance and develop thank you letters from IC, Forest Supervisor, or District Ranger

**Modoc National Forest  
Key Contact List**

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Public Affairs Officer: Nancy Gardner	233-8713	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Big Valley DR: Laurence Crabtree	299-8410	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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**For Incident Information**  
Modoc National Forest  
Tribal Relations Contact List  
Current as of 5/2004

**Note: When contacting tribes with general incident information, coordinate you efforts with the receptionist who answers the telephone. The receptionist can guide you appropriately; this may be through fax or telephone communication with another individual. If there are threats to reservation lands, known sacred sites or resources, remember to coordinate your communication efforts with the Forest Tribal Relations Program Manager beforehand if possible.**

Alturas Rancheria  
P.O. Box 340  
Alturas, CA 96101  
(530) 233-5571  
FAX 233-4165

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Cedarville Rancheria  
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Brian Dahle District 4 (Big Valley Ranger District)  
Jack Hanson District 5 Chairman (Warner Mountain Ranger District/ Blue Lake Area)



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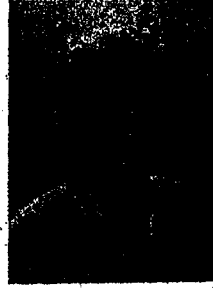
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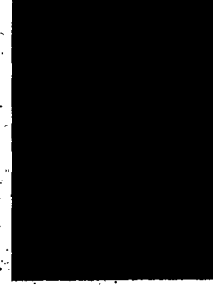
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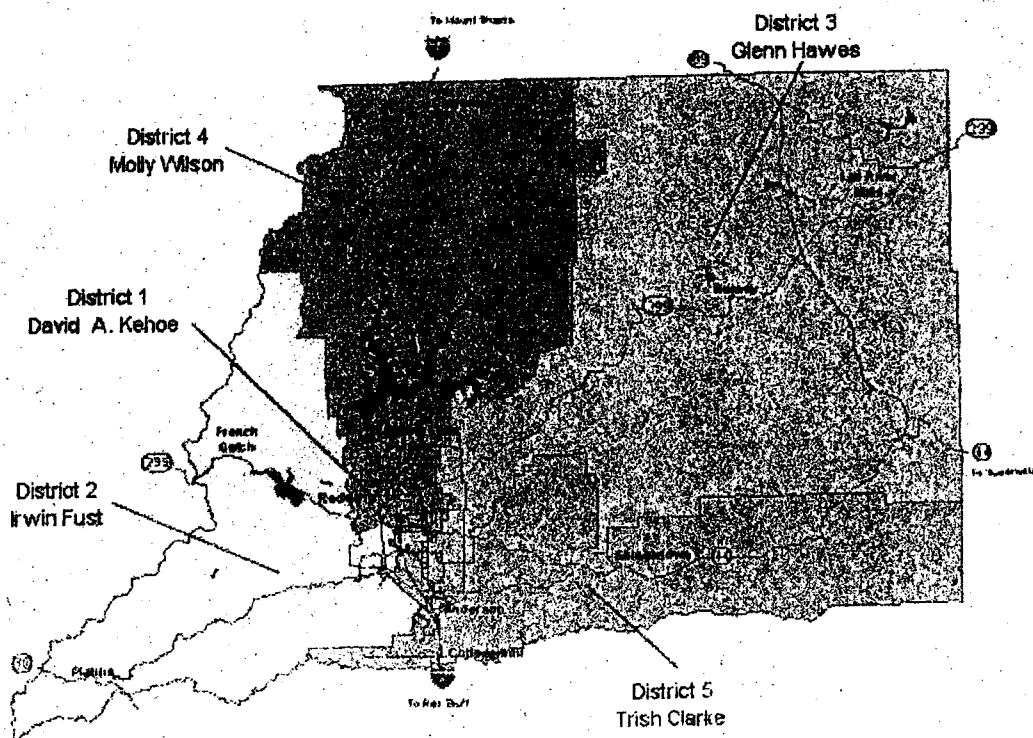
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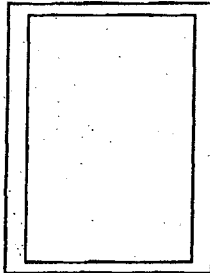


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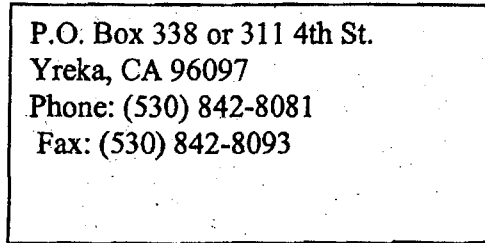
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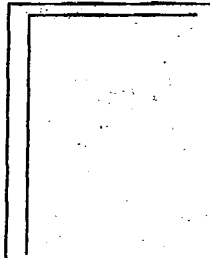
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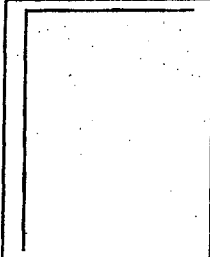
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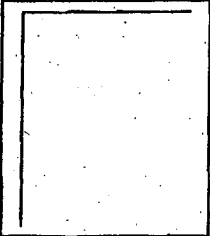
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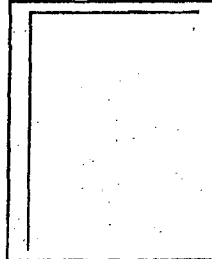
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Alturas, California 96101  
Phone: 233-2632  
Web Page: [WWW.Modocrecord.com](http://WWW.Modocrecord.com)  
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KALT FM 106.5

Alturas, CA 96101  
Phone: 530-233-4842

KCNO FM 94.5/ KCFJ AM 570 Radio

P.O. Box 570  
Alturas, CA 96101  
Phone: 233-3570  
Web Page: None  
FAX: 530-233-5470  
Email: None

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Phone: (530) 335-5422  
Web Page: [www.kibcfm.org](http://www.kibcfm.org)  
FAX: None  
Email: [kibcfm@norcalis.net](mailto:kibcfm@norcalis.net)

### Klamath Falls

Klamath Herald and News (Daily)-

Phone: (541) 885-4410  
Web Page: <http://www.heraldandnews.com>  
FAX: (541) 883-4007  
Email: [heraldandnews@heraldandnews.com](mailto:heraldandnews@heraldandnews.com)

### Cedarville

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TRAVELER

397 Main Street  
Cedarville, CA 96104  
Phone: (530) 279-2697  
Web Page: None  
FAX: (530) 279-6300  
Email: None

**Adin and Fall River Mills**

Mountain Echo (Weekly Newspaper)

P.O. Box 224

Fall River Mills, CA 96028

Phone: 530-336-6262

Web Page: <http://www.mountainecho.com>

FAX:

Email: [mtecho@shasta.com](mailto:mtecho@shasta.com)

**Modoc National Forest  
Key Contact List****Air Quality**

National Climate Center – Reno Nevada 775-674-7010

Northeast Plateau Air Quality 916-445-0747

Modoc County Air Quality 530-233-6401

Siskiyou County Air Quality 530-841-4029

**Local Fire Departments**

Alturas City Fire Department 530-233-4500 or 911

Alturas Rural Fire Department 911

Canby Volunteer Fire Department 911

Cedarville Volunteer Fire Department 530-279-2311

Eagleview Volunteer Fire Department 530-279-2400

Lake City Volunteer Fire Department 530-279-6213

Malin Volunteer Fire Department 541-723-3456

Tulelake Volunteer Fire Department 530-842-3515, Fire Chief- 530-667-2997

**Modoc County/City of Alturas If After Hours Call Sheriffs Department**

Modoc County OES – Nancy Ballard – 233-4416 24 hr (fax) 233-4971

Modoc County Risk Management – Lynn Buffington – 233-6432

City of Alturas – 233-2512

Alturas Disposal Service- 233-2373

Modoc Co Roads Dept – 233-6403

County Administrative Officer- 233-6436 (Mike Maxwell)

Modoc County Air Pollution – 233-6401

Modoc County Animal Control – 233-2377 (City) 233-6401 (Predator Control)

Modoc County Health Department- 233-6311 (Kelly Crosby)

Modoc County Environmental Health- 233-6310 (Greg Farnam)

Modoc County Sheriff Dispatch- 233-4416

Lassen County Sheriff- 530-257-6121

Siskiyou County Sheriff- 530-841-2900

Forest Service LEO [REDACTED] (9E1) H- [REDACTED]  
C- [REDACTED]  
W- 530-667-8660

**Utilities**

Surprise Valley Electric – 1-866-843-2667 or 233-3511  
Jim Haynes (engineer) Cell-530-640-2668

Pacific Power and Light – 1-877-548-3768 or 1-888-221-7070  
In Klamath Falls- 541-883-7882

PG&E Natural Gas Pipeline-1-800-743-5000 or 800-874-4043

Bonneville Power Administration  
Hill Top Sub-station (BPA)- 530-233-2056 or 1-800-282-3713  
24-hour Relay-877-836-6632  
Dennis Chabot, Operations Supervisor- 541-723-2110  
If reporting a fire, give legal location and description of fire.

Western Area Power 24-hr- 916-353-2201

Citizens Utilities- Business-800-921-8102, Repair- 800-921-8104

Burney Pipeline Comp. 530-335-5643 (Gordan Hendrex), 530-335-5622 (Pat Harrigan)

Brentwood- 800-811-4111 24-hr

Natural Gas Pipeline Emergency 24-hr-800-757-1607

**Contact for any 500KV power line**

PGE Stan McCordy Cell-530-524-2015, Pager 530-897-8044  
Eric Barron (Supervisor) 916-532-4070  
Doug Winger- 916-923-7113

**Upper Pit River Watershed Alliance**

James Rickert, Coordinator  
530-336-7007 /rickertjames@yahoo.com

## **State Agencies**

### **California Department of Forestry-**

Alturas- 233-2723

Bieber- 294-5251

Burney- (Johnson Park) 335-2203

Devil's Garden Conservation Camp- 233-3634

Likely Mountain Lookout- 233-3436

### **California Highway Patrol-**

Alturas Office- 530-233-2919

Burney Office- 530-335-4581

Public Information- 530-257-9605

**California Department of Fish and Game-** 233-3581 (Wildlife Management)  
233-3718 (Wildlife Protection)

### **Other Recreation Providers**

### **Timber Industry**

Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) – 337-6776

## **HOSPITALS**

Updated 1-04

Hospital name	Non Emergency number	Emergency numbers
Modoc Med Ctr. Alturas	530-233-5131	Tx. 154.515 Rx. 468.125
Mayer Memorial – Fall River		530-336-5511 Med 1, 5, 8
Surprise Valley - Cedarville	530-279-6111	Tx. 158.835 Rx 153.920
Lake District Hosp. Lakeview	541-947-2114	42 10.9 X 120 21.1
Mercy Med. Hosp. Mt. Shasta	530-926-6111	41 19.10 X 122 19.22

## AIR AMBULANCES

<b>AIR AMBULANCES</b>		
Rotational Helicopter Dispatch Redding, Ca.	530-225-7250	Rotates between Redding Medical Center & Mercy Air
Mercy Air Ambulance Redding, Ca.	530-225-6295 800-232-3132	Helicopter & Fixed Wing
Care Flight Reno, Nv.	800-648-4888 Business 775-858-5700	Helicopter
MedicAir Reno, Nv.	800-234-3822	Fixed Wing
American Med Flights Reno, Nv.	775-856-2003	Fixed Wing
Mountain Life Flight Susanville, Ca.	530-257-2444 Heli Cell 530-251-7435 Heli Cell 2 530-252- 1024	Helicopter & Fixed Wing
Mercy Flights Medford, Or.	541-779-4211 Business 541-779-1019	Helicopter & Fixed Wing
Life Net Ca. Sacramento	800-432-9944	Fixed Wing

## Ground Ambulances

Ambulance		Phone Number
<b>Alturas,</b>	Modoc Medical Center	530-233-5131
<b>Cedarville,</b>	Surprise Valley	530-279-6111
<b>Fall River,</b>	Mayers Memorial Hosp	530-336-5151
<b>Klamath Basin Ambulance,</b>	Tulelake area	541-884-2152
<b>Lassen Co. 911 #</b>		530-257-6121
<b>Siskiyou Co. 911 #</b>		530-842-3515

## Trauma Centers

Name	Phone Number	LAT / LONG
Redding Medical Center	530-244-5400	40 35.00 X 123 23.30 Med 10
Mercy Medical Center, Redding	530-225-6000 800-232-3132	40 34.0 X 122 24. 0 Med 3, 4, 10
Merle West Med Ctr. K-Falls	541-882-6311	42 16.0 X 121 18.0 155.34
Washoe Medical Ctr. Reno	775-328-4100	39 31.46 X 119 47.78 Med 4, 5
Davis Burn Ctr. Sacramento	916-734-3636	38 33.20 X 121 27.28 Blue Air 155.340

Road Conditions - CA

800-427-7623

<b>TOWING/WRECKING</b>		
AAA Towing Service	24-hr. 1-800-222-4357	
<b>Alturas</b>		
Vacant		
Carstens Motors	233-3531	
Pioneer Auto Body	233-4492	
<b>Canby</b>		
Sherer's Chevron	233-6776	
Gary Scherer Tow Truck	541-892-1652	
<b>Likely</b>		
Sphar Trucking	233-5194	
<b>Cedarville</b>		
Vacant		
<b>Lookout</b>		
Tucker's Lookout Garage	294-5617	
<b>Tulelake</b>		
Ace Towing-Klamath	(800) 882-9388	
<b>Dorris</b>		
Dorris Towing-Dorris CA	(530)397-2701	



## PHONE NUMBERS BIG VALLEY R.D.

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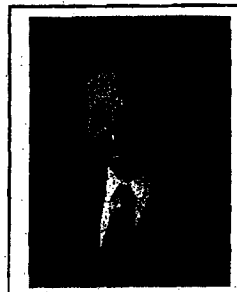
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District Office		530-299-3215	FAX 530-299-3210 Fire fax 299-3313	
Bautista, Jesse	FUEL	530-299-8437		530-640-1725
Breakfield, Jean	BMA	530-299-8411		
Bryan, Keith	DIV 3	530-299-8447		530-260-0597
Byrd, Robert	FIRE	530-299-8824		530-640-0557
Christenson, Mike	FIRE	530-299-8825		pc
Crabtree, Laurence	DR	530-299-8410		
Durnell, Carol	INFO	530-299-8400		
Edgerton, Lenni	RES	530-299-8444		
Edgerton, Molly	TM	530-299-8421		
Fuller, Michelle	ARC	530-299-8433		530-949-7347
Hubbard, Dan	SILV	530-279-8330		
Hubbard, Dee	INFO	530-279-8300		
Landoski, John	CULT	530-299-8425		530-640-0325
Leonard, Susan	FPO	530-299-8446		530-640-0396
Madden, Nannett	BDOG	530-299-8440		530-949-1908
Marriott, Eric	APPR	530-299-8825		pc
Nathaneal, Bradley	APPR	530-299-8825		pc
Park, Michael	FIRE	530-299-8442		530-640-0394
Ramoz, Abel	FIRE	530-233-8825 S		pc
Raymond, Barbara	RNG	530-299-8438		530-233-6916
Rhodes, Ron	FIRE	530-299-8427		530-640-0875
Romberger, Ken	BIO	530-299-8430		
Schmidt, Aaron	FIRE	530-299-8825		pc
St. John, Perry	FIRE	530-299-8437		530-640-1701
Warlick, Terry	FIRE	530-299-8441		pc
Wilson, Mitch	FIRE	530-299-8445		530-640-0401
Zolnay, Debbie	ARC	530-299-8433		
Zylstra, Barbara	CULT	530-299-8424		530-260-1709

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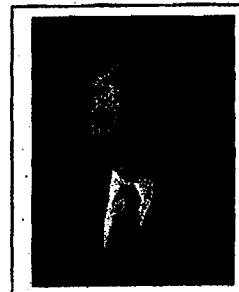
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District Office		530-667-2246	FAX 530-667-8609	
Bell, Bob	BAT	530-667-8652		530-640-0081
Boham, Russell	FIRE	530-667-8659		
Bostic, Dave	DIV4	530-667-8654		530-640-1078
Buettner, Patty	BIO	530-667-8613		
Glenn, Don	FUEL	530-667-8658		530-640-1700
Guthrie, Bernie	FIRE	530-667-8653		530-640-0395
Kegg, Mike	REC	530-667-8611		530-260-1716
King, Dana	FIRE	530-667-8659		
Leblanc, Dave	TIM	530-667-8631		530-640-1719
Lindstrand, Eric	FIRE	530-667-8656		
Lowrie, Rodney	PREV	530-667-8655		530-640-2588
McKeehan, Jim	LEO	530-667-8660		530-640-0083
Orr, Chris	FIRE	530-667-8663		pc
Vacant	RES	530-667-8620		
Russell, Colleen	RES	530-667-8641		
Scarbrough, Tim	FIRE	530-667-8640		530-864-5834
Stanley, Curt	FIRE	530-667-8657		530-640-0395
Wiesgerber, Bernie	DR	530-667-8610		530-640-0102
Worley, Lorraine	INFO	530-667-8605		

PC= Personal Cell Phone

# PHONE NUMBERS WARNER MT. RD

Updated 1-04

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Fax: (530) 233-2434

NAME	DEPT.	WORK #	HOME #	CELL OR PGR #
Cedarville Office		530-279-8335 279-6116	FAX 279-6107	
Asrow, Edie	DR	530-279-8310		530-640-0777
Carlock, Cathy	SILV	530-279-8331		530-640-0390
Favre, Dave	RNG	530-279-8320		530-640-0616
Fenske, Monte	FPO	530-279-8319		530-233-9172
Graham, Gene	FIRE	530-946-4141		541-947-3334
Gula, Peter	RNG	530-279-8320		
Hall, Randy	TEAM	530-279-8322		559-359-4124
Hill, Jim	FIRE	530-279-8335		530-640-0393
Mack, Shawn	FIRE	530-279-8335		
Martin, Glenn	TM	530-279-8317		
Nield, Jami	BMA	530-279-8301		
Ras-Flores, Mary	BIO	530-279-8318		
Scherr, Randy	FIRE	530-946-4141		640-0391/ 892-6614
Schultz, Sam	FIRE	530-279-8335		
Scoggins, Steve	TEAM	530-279-8313		
Sjoberg, Vickie	RNG			
Tierney, Bill	REC	530-279-8311		
Travis, Stuart	FIRE	530-279-8335		
Trotts, Richard	FIRE	530-946-4141		
Way, Bev	INFO	530-279-8302		

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# PHONE NUMBERS KLAMATH BASIN REFUGE

Updated 04-07-2004

NAME	CALL SIGN	WORK #	HOME #	CELL OR PGR #
Headquarters		530-667-2231	FAX 530-667-3299	
Cache		530-667-4820		
Brabender, Joe	DIV 502	530-667-2309		541-591-0920
Vacant	CHIEF 501	530-667-4168		
Goheen, Dave	BAT 503	530-667-3455		541-591-0205
Potnoff, Troy	CAPT. 505	530-667-4820		541-591-2137
Wood, John	CAPT. 510	530-667-3115		541-281-4657
Zoppetti, Gregg	BAT 504	530-667-3114		p.c. 541-591-2136
Engine 81	Type 3, 600 Gal, Foam, 4x4 Tulelake Cell 541-591-0434			
Engine 82	Type 3, 500 Gal, Foam, 4x4 K. Marsh (July-Sept.) Cell 541-591-2138			
Engine 83	Type 6 300 Gal, Dodge 4x4 Cell 541-891-9958			
Engine 84	Type 6, 250 Gal, Foam, 4x4 Tulelake Cell 541-291-9958			

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## LAVA BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT 2004 PHONE LIST

Updated 5-2004

TITLE	WORK PHONE	HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE (WORK & PERSONNAL)
Schonchin Butte LOOKOUT	(530)-667-5201		
Abrego, Ruben Maint 2	(530)667-8100x8135		
Adams, Judy FIRE 1	(530)667-8100x8123		(530)233-0647
Angel, Sal Maint 8	(530)667-8100x8135		
AUGUSTINE, AL DIV 7	(530)667-8100x8122		(530)233-6043
Barks, Clyde Maint 4	(530)667-8100x8135		
Bessy, Amber Interp 3	(530)667-8100x8116		
Buckley, Angela Interp 6	(530)667-8100x8116		
Broderick, Jana Maint 11	(530)667-8100x8135		
Carroll, Erica Dispatcher			
Corrigan, Doug Ranger	(530)667-8100x8111		(530)260-1040
Corrigan, Jean Admin 1	(530)667-8100x8102		
Deshayes, Jim Maint 1	(530)667-8100x8134		
Dorman, Craig Superinten	(530)667-8100x8101		(530)260-0354
Eskra, Katie Interp 2	(530)667-8100x8115		
FAX LAVABEDS FAX	(530)667-8133		
Fee booth, Fee Booth	(530)260-1159		
Flanagan, Mike Admin 4	(530)667-8100x8103		
Freeland, George Fee 1	(530)667-8100x8112		(530)667-2335
Harris, Marilyn Admin 3	(530)667-8100x8104		
HARRIS, TERRY RANGER 1	(530)667-8100x8110		(530)260-0094
Hynes, David Ranger 3	(530)667-8100x8111		

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## LAVA BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT 2004 PHONE LIST

TITLE		WORK PHONE	HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE (WORK & PERSONNAL)
Kirby Kim	NHA	(530)667-8100x8122		
Klassen, Melissa	Fee 1	(530)667-8100x8114		
Larson, Dave	Resource 1	(530)667-8100x8106		
LAVA BEDS NP	MAIN	(530)667-8100		
Leach, George	Maint 9	(530)667-8100x8135		
Llewellyn, Melvin	Maint 6	(530)667-8100x8135		
Lumbreras, Arnie	Maint 5	(530)667-8100x8135		
McDonald, Sheila	Maint 7	(530)667-8100x8135		
Osborne, Jason	Maint 10	(530)667-8100x8135		
Powell, Mike	Batallion 72	(530)667-8100x8125		
Rasmussen, Mary	Fire Ecolo	(541)883-6884		(541)891-3808
Riebeling, Kristen	Resource 3	(530)667-8100x8137		
Smallman, David	Fire 2	(530)667-8100x8126		
Stanko, Don	Interp 6	(530)667-8100x8116		(859)338-5943
St. John, Jonas	Engnr 64	(530) 667-8100x8124		
Stoffel, Barney	Resource 2	(530)667-8100x8108		
Svinarich, Joe	Archeologi	(707)464-8100x5275		
Teague, Pat	Maint 3	(530)667-8100x8135		
Wedmore, Melissa	E-74	(530)667-8100x8128		(805)235-6200
Yorke, Andrew	Interp 5	(530)667-8100x8115		
Zill, Sarah	Interp 4	(530)667-8100x8116		



# LOCAL BLM FIRE DIRECTORY

Updated 2-04

<b>Alturas Office</b>	530-233-4666	<b>Surprise Valley</b>	530-279-6101
	530-233-5696 Fx		530-279-6101 Fx
FMO Jerry Wheeler	530-233-7925	FMO Garth Jeffers	530-279-2729
	C 530-251-7386		
Asst FMO Vacant		Fuels Ldr. E. Noels	530-279-2721
Fuels Ldr. R Preston	530-233-7910	FPT J. Cervantes	530-279-2737
FPT Dick Server	530-233-7934	Engine 3236	C 530-279-1244
		Engine 3237	C 530-279-1243

<b>West Valley Station</b>	530-233-3437	<b>Ravendale Station &amp; Helitack</b>	530-234-2044
Engine 3234	C 530-233-8426	Engine 3232	C 530-249-1162
Engine 3235	C 530-233-6816	Engine 3233	C 530-249-1163
		Helitack 553	C 530-249-3275

Diamond Mt. Hotchots	530-257-7601
Supt. Merrill	C 530-310-3250
Jerry Wheelless	530-252-5396
Foreman	C 530-227-3978



## MODOC NATIONAL FOREST FIRE STATIONS

Updated

1-04

FIRE STATION	PHONE
Crowder	233-8820
Canby	233-4613
Buck Creek	946-4141 ext. 50
Long Bell	233-8824 8825
Dry Lake	664-3121
Adin	299-8842
Alturas	233-8821
Cedarville	279-8335
Lava Beds	667-2284
Modoc Hotshots	233-5858
Modoc Hotshots Fax	233-2844



## MODOC NATIONAL FOREST ENGINE / CREW CELL PHONES

ENGINES	CELL PHONE NUMBERS
Engine 34	640-0391
Engine 35	640-0393
Engine 44	640-0394
Engine 45	640-0401
Engine 46	640-0402
Engine 54	640-0239
Engine 55	640-0392
Engine 56	640-0238
Engine 64	640-0400
Engine 65	640-0395
FWL Engine 81	(541) 891-5125
FWL Engine 84	(541) 891-9957
FWL Crew 5	(541) 891-5115
Modoc Hotshot Crew	(530) 640-0399
Lost River Cr #1 (H)	(541) 273-2868
Lost River Cr #1 (Cell)	(541) 892-7447
Lost River Fax	(541)-273-2863

# PHONE NUMBERS LOOKOUTS

Updated 1-04

NAME		WORK #	HOME #	CELL OR PGR #
BLUE MT. TOM				541-430-4948
ROUND MT. RON BELLAMY				530-260-0752
TIMBER MT. SUSAN LEAO				530-664-3176
MANZINITA BARBARA DOAHUE				530-233-8688 530-640-0687
HAPPY CAMP JERRY WAGNER		Jerry Wagner 530-640-1559 cell		530-664-4376
LIKELY MT.				530-233-3436
SCHONCHIN BUTTE				530-667-5201
BRYANT MT. (OR)				541-891-7865

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# PHONE NUMBERS SO PERSONNEL

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NAME	DEPT.	WORK #	HOME #	CELL OR PGR #
Supervisors Office		530-233-5811	FAX 530-233-8709	
Adkison, Vicki	ARC	530-233-8733		
Almond, Willie	FIRE	530-233-5858		530-640-2515
Avarez, Bernie	DISP	530-233-8886		530-640-1246
Ball, John	LE	530-233-8798		530-640-0442
Banister, Dennis	TM	530-233-8808		530-640-1714
Barber, Charles	FIRE	530-233-5858		
Barranco, Gary	LMP	530-233-8841		
Beebe, Bob	FIRE	233-5858/7953		541-840-4626
Berner, Jessie	REC	530-233-8734		530-640-0075
Biggerstaff, Jayne		530-233-8740		530-640-4226
Blasingame, Tonya	FIRE	530-233-8811		
Bobb, Bobbi	HRO	530-233-8711		530-640-4298
Boulade, Diane	ISM	530-233-8772		
Burrows, Eric	SHOP	530-233-8787		530-233-9265
Carlson, Rich	ENG	530-233-8853		
Cavasso, Elizabeth	FFMO	530-233-8881		530-640-0002
Chamberlain, Annikki	FIRE	530-233-5858		
Chandler, Joan	DISP	530-233-8884		530-640-0434
Coffey, Jake	TIM	530-233-8808		233-8105 DISCON
Coffey, Lance	COM	530-233-8778		530-640-1168
Crites, Mike	FIRE	530-233-5858		530-640-0068
Dirrim, Angela	COM	530-233-8780		530-640-0062
Dorgan, Matt	ENG	530-233-8851		
Dutton, Dan	SHOP	530-233-8787		530-260-1714
Farmer, Bill	C&M	530-233-8790		
Fisher, Sue	B&F	530-233-8721		
Flournoy, Delonna	MAIL	530-233-8747		
Ford, John	ENG	530-233-8852		
Forrest, Margaret	ACQ	530-233-8756		530-233-8088
Forrest, Nen	BIO	530-233-8832		
Gardner, Nancy	PAO	530-233-8713		530-640-1715
Gates, Gerry	ARC	530-233-8731		
Gray Tim	FIRE	530-233-8811		640-1366/0392
Haggard, Robert	PS	530-233-8840	1	530-260-1718
Haight, Larry	FIRE	530-233-8814		530-640-1702
Hanes, Jean	ENG	530-233-8856		
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Hubbard, Nora	GIS	530-233-8739		541-979-2844
Hullinger, Jacquie	WCF	530-233-8744		
Hyatt, Angela	DISP	530-233-8883		
Irvin, Jim	ECO	530-233-8830		530-640-0037
Jayo, Jenny	RANG	530-233-8817		530-640-1172
Johnson, Charlie	ENG	530-233-8858		
Johnson, Suzie	INFO	530-233-8706		530-249-3584
Johnston, Joe	FIRE	233-7952/5858		530-409-4357
Keller, Greg	FIRE	233-7951/5858		530-640-0399
King, Shannon	INFO	530-233-8842		
Kramer, Andy	DISP	530-233-8885		
Lewis, Lonnie	UNIO	530-233-8712		
Lucas, Larry	CAPT	530-233-4613		530-640-0239
Mallett, Robin	WCF	530-233-8743		
McElwain, Dina	B&F	530-233-8723		
McLain, Alex	FIRE	530-233-8820		
McMaster, Dave	BAT	530-233-8813		530-233-8102
McMaster, Mike	SHOP	530-233-8787		
Meza, Dan	TRIB	530-233-8854		
Mileck, Ann	SILV	530-233-8803		
Mitchell, Brad	COM	530-233-8781		530-640-1167
Mitchell, Jim				530-640-0212
Moore, Jane	B&F	530-233-8725		
Moore, Randy	C&M	530-233-8790		530-640-1704
Parkinson, Jed	ENG	530-233-8850		
Parkinson, Tammy	BMA	530-233-8818		
Preston, Patrick	FIRE	530-233-8751		530-640-0238
Pulfer, Jeff	FUEL	530-233-8801		530-640-0398
Randall, Traci	BIO	530-233-8804		
Read, Dick	FSSE	530-233-8702		530-640-0079
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Schoeppach, Bill	SILV	530-233-8736		
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Silva, Buck	DIV1	530-233-8812		530-640-0370
Singer, Jeff	PREV	530-233-8802		530-640-0397
Smith, Sydney	R&W	530-233-8831		530-640-1099
Stanfield, Jon	FUEL	530-233-8829		530-640-1703
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Wright, Travis	FIRE	530-233-8823		
Yamagiwa, Celia	GIS	530-233-8726		
Yamagiwa, Marty	BIO	530-233-8833		
Yarbrough, Ken	ENG	530-233-8857		
Zane, Bob	ISM	530-233-8770		530-233-9179

## National Emergency Alert Notification Format

The intended use of this questionnaire is to assist the person reporting an emergency to the WO regarding the accident/evacuations/death. These questions need to have answers when calling the WO.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time call received \_\_\_\_\_ Callers Name \_\_\_\_\_

Callers Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Location of accident

Region \_\_\_\_\_ Forest \_\_\_\_\_ Incident/Project name \_\_\_\_\_

Facilities (No) \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of fatalities \_\_\_\_\_

Who? (gov't employees, contractors, civilian) \_\_\_\_\_

Injuries (No) \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people injured \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of injuries \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitalization \_\_\_\_\_

Who? (gov't employees, contractors, civilian) \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft/Type

helicopter \_\_\_\_\_, airtankers \_\_\_\_\_, fixed-wing \_\_\_\_\_, leadplane \_\_\_\_\_

Ownership \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Number:

N \_\_\_\_\_, or T \_\_\_\_\_

Names: Pilot \_\_\_\_\_, Co-pilot \_\_\_\_\_, other \_\_\_\_\_

P number

Other pertinent information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

People Contacted:

Name \_\_\_\_\_, Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_, Date \_\_\_\_\_

USDA-Forest Service

Region 5  
1323 Club Drive

Fax: 707/562-9053

Email: [pac/r5@fs.fed.us](mailto:pac/r5@fs.fed.us)

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	Kathryn Bacon (Ass't PAO)	858-674-2985	<a href="mailto:kbacon@fs.fed.us">kbacon@fs.fed.us</a>
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**Implementing the National Fire Plan  
Modoc National Forest  
May, 2002**



Need Elizabeth to redo this section with Modoc numbers. All of these numbers are wrong!!! If we could use 2003 figures instead of 2001 and 2002 it would be great!!!

The National Fire Plan was developed in response to the wildfires in the year 2000 and the recognized need to reduce the threat of catastrophic fire. Emphasis was placed on several key areas:

- Firefighting
- Restoration of burned areas
- Reducing fuel loads
- Assisting local communities with fuel reduction and firefighting goals

**MDF Fire Fighting Forces - History**

In the past 10 years, the MDF temporary workforce was diminished by almost 50%, with a good percentage of those positions in fire. During the summer of 2000, the number of MDF firefighters was seriously depleted as support was provided to fight fires in Montana, Idaho, Utah, Florida, and elsewhere. In previous years, the MDF had been funded at about 65% of the Most Efficient Level (MEL) for fire suppression.

**National Fire Plan – Additional Fire Fighting Forces**

National Fire Plan funding has enabled the MDF to reach 97% of MEL with the addition of:

- 2 engines and crews – going from 9 engines to 11 engines
- 2 20-person hand crews – going from 1 crew to 3 crews
- 3 additional fire leadership positions
- 1 light helicopter with crew of 10
- 1 air attack plane to direct aerial firefighting operations
- 16 apprentices

The annual fire budget for the Modoc National Forest averaged \$3 million for both fire suppression and fuel reduction projects for several years pre-National Fire Plan.

**Fuel Reduction - 2001**

In 2001, \$850,000 was received for fuel reduction work including the following:

- Hand pile slash and burn piles – 580 acres
- Machine Mastication – 2,322 acres
- Prescribed Burns – 2,083 acres
- Service Contracts for thinning/fuel reduction – 2,053 acres

In addition, work was done to complete and refresh environmental analyses, develop prescribe burn plans, map units, flag units, etc.

#### **Fuel Reduction – 2002**

In 2002, \$2,500,000 was received for fuel reduction work including the following:

- Hand Pile and/or Burn – 490 acres
- Machine Mastication – 800 acres
- Prescribed Burns – 3,327 acres
- Service Contracts Completed – 923 acres
- Service Contracts Awarded – 1,100 acres
- Defensible Fuel Profile Zones – 150 acres

In addition, extensive work is being done to complete environmental analyses, map units, and develop prescribed burn plans.

Fuel reduction goals are not only designed to reduce the chance of catastrophic wildfire, but are also developed to:

- Provide for public safety
- Enhance forest health,
- Minimize the impacts to air quality,
- Maintain wildlife habitat.

#### **Community Fuels Reduction Support**

In 2001, for the area in and adjacent to the Modoc National Forest, 8 consolidated proposals were received requesting over \$500,000. As a result, local forest communities were granted over \$330,000 in fuel reduction and firesafe planning grants. Most of these provided funding for local fire safe planning, but several include community chipping, composting, or energy production for local community-based efforts. In 2002, 5 projects were approved to fund various biomass, chipping, demonstration, and public awareness projects. These encompass communities in Nevada, Placer, and Sierra Counties for just under \$500,000. (NANCY??)

#### **Facilities**

In 2001, the MDF received almost \$600,000 to upgrade fire facilities including the construction of 3 garages to house fire engines throughout the Forest and to upgrade and expand the Big Bend fire barracks. In 2002, the Big Bend barracks are being completed as well as plans developed for remodeling the Interagency Emergency Command Dispatch Center.

# **NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP**

**National Interagency Fire Center  
3833 South Development Avenue  
Boise, Idaho 83705**

**April 13, 2004**

**To: NWCG Members; Chairs-Working Teams and Advisory Groups**

**From: Chair, NWCG /s/ J. L. Stires**

**Subject: Media Access Guidelines**

**In January 2004, the Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC) tasked the NWCG with preparing guidelines for media access on wildland fires. Don Smurthwaite, BLM External**

**Affairs and Rose Davis, Forest Service Public Affairs at NIFC coordinated with the IOST and SHWT to produce the guidelines. Comments from field Information Officers and media/press specialists were also considered.**

**The guidelines were accepted by the NWCG Executive Committee in late January 2004,**

**and were approved by WFLC on March 19, 2004.**

**The attached media guidelines will be used starting immediately. Also attached are the guidelines for media access in California, which by statute differs from other states. The goal of the guidelines is to provide a consistent approach to media access on wildfires from team to team, and from state to state.**

**Please insure that this information is made available to your fire management personnel.**

**Attachments**

**cc: Chairs, Geographic Area Coordinating Groups**

## **Interagency Media Guidelines for Wildland Fires**

**March 19, 2004**

### **General Policy**

- It is the policy of federal and state agencies to provide news media access to incidents including wildland fires, prescribed fires and wildland fire-use fires.
- Federal and state agencies are required to provide equitable and maximum news media access to wildland fire incidents.
- For the purposes of these guidelines, news media representatives include print and broadcast reporters; freelance print reporters; freelance videographers; and photographers.
- While the wildland firefighting agencies seek to provide safe access to incidents for news media representatives, the ultimate responsibility for their safety lies with the individual reporter and their employer.

### **Guidelines**

#### **Access**

- Visits to the fireline must receive the approval of the incident commander or designated representative.
- News media will be escorted by a person qualified as a single resource boss or other appropriate escort approved by the incident commander. The incident commander may delegate escort approval authority to other incident personnel, such as the lead Information Officer or appropriate local authority.

#### **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

- News media representatives will be required to wear PPE as outlined in the Fireline Handbook and the Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations (the "Red Book") when working within the fire perimeter, and have an appropriate safety briefing. PPE must meet National Fire Protection Association/National Wildfire Coordinating Group standards. The required PPE is:

☐ 8-inch high, lace-type work boots with non-slip, melt-resistant soles and heels.

☐ Aramid shirts

☐ Aramid trousers

☐ Hard hat with chinstrap

☐ Leather gloves

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☐ Fire shelter

☐ Water canteen

PPE may be provided by the fire organization if media representatives are unprepared.

#### **Firefighter Training**

- News media representatives are invited to join in basic firefighter courses with federal and state providers, if there is sufficient room for them.
- These courses are voluntary. Attending them is not a guarantee of access, nor an endorsement of safety accreditation, but rather is an opportunity for information and education. Reporters can also be referred to authorized contract trainers or the academic community for basic firefighter courses.

- NWCG member agencies will not administer the work-capacity test to news media representatives because of liability concerns.

#### *"Shadowing" Fire Crews*

- Incident personnel will facilitate in-depth coverage opportunities for journalists. News media representatives requesting to "shadow" crews for more than one operational period on the fireline or in the fire area must:

- Wear personal protective equipment and understand how to use it.
- Coordinate activities with the lead Information Officer, who will communicate with the affected crew boss, incident commander, and the fire management officer at the crew's home unit.

- It is strongly recommended that reporters requesting to shadow crews complete basic firefighter training including S-130 and S-190. If these courses have been taken in a previous year, a current refresher course is recommended. News media representatives must be able to walk in mountainous terrain, be in good physical condition, with no known limitations.

#### *Red Cards in the Incident Command System*

- News media representatives will not be issued "red cards" under the Incident Command System. The red-card system was designed for incident personnel with specific duties for which they are trained and qualified, and not for non-incident personnel.

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#### *Existing Laws and Policies*

- These guidelines apply to all fires under federal or state jurisdiction, but are not intended to supersede existing tribal laws; state laws, such as media access laws in California; or chain-of-command procedures relevant to military crews.

#### *Denial of Access*

- Denial of access will be a rare occurrence. News media access may be limited when the Incident Commander determines:

- Safety of firefighters or others may be compromised. Considerations should be much the same as those when it is deemed unsafe for fire crews to be on the fireline such as extreme fire behavior, expected change in the weather, and so forth.
- The presence of non-fire personnel compromises incident operations.
- The presence of non-fire personnel compromises the integrity of an investigation.
- A violation of security or privacy of incident personnel would occur.

- Federal and state agencies will support decisions regarding access by other jurisdictions, such as a private landowner, tribal entity, or local law enforcement agency.

- Reasons for denial of access should be documented by the lead information officer and become part of the unit log.

- News media aviation resources must determine and abide by airspace restrictions that may be implemented by the FAA at the request of fire managers.

Contact: Rose Davis, Forest Service Public Affairs for Fire and Aviation Management; 208 387-5437,

or Don Smurthwaite, BLM External Affairs for the Office of Fire and Aviation; 208 387-5895.

## California Media Access Guidelines

In California, State Law (see enclosure) allows credentialed news media access to fires, floods, earthquakes, explosions, accidents, etc. unless their activities prevent law enforcement and other emergency officials from doing their job. To ensure consistent application of the law during emergency situations the following guidelines apply:

- Credentialed news media representatives will not be denied access to National Forest System Lands unless by their presence they are compromising the safety of our employees, impeding the response of emergency equipment or personnel, or impeding the investigation of the incident.
- News media representatives are required to present proper press credentials to agency officials prior to accessing areas closed to the general public.
- It is strongly recommended that incident personnel provide qualified media escorts. However, in certain situations this may not be possible and credentialed news media should not be denied access if they do not have an escort, unless their presence results in compromising firefighter safety.
- While it is not required for access, it is strongly recommended that all news media have and wear personal protective equipment (PPE), and be given a safety briefing.
- Media who are using fixed or rotary aircraft must follow FAA regulations for closures or restrictions of airspace over incidents.

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## REPRINTED FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE: CLOSING OF AREAS IN EMERGENCIES

409.5(a) Whenever a menace to the public health or safety is created by a calamity such as flood, storm, fire, earthquake, explosion, accident or other disaster,

officers of the California Highway Patrol, police departments or sheriff's office may

close the area where the menace exists for the duration thereof by means of ropes, markers or guards to any and all persons not authorized by such officer to enter or remain within the closed area. If such a calamity creates an immediate menace to the

public health, the local health officer may close the area where the menace exists pursuant to the conditions which are set forth above in this section.

(b) Officers of the California Highway Patrol, police departments or sheriff's office may close the immediate area surrounding any emergency field command post or

any other command post activated for the purpose of abating any calamity enumerated

in this section or any riot or other civil disturbance to any and all unauthorized persons

pursuant to the conditions which are set forth in this section whether or not such field

command post is located near to the actual calamitous riot or other civil disturbance.

(c) Any unauthorized person who willfully and knowingly enters an area closed pursuant to subdivision (a) or (b) and who willfully remains within such area after receiving notice to evacuate or leave shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(d) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PREVENT A DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY NEWS SERVICE, NEWSPAPER, OR RADIO OR TELEVISION STATION OR NETWORK FROM ENTERING THE AREAS CLOSED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

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National Incident Management Team

## Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest **DAILY UPDATE**



U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

Monday, July 5, 2004

Contact: 530-233-2141

### **Current Situation:**

Approximately 19,000 people were on site yesterday at the Annual Rainbow Family of Living Light's Gathering. The main celebration was yesterday, when numerous participants gathered to pray for world peace and mother Earth. The day passed without major incident.

Most people will be leaving the site today and over the next several days although a number will be remaining on site to do rehabilitation (rehab) over the next several weeks.

A Forest Service soil scientist began measuring soil compaction as preliminary rehab efforts are set to begin. Studies indicate that compaction in the heavily traveled kitchen and trail areas was fairly minimal with little disturbance at lower levels of soil. The rehab proposed for these areas will focus on raking the top 1" of soil to break it up and then by spreading nearby woody forest debris known as "litter" or "duff" to protect the soil. All dug out areas will be filled in. Some trail areas will need water "bars" to divert water off the trail at various intervals. Participants of the gathering have indicated that the Rainbows will purchase any native seed needed to re-vegetate the site. Rainbow volunteers, supervised by Forest Service resource specialists, will accomplish the bulk of the rehab. Other rehab activities are being designed as well.

### **SAFETY**

**Most people will leave the site today and tomorrow and travelers are urged to use extreme caution.**

### **COURT DATE**

The next U.S. Magistrates Court will be held on July 13, 2004 in Redding California, for those who received citations.

### **Background:**

Each year for over 30 years, the Rainbow Family of Living Light has held an event on public lands they call the Gathering. The Gathering was held on the Modoc NF at Camp One in the South Warner Mountains, in 1984.

The Gathering is a very loosely structured event that attracts anywhere from 8,000 to 20,000 people. Gatherings are held in rural areas.

The Gathering is located on the Warner Mountain Ranger District just below the South Warner Wilderness. A National Incident Management Team is assisting the Forest with this event.

Temporary Forest Orders put in place for the area remain in effect and visitors to the South Warner Mountain area should become familiar with them. They are posted on information boards at the gathering site, the communities of Likely (General Store) and Alturas (Chevron), and are on the Forest's Internet site at the address below:

Information can be found on the Modoc National Forest's web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc). Information can also be obtained by calling 530-233-2141.



# Local Agencies Key to Event Coordination

## Rainbow Family National Gathering 2004

### Unified Command System



Using a "Unified Command" system, local, state, and federal agencies are working together to ensure resource protection and community and visitor well-being during the annual Rainbow Family of the Living Light Gathering being held in Modoc County this year.

### County Departments Active



Representatives of the Modoc County Health Department, Linda Doyle and Kelly Crosby indicate the locations of various sites that they visited including kitchens and health units. According to Kelly, "The rainbow family

appears to be very concerned with public health. They are concerned about healthy water and the environment and about different disease risks specific to here, including plague and Hantavirus." Linda added, "We have experienced very positive cooperation and work relationships with many of the Rainbow Council members."

Nancy Ballard, Deputy Director of Emergency Services, also pictured, noted, "Law enforcement and health coordination are going well as is coordination with local and state mutual aid."

### Law Enforcement Cooperation



Officers from the City Police, local and neighboring County Sheriff's Departments, State Highway Patrol, State Department of Fish and Game, Bureau of Land Management, and the Forest Service make up the law enforcement group assisting with the Gathering. [REDACTED] and Forest Service Officer [REDACTED] pictured. The Sheriff commented, "This is the right way to go about it...the cooperation has been tremendous."



National Incident Management Team

# Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest **DAILY UPDATE**

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service



Sunday, July 4, 2004

Contact: 530-233-2141

## **Current Situation:**

As of yesterday at noon, approximately **15,992** people are now on site for the Annual Rainbow Family of Living Light Gathering's main celebration. Today is the climax of the Gathering, when participants gather in one place to pray for world peace and mother Earth.

Attendance numbers are low based upon their dependence on once a day vehicle counts, and many of the participants are arriving through an elaborate shuttle system.

License plates reflect visitors from 40 states. Participants from 8 countries are also at the site.

Visitors to the South Warner Mountain area should become familiar with the temporary Forest Orders that apply to the area. They are posted on information boards at the gathering site, the communities of Likely and Alturas, and are on the Forest's Internet site at the address below.

## **SAFETY**

Increased traffic on roads to the site is creating lots of congestion and travelers are urged to be very careful driving in and around the site, especially on the gravel road. The road to the Gathering is winding, and at certain times of the day the sun and dust can be blinding. Many vehicles are overheating. **Typically, most people leave the site on the 5<sup>th</sup> and travelers are urged to use extreme caution.**

Modoc County Health officials recommend that all drinking water from the site be boiled a minimum of 20 minutes regardless of the source or prior treatment.

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National Incident Management Team

# Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest DAILY UPDATE

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service



Saturday, July 3, 2004

Contact: 530-233-2141

## Current Situation:

Approximately 13,200 people are now on site as the Annual Rainbow Family of Living Light Gathering's main celebration approaches. These numbers are low based upon their dependence on once a day vehicle counts, and many of the participants are arriving through an elaborate shuttle system.

License plates reflect visitors from 40 states. Participants from 8 countries are also at the site.

Parking areas are filling rapidly and event participants are being directed to the permitted overflow parking areas in the vicinity of Camp 1 in Lassen County.

A fire prevention technician is on site daily from 10 am to 2 pm issuing campfire permits. He will be at the quarry from 10 a.m. to noon, and at the lower West Road from around noon to 2 p.m.

Visitors to the South Warner Mountain area should become familiar with the temporary Forest Orders that apply to the area. They are posted on information boards at the gathering site, the communities of Likely and Alturas, and are on the Forest's Internet site at the address below.

## SAFETY

Increased traffic on roads to the site is creating lots of congestion and travelers are urged to be very careful driving in and around the site, especially on the gravel road. The road to the Gathering is winding, and at certain times of the day the sun and dust can be blinding. Many vehicles are overheating.

There is a possible chance of afternoon thunderstorms today.

Modoc County Health officials recommend that all drinking water from the site be boiled a minimum of 20 minutes regardless of the source or prior treatment.

## COURT DATE

The next U.S. Magistrates Court will be held on July 13, 2004 in Redding California.

## Background:

Each year for over 30 years, the Rainbow Family of Living Light has held an event on public lands they call the Gathering. The Gathering was held on the Modoc NF at Camp One in the South Warner Mountains, in 1984.

The Gathering is a very loosely structured event that attracts anywhere from 8,000 to 20,000 people. Gatherings are held in rural areas, usually some distance from the nearest town. The climax of the Gathering is on July 4, when participants gather in one place to pray for world peace and mother Earth.

The Gathering is located on the Warner Mountain Ranger District just below the South Warner Wilderness. A National Incident Management Team is assisting the Forest with this event.

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**Note: Number of participants is the only change since yesterday.**



National Incident Management Team

# Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest DAILY UPDATE



U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

Friday, July 2, 2004

Contact: 530-233-2141

## **Current Situation:**

Approximately 10,000 people are now on site as the Annual Rainbow Family of Living Light Gathering's main celebration approaches. These numbers are low based upon their dependence on once a day vehicle counts, and many of the participants are arriving through an elaborate shuttle system.

License plates reflect visitors from 40 states. Participants 8 countries are also at the site.

Parking areas are filling rapidly and event participants are being directed to the permitted overflow parking areas in the vicinity of Camp 1 in Lassen County.

A fire prevention technician is on site daily from 10 am to 2 pm issuing campfire permits. He will be at the quarry from 10 a.m. to noon, and at the lower West Road from around noon to 2 p.m.

Visitors to the South Warner Mountain area should become familiar with the temporary Forest Orders that apply to the area. They are posted on information boards at the gathering site, the communities of Likely and Alturas, and are on the Forest's Internet site at the address below.

## **SAFETY**

Increased traffic on roads to the site is creating lots of congestion and travelers are urged to be very careful driving in and around the site, especially on the gravel road. The road to the Gathering is winding, and at certain times of the day the sun and dust can be blinding. Many vehicles are overheating.

There is a possible chance of afternoon thunderstorms through Saturday July 3rd.

Modoc County Health officials recommend that all drinking water from the site be boiled a minimum of 20 minutes regardless of the source or prior treatment.

## **COURT DATE**

The next U.S. Magistrates Court will be held on July 13, 2004 in Redding California.

## **Background:**

Each year for over 30 years, the Rainbow Family of Living Light has held an event on public lands they call the Gathering. The Gathering was held on the Modoc NF at Camp One in the South Warner Mountains, in 1984.

The Gathering is a very loosely structured event that attracts anywhere from 8,000 to 20,000 people. Gatherings are held in rural areas, usually some distance from the nearest town. The climax of the Gathering is on July 4, when participants gather in one place to pray for world peace and mother Earth.

The Gathering is located on the Warner Mountain Ranger District just below the South Warner Wilderness. A National Incident Management Team is assisting the Forest with this event.

Information can be found on the Modoc National Forest's web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc). Information can also be obtained by calling 530-233-2141.



National Incident Management Team

# Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest DAILY UPDATE



U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

Thursday, July 1, 2004

Contact: Donna Wilson 530-233-2141

## Current Situation:

Approximately 7,400 people are now on site as the Annual Rainbow Family of Living Light Gathering in Modoc County main celebration approaches.

These numbers are low based upon their dependence on once a day vehicle counts, and many of the participants are arriving through an elaborate shuttle system.

License plates reflect visitors from 32 states; Participants from Israel, Quebec, Costa Rica and Austria are also at the site.

Parking areas are filling rapidly and event participants are being directed to the permitted overflow parking areas in the vicinity of Camp 1 in Lassen County.

A fire prevention technician is on site daily from 10 am to 2 pm issuing campfire permits. He will be at the quarry from 10 a.m. to noon, and at the lower West Road from around noon to 2 p.m.

Visitors to the South Warner Mountain area should become familiar with the temporary Forest Orders that apply to the area. They are posted on information boards at the gathering site, the communities of Likely and Alturas, and are on the Forest's Internet site at the address below.

Modoc County Health Officials indicate that the event is going well and that participants are working hard to make their camps safe and sanitary with an emphasis on food preparation and medical areas.

## SAFETY

There is a possible chance of afternoon thunderstorms through Saturday July 3rd. Travelers are urged to be very careful driving to

and from the site, especially on the gravel road. The traffic is increasing markedly, the road is winding, and at certain times of the day the sun and dust can be blinding.

Modoc County Health officials recommended that all drinking water from the site be boiled a minimum of 20 minutes regardless of the source or prior treatment.

## COURT DATE

The next U.S. Magistrates Court will be held on July 13, 2004 in Redding California.

## Background:

Each year for over 30 years, the Rainbow Family of Living Light has held an event on public lands they call the Gathering. The Gathering was held on the Modoc NF at Camp One in the South Warner Mountains, in 1984.

The Gathering is a very loosely structured event that attracts anywhere from 8,000 to 20,000 people. Gatherings are held in rural areas, usually some distance from the nearest town. The climax of the Gathering is on July 4, when participants gather in one place to pray for world peace and mother Earth.

The Gathering is located on the Warner Mountain Ranger District just below the South Warner Wilderness. A National Incident Management Team is assisting the Forest with this event.

Information can be found on the Modoc National Forest's web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc). Information can also be obtained by calling 530-233-2141.



National Incident Management Team

# Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest DAILY UPDATE



U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

Wednesday, June 30, 2004

Contact: Donna Wilson 530-233-2141

## Current Situation:

Approximately 6,500 people are now on site as the Annual Rainbow Family of Living Light Gathering in Modoc County main celebration approaches.

These numbers are low based upon their dependence on once a day vehicle counts, and many of the participants are arriving through an elaborate shuttle system.

License plates reflect visitors from 32 states; Participants from Israel, Quebec, Costa Rica and Austria are also at the site.

Parking areas are filling rapidly and event participants are being directed to the permitted overflow parking areas in the vicinity of Camp 1 in Lassen County.

A fire prevention technician is on site daily from 10 am to 2 pm issuing campfire permits. He will be at the quarry from 10 a.m. to noon, and at the lower West Road from around noon to 2 p.m.

Visitors to the South Warner Mountain area should become familiar with the temporary Forest Orders that apply to the area. They are posted on information boards at the gathering site, the communities of Likely and Alturas, and are on the Forest's Internet site at the address below.

Modoc County Health Officials indicate that the event is going well and that participants are working hard to make their camps safe and sanitary with an emphasis on food preparation and medical areas.

## SAFETY

There is a possible chance of afternoon thunderstorms through Saturday July 3rd.

Travelers are urged to be very careful driving to and from the site, especially on the gravel road. The traffic is increasing markedly, the road is winding, and at certain times of the day the sun and dust can be blinding.

Modoc County Health officials recommended that all drinking water from the site be boiled a minimum of 20 minutes regardless of the source or prior treatment.

## COURT DATE

Time for the U.S. Magistrates Court in Likely has been changed from 11:00 am to 10:00 am on Wednesday, June 30. The change has been posted on Gathering bulletin boards.

## Background:

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The Gathering is a very loosely structured event that attracts anywhere from 8,000 to 20,000 people. Gatherings are held in rural areas, usually some distance from the nearest town. The climax of the Gathering is on July 4, when participants gather in one place to pray for world peace and mother Earth.

The Gathering is located on the Warner Mountain Ranger District just below the South Warner Wilderness. A National Incident Management Team is assisting the Forest with this event.

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National Incident Management Team

# Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest DAILY UPDATE



U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

Tuesday, June 29, 2004

Contact: Donna Wilson 530-233-2141

## Current Situation:

Participants continue to arrive for the annual Rainbow Gathering of the Living Light in Modoc County. Vehicle counts conducted yesterday indicated that there are **approximately 3,500 people** at the gathering site. These numbers are low due to people arriving by alternate modes of transportation, such as bicycles, on foot, or in shuttles. For example, a school-sized bus can make numerous shuttle trips a day, yet is counted as one parked vehicle.

License plates reflect visitors from 32 states; Participants from Israel, Quebec, Costa Rica and Austria are also at the site.

Parking areas are filling rapidly and event participants are being directed to the overflow parking areas.

A fire prevention technician is on site daily from 10 am to 2 pm issuing campfire permits. He will be at the quarry from 10 a.m. to noon, and at the lower West Road from around noon to 2 p.m.

Visitors to the South Warner Mountain area should become familiar with the temporary Forest Orders that apply to the area. They are posted on information boards at the gathering site, the communities of Likely and Alturas, and are on the Forest's Internet site at the address below.

## SAFETY

There is a possible chance of afternoon thunderstorms Tuesday. Travelers are urged to be very careful driving to and from the site, especially on the gravel road. The traffic is increasing markedly, the road is winding, and at certain times of the day the sun and dust can be blinding.

Modoc County Health officials recommended that all drinking water be boiled regardless of the source or prior treatment.

## COURT DATE

Time for the U.S. Magistrates Court in Likely has been changed from 11:00 am to 10:00 am on Wednesday, June 30. The change has been posted on Gathering bulletin boards.

## Background:

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The Gathering is located on the Warner Mountain Ranger District just below the South Warner Wilderness. A National Incident Management Team is assisting the Forest with this event.

Information can be found on the Modoc National Forest's web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc). Information can also be obtained by calling 530-233-2141.



National Incident Management Team

## Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest



# DAILY UPDATE

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

Monday, June 28, 2004

Contact: Donna Wilson 530-233-2141

### Current Situation:

Participants continue to arrive for the annual Rainbow Gathering of the Living Light in Modoc County. Vehicle counts conducted yesterday indicated that there are **approximately 3,000 people** at the gathering site. These numbers are low due to people arriving by alternate modes of transportation, such as bicycles, on foot, or in shuttles. For example, a school-sized bus can make numerous shuttle trips a day, yet is counted as one parked vehicle. License plates reflect visitors from 32 states; Participants from Israel, Quebec, Costa Rica and Austria are also at the site.

A fire prevention technician is on site daily from 10 am to 2 pm issuing campfire permits. He will be at the quarry from 10 a.m. to noon, and at the lower West Road from around noon to 2 p.m.

The Forest is working with some Rainbow participants to correct some problems associated with their kitchen and camp sites to ensure visitor safety and resource protection.

Visitors to the South Warner Mountain area should become familiar with the temporary Forest Orders that apply to the area. They are posted on information boards at the gathering site, and the communities of Likely and Alturas.

### SAFETY

There is a possible chance of afternoon thunderstorms Tuesday. Travelers are urged to be very careful driving to and from the site, especially on the gravel road. The traffic is increasing markedly, the road is winding, and at certain times of the day the sun and dust can be blinding.

### Background:

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The Gathering is located on the Warner Mountain Ranger District just below the South Warner Wilderness. A National Incident Management Team is assisting the Forest with this event.

Information can be found on the Modoc National Forest's web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc). Information can also be obtained by calling 530-233-2141.

**NOTE: The only change is the number of people at the site.**





National Incident Management Team

## Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest **DAILY UPDATE**

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service



Sunday, June 27, 2004

Contact: Donna Wilson 530-233-2141

### **Current Situation:**

Participants continue to arrive for the annual Rainbow Gathering of the Living Light in Modoc County. Vehicle counts conducted yesterday indicated that there are **approximately 2,500 people** at the gathering site. These numbers are low due to people arriving by alternate modes of transportation, such as bicycles, on foot, or in shuttles. For example, a school-sized bus can make numerous shuttle trips a day, yet is counted as one parked vehicle. License plates reflect visitors from 32 states; Israel and Quebec participants are also at the site.

A fire prevention technician is on site daily from 10 am to 2 pm issuing campfire permits. He will be at the quarry from 10 a.m. to noon, and at the lower West Road from around noon to 2 p.m.

With a few exceptions, campers and kitchens at the site are respecting the land-use measures and the special-use permit, put in place to ensure visitor safety and resource protection.

Visitors to the South Warner Mountain area should become familiar with the temporary Forest Orders that apply to the area. They are posted on information boards at the gathering site, and the communities of Likely and Alturas.

Information about the natural resource protection regulations and other Forest Orders will also be posted at the Information Center at the Gathering site as requested by Rainbow Gathering participants.

### **SAFETY**

There is a possible chance of dry thunderstorms on Monday and Tuesday. Travelers are urged to be very careful driving to and from the site, especially on the gravel road. The traffic is

increasing markedly, the road is winding, and at certain times of the day the sun and dust can be blinding.

### **Background:**

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The Gathering is a very loosely structured event that attracts anywhere from 8,000 to 20,000 people. Gatherings are held in rural areas, usually some distance from the nearest town. The climax of the Gathering is on July 4, when participants gather in one place to pray for world peace and mother Earth.

The Gathering is located on the Warner Mountain Ranger District just below the South Warner Wilderness. A National Incident Management Team is assisting the Forest with this event.

Information can be found on the Modoc National Forest's web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc). Information can also be obtained by calling 530-233-2141.





National Incident Management Team

## Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest

# DAILY UPDATE

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service



Saturday, June 26, 2004

Contact: Donna Wilson 530-233-2141

### Current Situation:

Participants continue to arrive for the annual Rainbow Gathering of the Living Light in Modoc County. Vehicle counts conducted yesterday indicated that there are **approximately 2,000 people** at the gathering site. These numbers are low due to people arriving by alternate modes of transportation, such as bicycles, on foot, or in shuttles.

A fire prevention technician is on site daily from 10 am to 2 pm issuing campfire permits. He will be at the quarry from 10 a.m. to noon, and at the lower West Road from around noon to 2 p.m.

For the most part, campers and kitchens at the site are respecting the land-use measures and special-use permit put in place to ensure visitor safety and resource protection.

Visitors to the South Warner Mountain area should become familiar with the temporary Forest Orders that apply to the area. They are posted on information boards at the gathering site, and the communities of Likely and Alturas.

Information about the natural resource protection regulations and other Forest Orders will also be posted at the Information Center at the Gathering site as requested by Rainbow Gathering participants.

### SAFETY

Travelers are urged to be very careful driving to and from the site, especially on the gravel road. The traffic is increasing, the road is winding, and at certain times of the day the sun and dust can be blinding.

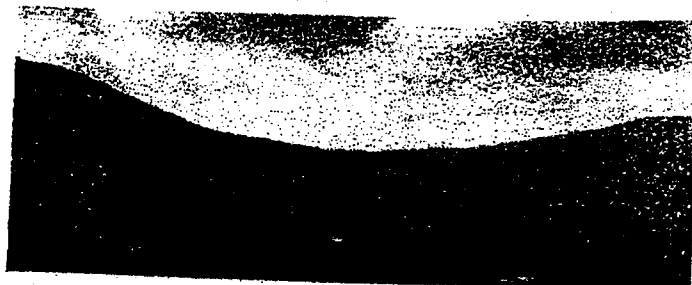
### Background:

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The Gathering is located on the Warner Mountain Ranger District just below the South Warner Wilderness. A National Incident Management Team is assisting the Forest with this event.

Information can be found on the Modoc National Forest's web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc). Information can also be obtained by calling 530-233-2141.





National Incident Management Team

# Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest **DAILY UPDATE**



U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

Friday June 25, 2004

Contact: Donna Wilson 530-233-2141

## Current Situation:

Participants continue to arrive for the annual Rainbow Gathering of the Living Light in Modoc County. Vehicle counts conducted yesterday indicated that there are **approximately 1,800 people** at the gathering site. Actual numbers are probably higher due to people arriving by alternate modes of transportation, such as bicycles, on foot, or in shuttles.

The Forest Service (FS) and Gathering participants are continuing to work together regarding a section of road. The FS is concerned about safety and emergency vehicle access to the area as a whole.

A fire prevention technician is on site daily from 10 am to 2 pm issuing campfire permits. He will be at the quarry from 10 a.m. to noon, and at the lower West Road from around noon to 2 p.m.

For the most part, campers and kitchens at the site are respecting the land-use measures and special-use permit put in place to ensure visitor safety and resource protection.

Visitors to the South Warner Mountain area should become familiar with the new Forest Orders that apply to the area. They are posted on information boards at the gathering site, and the communities of Likely and Alturas.

## Background:

Each year for over 30 years, the Rainbow Family of Living Light has held an event on public lands they call the Gathering. The Gathering was held on the Modoc NF at Camp One in the South Warner Mountains, in 1984.

The Gathering is a very loosely structured event that attracts anywhere from 8,000 to 20,000 people. Gatherings are held in rural areas, usually some

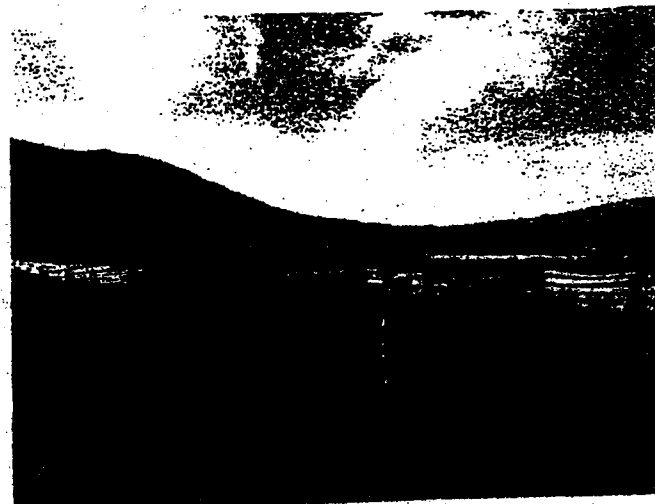
distance from the nearest town. The climax of the Gathering is on July 4, when participants gather in one place to pray for world peace and mother Earth.

The "Individuals Assembling for a Rainbow Gathering" was issued a Noncommercial Group Use Permit on Monday, June 21.

A wildland fire plan has been completed for the Warner Mountains area as a joint effort between the Modoc National Forest and Rainbow Gathering participants.

The Gathering is located on the Warner Mountain Ranger District just below the South Warner Wilderness. A National Incident Management Team is assisting the Forest with this event.

Information can be found on the Modoc National Forest's web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc). Information can also be obtained by calling 530-233-2141.





National Incident Management Team

## Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest



# DAILY UPDATE

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

Thursday June 24, 2004

Contact: Donna Wilson 530-233-2141

### Current Situation:

Participants continue to arrive for the annual Rainbow Gathering of the Living Light in Modoc County. Vehicle counts conducted yesterday indicated that there are approximately 1600 people at the gathering site. Numbers may be higher due to people arriving by alternate modes of transportation.

Forest Service Resource Specialists are mapping significant infrastructure such as camps, kitchens, slit trenches, bathing areas, trails, stream crossings, etc.

The Forest Service (FS) and Gathering participants are continuing to work together regarding a section of road. The FS is concerned about safety and emergency vehicle access to the area as a whole.

A fire prevention technician is on site daily from 10 am-2pm issuing campfire permits.

### Background:

Each year for over 30 years, the Rainbow Family of Living Light has held an event on public lands they call the Gathering. The Gathering was held on the Modoc NF at Camp One in the South Warner Mountains, in 1984.

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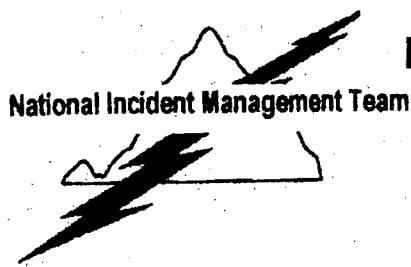
The "Individuals Assembling for a Rainbow Gathering" were issued a Noncommercial Group Use Permit on Monday, June 21.

An operations and maintenance plan, included in the permit, specifies land-use measures for visitor safety and protection of the resources at the site and surrounding area. A wildland fire plan has been completed for the Warner Mountains area as a joint effort between the Modoc National Forest and Rainbow Gathering participants.

The Gathering is located on the Warner Mountain Ranger District just below the South Warner Wilderness. A National Incident Management Team is assisting the Forest with this event.

Information can be found on the Modoc National Forest's web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc). Information can also be obtained by calling 530-233-2141.





# Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest DAILY UPDATE

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service



Tuesday June 23, 2004

Contact: Donna Wilson 530-233-2141

## Current Situation:

Participants continue to arrive for the annual Rainbow Gathering of the Living Light in Modoc County. Vehicle counts conducted yesterday indicated that there are approximately 1,150 people at the gathering site. Numbers may be higher due to people arriving by alternate modes of transportation.

On June 22 Forest Service Permit Administrators and Law Enforcement met with Gathering participants and worked together to resolve issues related to natural resources protection and health and safety. Coordination will continue throughout the event.

## Background:

Each year for over thirty years, the Rainbow Family of Living Light has held an event on public lands they call the Gathering. The Gathering was held on the Modoc NF at Camp One in the South Warner Mountains, in 1984.

The Gathering is a very loosely structured event that attracts anywhere from 8,000 to 20,000 people. Gatherings are held in rural areas, usually some distance from the nearest town. The climax of the Gathering is on July 4, when participants gather in one place to pray for world peace and mother earth.

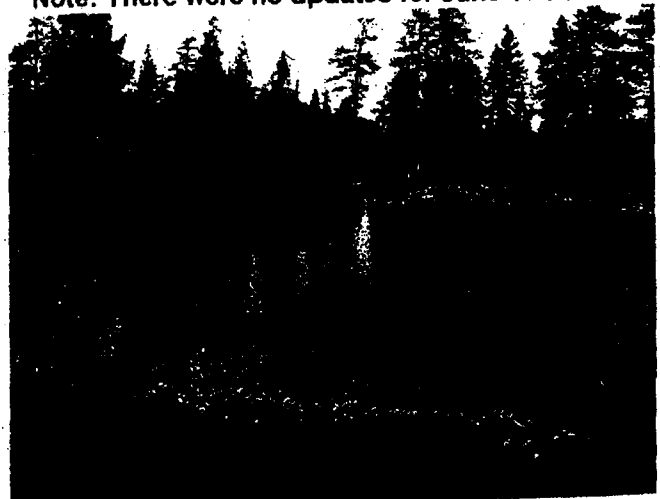
The "Individuals Assembling for a Rainbow Gathering" were issued a Noncommercial Group Use Permit on Monday, June 21.

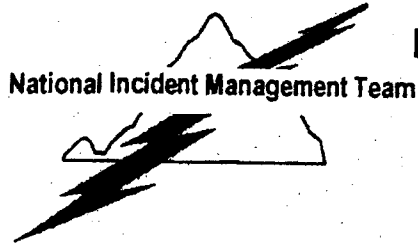
An operations and maintenance plan, included in the permit, specifies land-use measures for visitor safety and protection of the resources at the site and surrounding area. A wildland fire plan has also been completed for the Warner Mountains area as a joint effort between the Modoc National Forest and Rainbow Gathering participants. Additionally, participating health and emergency agencies are working closely under a unified command system to provide a well-coordinated effort for the good of the communities and visitors.

The Gathering is located on the Warner Mountain Ranger District just below the South Warner Wilderness. A National Incident Management Team is assisting the Forest with this event.

Information can be found on the Modoc National Forest's web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc). Information can also be obtained by calling 530-233-2141.

**Note:** There were no updates for June 18-21.





# Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest **DAILY UPDATE**



U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

**Tuesday June 22, 2004**

**Contact: Donna Wilson 530-233-2141**

**There were no updates for June 18-21.**

## **Current Situation**

The "Individuals Assembling for a Rainbow Gathering" applied for and were issued a Noncommercial Group Use Permit on Monday, June 21. The natural resources will be protected by the use of an Operations and Maintenance Plan that is administrated by the Forest Service.

The Forest has put in place special land-use measures for visitor safety and protection of the resources at the site and surrounding area.

The National Incident Management Team conducted a vehicle count yesterday and estimated that there are approximately 950 people at the gathering site.

To provide for safety, the Forest has completed a wildland fire plan for the Warner Mountains area.

In response to the large gathering, participating health and emergency agencies are working closely under a unified command system that provides a well-coordinated approach for the good of the communities.

Four arrests have been made by Forest Service law enforcement officers.

For safety reasons, some vehicles that were blocking Forest Service roads have been towed.

Officers recovered one stolen vehicle and apprehended the two people involved.

For information regarding the gathering call 530-233-2141. Information is also on the Modoc National Forest's web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc).





National Incident Management Team

# Rainbow Family National Gathering Modoc National Forest DAILY UPDATE

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service



Thursday June 17, 2004

## Current Situation

As of Wednesday, June 16, approximately 500 people were at the Rainbow Family gathering.

The number of Rainbow Family members will continue to increase until the 4<sup>th</sup> of July – ranging between 8,000 and 20,000 participants.

The site location is on the Warner Mountain Ranger District just below the South Warner Wilderness.

Forest Service resource specialists continue to monitor the resources at the site.

To protect public safety and natural resources, several temporary land use restriction orders have been approved and should be in place starting June 17.

The National Incident Management Team is on site and continuing to assist in the total management of the large gathering.

## Unified Command

The Gathering is being managed under a unified command system. This includes federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies, as well as emergency service and social service organizations.

This group of organizations and agencies is working together to provide public health and safety and protection of natural resources in the area.

## How does the Forest Service Manage Large Gatherings?

- Works towards obtaining a special use permit.
- Works to ensure adequate protection of the environment.
- Keeps the public informed.
- Enforces laws and assists local law enforcement officials.
- Provides guidance to reduce displacement of wildlife, to ensure provision of adequate sanitation, and to maintain stream quality.
- Manages traffic on Forest Service roads to minimize environmental impacts and addresses safety concerns.

**Location:** Modoc National Forest, R-5  
**Date:** July 9, 2004  
**Internal Update:** 18  
**Contact:** Donna Wilson, (530) 233-2141



National Incident Management

### **Situation Report: 2004 Rainbow Gathering**

#### **Situation:**

The Rainbow Family of Living Light has selected the Bearcamp Flat area, 25 miles east of Likely, CA, on the South Warner Mountains, Warner Mountain Ranger District, and Modoc National Forest (MDF) for the national 2004 gathering.

#### **Background:**

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#### **Current Situation:**

- Several hundred Rainbow participants are still at the site helping with cleanup and rehabilitation efforts.
- There will be minimum law enforcement coverage today.
- As of July 9, there were 26 arrests, 264 written Violation Notices, 1,741 written Incident Reports/Warning Notices issued by Forest Service law enforcement officers to gathering participants. Several violators were turned over to local law enforcement for violations of state laws ranging from outstanding warrants to vehicle theft, to possession of a stolen vehicle.
- During the gathering, three formal Notices of Noncompliance letters and one Partial Suspension letter were issued outlining the permit and operating plan items where permit administrators were having difficulty in obtaining compliance. The emphasis for these notices was public safety issues.
- The NIMT will be completing final reports this weekend and will hold its closeout on Monday, July 12.

**This is the final internal update from the NIMT.**



**Location:** Modoc National Forest, R-5  
**Date:** July 8, 2004  
**Internal Update:** 17  
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- Approximately 2-3,000 Rainbow participants are still at the site.
- A Unified Command meeting was held at 11 a.m. today. The focus of the meeting was on how the incident went and the remaining issues and concerns. Frances Bennally, Chair of the Fort Bidwell Indian Community Council, expressed her hopefulness that the tribal concerns will be taken care of in future gatherings nationwide. She expressed her desire that everyone educate themselves on tribal government-to-government relations. The Sheriff of Modoc said that these gatherings should all have an EIS done prior to issuing a permit. He also stated that the only way that changes will be made is through the congressional process. The 'fairness' topic was also brought up by the Modoc County Supervisor.
- There will be minimum law enforcement coverage today.
- The District Ranger is meeting today at 2 pm with any Gathering participants interested in rehab.
- The Ranger will be going out on the site used by the Gathering with several range permittees Friday, July 9. Cows and sheep will be going on the allotments shortly.
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- Approximately two-thirds of the Rainbow participants have left the site.
- There will be minimum law enforcement coverage today.
- A notice of noncompliance was completed yesterday and will be mailed today to the point of contact with copies going to individuals at the site. It included numerous points of noncompliance with the permit with a focus on the damage to the aspen grove.
- The county will be collecting water samples today. Results will be forthcoming.
- The Ranger will be going out on the site used by the Gathering with several range permittees Friday, July 9. Cows and sheep will be going on the allotments shortly.
- Members of the Fort Bidwell Indian Community Council and the Pit River Tribe have requested to go out on site with the Forest Supervisor later this week.
- Today Frances Bennally, Chair of the Fort Bidwell Indian Community Council, and others are planning to address the Rainbow Vision Council. Among other items, she has indicated wanting to request the Rainbow Rehab team to use porti- toilets.
- The District Ranger is meeting with any Gathering participants interested in rehab tomorrow.
- Representatives of the Fort Bidwell Indian Community Council met with the District Ranger after the Unified Command meeting yesterday. The forest is working closely with the tribes on rehab.
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