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To Erin Connelly/R3/USDAFS@FSNOTES
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Subject Re: Questions from Staci Matlock

Makes sense. I'll touch base with Judy and see who/how we want to address this. L

So, all in all how did it go? It seems like it has gone quite well from this perspective. I wanted to give the WO an update and wanted to get your take thus far. We'll be putting together an after action review soon.

Thank you for your leadership and how the SNF managed this event. It was impressive. I hope we can build on what you have done for future events. Regards, L
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Hello from my Blackberry!
Enjoy the day!!
Erin Connelly

----- Original Message -----
From: Erin Connelly
Sent: 07/06/2009 10:50 AM MDT
To: Karen Carter; Laurie Thorpe
Cc: Dolores Maese
Subject: Fw: Questions from Staci Matlock
Hello Karen and Laurie...
We need some assistance. Most of the questions below are national in scope and I don't know the full picture. Dolores and I are thinking they would be better answered by a WO-level "expert" on the Rainbow Family....if we have one. Do you know who that might be?

Also, heads up.....Lisa is well-known and an activist so could likely have a long conversation with Staci.

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To Yvette M Ramirez/R3/USDAFS@FSNOTES
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Subject Questions from Staci Matlock

Staci Matlock from the Santa Fe New Mexican called and asked several questions about the Noncommercial group use permit for an article she is currently working on. I mentioned this to Derek last week and he recommended that Erin help answer a lot of those controversial questions about the permit.

Here are the questions she was asking:

How did the origin of the noncommercial group use permit come about?
How is the Rainbow Gathering handled differently if they don't sign a permit?
An operating plan was used the past 2 years instead of making them sign a permit. Why can't you continue to do that instead of making them sign a permit?
Isn't the Forest Service infringing upon the Rainbow's rights by making them sign a permit?
Since the history of the permit requirement, how many years have the Rainbows signed a permit, and how many years did they not sign a permit?
If someone signs the permit, and they held personally liable for anything that goes wrong at the Gathering?
Staci also said she wants to look into those court cases surrounding the whole permit issue.

She specifically wanted to know who signed the permit so I directed her to the Santa Fe National Forest Rainbow Gathering website. Although she has the right to publish those names in the article, I (off the record) suggested that she not use the names in the article because of potential retaliation against the signees by members of the Rainbow Family. She said she knows Lisa and is going to call her about the article she is working on. She is still debating whether or not to include the names.

I told Staci that Erin would be a good start to ask these questions but because of the nature of these questions, it's a good idea to contact the WO for guidance.

Let me know if you have any questions.

I can be reached at 505-438-5688 today.

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