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Subject Rainbow Gathering Calls and Information after 7/7

Starting July 8th the public will be asked to call the Cuba Ranger District for all Rainbow related inquiries. The Rainbow Information public phone line (505-438-5685) will be temporarily forwarded to the Cuba RD office. The two internal phones lines in the Information Office (505-438-5688, 5686) will be disconnected as of July 8th.

Frontliners, below you will find some information to help you answer or route calls. Please note that all news releases and other general rainbow information is available on-line: http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/rainbow/index.html,

Inquires regarding the following should be routed to:

Media - Dolores, Ext. 75320 or Lawrence, Ext. 75321
Missing Persons - Sandoval County Dispatch 505-867-4581
Rehab and Resources - Derek or Jimmy
Stray Dogs - Sandoval County Dispatch 505-867-4581 or Animal Control 505-867-7526
Permit/Operating Plan FOIA Requests - Sara Campney, Ext. 75445,

Travel/1-Way Route:

The one-way travel route from the junction of Forest Road (FR) 69 and FR 70 west to the San Gregorio trailhead will remain in place until traffic flow decreases within the area. As participants begin to leave the area, vehicle and foot traffic is expected to be heavy along Forest Road 70, Highway 126 and 550, primarily within the Village of Cuba. Travelers are encouraged to use extra caution while driving,

Rehab/Resources:

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Parvo:

There have been several confirmed cases of Canine Parvovirus or "Parvo" at the Gathering. Parvo is a highly contagious disease spread through dog feces. Anyone at the Gathering could potentially spread the virus through feces on their shoes. To eliminate the spread, and since Parvo can remain in the soil for 5 months or longer, it is recommended that the public refrain from bringing their pets with them if they intend on

visiting the Parque Venado area in the near future. Visitors hiking through the area should disinfect their shoes with disinfectant spray or bleached water before entering their vehicles and returning home.

More information on Parvo can be found on-line at:
http://www.peteducation.com/article.cfm?c=2+2102&aid=467

Displaced Wildlife:

Regarding wildlife displacement, although there may have been impacts to elk calving and deer fawning this season, the impacts are short term. Wildlife is instinctive and the four habitat requirements (food, water, space and cover) can be found throughout the area and in nearby San Pedro Parks Wilderness. The wilderness is comprised of several large meadows, intermixed with forest, and has plenty of good forage and nursery habitat (open meadows) for displaced wildlife. In past years, elk and deer were seen again in areas impacted by the Gathering as early as one month after the Gathering ended. Normal distribution of wildlife, however, may not been seen until next summer.

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