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Subject: Delegation of Authority: 2009 Rainbow Family Gathering on Santa Fe National Forest

To: Derek Padilla-IC, Gene Smithson – IC (LE)

My intent is that this year's Rainbow Family Gathering is the most successful ever from both the perspective of the Forest Service and that of the Gatherers in general. I am also committed to the communities, individuals and organizations involved and/or impacted

Given that intent, you are hereby authorized to exercise the full range of delegated authority required to manage the Rainbow Family National Gathering which will occur on the Santa Fe National Forest, Cuba Ranger District, this June and July of 2009.

Your primary performance objectives and guidelines are as follows:

Human Resource Management and Safety

- *Provide for the safety and welfare of all incident staff through effective organization, good briefings, supervision within span-of-control, coordination of all resources, reliable communications, continuous situation awareness, and effective scene size-up prior to committing resources on any response.*
- *Use all available resources and opportunities to show respectful regard for Rainbow Family participants.*
- *Promote the safety and welfare of the public, protect infrastructure, and public property through information and enforcement of laws,*
- *Provide timely response to all appropriate requests for assistance.*
- *Ensure that incident personnel follow established Department of Agriculture guidelines regarding civil rights, and other Forest Service policies, practices, and procedures.*
- *Provide effective incident management training experience for all trainee positions.*
- *Mobilize the needed resources to manage the event activity safely, effectively, and efficiently.*

Information

- *Internal and external relationships and communications are critical. Establish and maintain effective communication throughout the course of the event.*
- *Manage media contacts within the framework of established agency policy.*



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Community Relations

- *Establish and maintain effective working relationships and service with our customers.*
- *Identify potential issues and concerns from private landowners, permittees, businesses, and the local communities and work to address or resolve as appropriate. .*
- *Work with leaders of the “seed camps” and Gathering to minimize social impacts.*
- *Coordinate fully with State, County, and local agencies and organizations in management of event activities.*

Resource Protection

- *Use Incident Management Team, District, and Forest Resource Staff, and working through others to process the application to permit, develop an operating plan and a rehabilitation plan that is intended to provide protection of any identified sensitive sites during pre-Gathering, the full Family Gathering, and the rehabilitation of the site when the Gathering and seed camps are concluded.*

Cost

- *Effective event oversight through an efficient organization, cost containment, information flow, activity coordination with all cooperating agencies, and effective law enforcement.*
- *Insure that all operations are cost-effective, efficient, and justifiable.*
- *Incident team, and support personnel working in support of the incident will apply charge-as-worked principles.*

Fire Management

- *The Forest is currently in the “low” fire danger level. Monitor fire activity associated with the incident to insure Forest resource protection from potential wildfire. Request mobilization of Forest and/or cooperator fire resources to cost effectively manage Forest fire risk mitigation.*

The “2009 Rainbow Family Gathering” to be held on the Santa Fe National Forest is high priority. It is critical that the Team be proactive with all involved.

The Team’s assignment will last until released by the Forest Supervisor.

/s/ Erin Connelly
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