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(2) [REDACTED] Assistant Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal

SUBJECT: AFTER ACTION REPORT

- Rainbow Family Gathering 2009 New Mexico
- June 20, 2009 through July 7, 2009

ENCLOSED:

- (1) Letter from USFS requesting assistance from USM D/NM
- (2) Operational Plan
- (3) Costs
- (4) Operational Notebook containing maps, policies, and contact information

1. UNIT IDENTIFICATION:

a. United States Marshals Service Operational Deputies:

1. [REDACTED] DIC, D/NM-Albuquerque
2. [REDACTED] ADIC, D/NM-Santa Fe
3. [REDACTED] Medic, D/NM-Albuquerque
4. [REDACTED] D/NM-Albuquerque (part time)
5. [REDACTED] D/NM-Las Cruces (part time)
6. [REDACTED] D/NM-Las Cruces
7. [REDACTED] D/OK-E
8. [REDACTED] D/AZ-Phoenix
9. [REDACTED] D/DC-Superior Court

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b. [REDACTED] Deputy U.S. Marshal
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2. ASSIGNMENT:

a. FY #2009

b. Location of Assignment: Santa Fe National Forest, Cuba Ranger District, Cuba, NM (Parque Venado Area)

c. Mission Title: Enforcement

d. Dates: June 20, 2009 through July 7, 2009

3. COMMAND:

a. District of New Mexico:

Gorden Eden, USM
[REDACTED] CDUSM
[REDACTED] ACDUSM
[REDACTED] SDUSM
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[REDACTED] DUSM, DIC

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b. Deputy in Charge- [REDACTED] DUSM-D/NM

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4. ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Chuck Barth, Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA)

John Anderson, (AUSA)

[REDACTED] Senior Special Agent, United States Forest Service (USFS)
[REDACTED] Regional Commander, USFS
[REDACTED] Patrol Captain, USFS
[REDACTED] Criminal Investigator, USFS

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5. DESCRIPTION OF MISSION:

The U.S. Marshals Service assisted the USFS as well as several other local Law Enforcement agencies in keeping the peace and responding to emergencies in the Santa Fe National Forest from June 20, 2009 to July 7, 2009, during the Rainbow Family Gathering. The Marshals Service was asked by the USFS to support this mission (letter on file).

The Marshals Service also provided court and judicial security at the Federal Courthouse located in Albuquerque, NM on June 22 and 29 and on July 1 and 6. The court dates were set up by U.S. Magistrate Judge Lorenzo Garcia and Assistant U.S. Attorney Chuck Barth. The court dates were in response to the citations issued by the USFS and carried a mandatory court appearance. Federal Protective Services assisted the USMS with outer perimeter security during the specified court dates.

Approximately 10,500 people attended the Gathering and camped within the Parque Venado area of the Cuba Ranger District, in the Santa Fe National Forest. 3 percent of the 10,500 participants at the Gathering received violation notices, mostly for drug and alcohol related offenses. In addition, 19 arrests were made for various offenses. Officers also issued written warnings for various offenses that did not require a court appearance. Participants receiving violation notices at the Gathering were required to make a mandatory appearance in Federal Court in downtown Albuquerque.

6. MISSION STRENGTH:

a. Authorized strength of the mission:

- 5 In-District Deputies
- 4 Out of District Deputies

b. Additional personnel:

- [REDACTED] DUSM D/NM-Albuquerque (June 21-July 1)
- [REDACTED] DUSM D/NM-Las Cruces (July 1-July 7)

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7. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

a. Normal Issue:

- Ballistic vest
- 5.11 uniforms
- duty weapon-handgun
- sam brown belt w/leather gear and issued less lethal equipment
- tactical/hiking boots
- radio

b. Extra Equipment and Gear:

- rain gear
- long rifle
- taser
- hat
- sun screen
- bug spray
- camelbak/backpack

c. Returned Gear:

- camelback/backpack
- chemical light sticks

8. COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/DISCREPANCIES/NOTEWORTHY ITEMS:

a. Timelines of Notification:

The USMS was notified in March of 2009 that the Rainbow Family was planning on having a Gathering of 10,000 people in New Mexico during the July 4th holiday. The USFS did not have a specific location and gave a northern area of Taos, NM and a southern area of Reserve, NM, both in National Forest Lands. The USMS met with the USFS on four more occasions to prepare for the Gathering. On June 10, 2009, the Rainbow Family picked a site and chose the Cuba Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest, for their Gathering location. On June 21, 2009, the USMS D/NM went fully operational in the Santa Fe National Forest, assisting the USFS.

b. Movement to Assignment:

USMS personnel arrived in Albuquerque, New Mexico on June 20, 2009. Deputies came from: the District of Eastern Oklahoma; the District of Arizona-Phoenix; The District of DC-Superior Court; the District of New Mexico-Las Cruces; and the District of New Mexico-Albuquerque.

c. Transportation and Accommodations in area of operation:

The USMS D/NM provided three SUV vehicles and a transport van for the detail. DUSMs stayed at the Days Inn Hotel located in Bernalillo, NM and commuted one hour and a half in each direction to Cuba, NM.

d. Conduct of Operation:

DUSMs were required to work a 12 hour shift each day and worked 18 days straight.

e. Retrograde:

DUSMs departed New Mexico on July 7, 2009.

f. Costs:

Final costs have yet to be determined and will be reported at a later date.

g. Impressions:

The DIC for the USMS was told on several occasions by the USFS that the USMS did an outstanding job. USFS stated that in years past the USMS stayed at the off-site court house and guarded the court house all day and rarely assisted in the day to day operations. This year there was no off site court house, that freed up the USMS to assist in the mission of policing the forest and assisting the USFS with proactive law enforcement. The USFS commented that the USMS acted professional and showed an outstanding work ethic.

The DUSMs on the detail did an excellent job and went above and beyond what was asked of them. The USMS DIC was told by several USFS officers that they were extremely thankful for the assistance of the USMS.

9. PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN MISSION:

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Respectfully Submitted,

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DUSM, D/NM
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