

**U.S. Forest Service
Incident Command Team
Warren, PA**



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**Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering
Final Update – July 5, 2010
(not for public release)**

Attendance significantly increased during July 2nd and 3rd with the final count of Rainbows estimated 10,000 the morning of July 4, 2010. The last vehicle count was 2400 cars and 41 buses. Communities around the ANF continue to be extremely busy with outgoing traffic resulting from people leaving the gathering. Negative issues continue to be minimal.

Forest Service information officers will distribute a final informational update on Tuesday to businesses on the "trap line". Information officers also advised business owners in advance of the weekend of what to expect with business traffic when the gathering participants begin to leave the area. No "trap line" contacts were made on Sunday or Monday.

As of July 3, 2010, a total of 911 law enforcement actions have been recorded. These actions include incident reports (164), warning notices (284), violation notices (449), and arrests (14). 434 of the actions are vehicle and traffic issues. Of the traffic related issues, 66 were incident reports, 219 were warning notices, and 149 were violation notices. Drug related violations increased 273 since the beginning of the gathering and include such things as possession of illegal or controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia. The additional arrests are the result of executing additional outstanding warrants. A-Camp continued to be a challenge to manage throughout the gathering.

A final account of law enforcement actions will be provided on Tuesday.

On Sunday all officers were off shift at 2200. On Monday, July 5, 2010, the 24-hr shift will stop. One shift, 0800 to 2000, will be in place for the day and officers will monitor the status of the departures. This work will continue on Tuesday.

The local Forest representatives visited the site on Saturday, July 3, 2010 to review the rehabilitation needs. The Forest resource specialists will start implementing the rehab plan for the area around mid-week with an expected completion time of early August.

The IMT and Forest will hold a close-out briefing on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 1300 in the Allegheny National Forest SO.

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Subject July 4th Rainbow Update

All,

Just to let you know, there will be no official update today, July 4th.

As of last evening we estimate 8500 people at the gathering.

Resource specialists are doing a final car/bus count this morning.

A final report will be prepared and distributed Monday morning, July 5, 2010.

Have a safe holiday.

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**Rainbow Gathering-Internal Update #1 – June 15, 2010
(not for public release)**

The Forest Service National Incident Management Team (NIMT) arrived in Warren, PA on June 13, 2010, to help manage the impacts of the 2010 National Rainbow Family Gathering occurring on the Allegheny National Forest in northwest Pennsylvania. There are currently 12 team members, 2 support personnel and 27 law enforcement officers (LEOs) assigned to the incident. Included in the LEO group are 7 K-9 officers and 5 officers patrolling on horses. On June 7, 8, & 9th, the LEOs attended an orientation session that included various safety topics and tactical training. At the present time, LEOs assigned to the incident are patrolling the general forest area until the gathering becomes more organized and presents a need for patrols in the gathering area.

The Rainbow Family has chosen the site for the 2010 that is very near where the 1986 national gathering was held. There was also a smaller regional gathering held there in 2007. This site is known as the Queen Creek/Piney Creek area of Hearts Content which is on the Bradford District in the southwestern part of Warren County. The entire perimeter of the gathering is easily accessible, however, two-way traffic on the roads with parking on the sides presents both a safety and congestion issue. Roadside brushing and additional signing is underway. There are some safety concerns along the state road leading to the Forest Service roads that are being addressed with PennDOT.

Resource specialists have been in the field the last two days working on more precise locations of parking areas, opening gates, restrictions around gas wells, roadside brushing, and locations of sanitary facilities.

Community interest is growing in Sheffield, Kane, Warren, Marienville, Tidioute, and Tionesta as many Rainbows are passing through that area. Information on the Rainbow Gathering and NIMT/Allegheny National Forest objectives has been distributed through the forest public affairs officer and incident information officer to local businesses, medical facilities staff, and volunteer fire departments.

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**Rainbow Gathering-Internal Update #2 – June 16, 2010
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**Rainbow Gathering-Internal Update #3 – June 17, 2010
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The Rainbow Family has chosen the site for the 2010 that is very near where the 1986 national gathering was held. This site is known as the Queen Creek/Piney Creek area of Hearts Content which is on the Bradford District in the southwestern part of Warren County. Parking restriction signs continue to be put in place to mitigate traffic and parking issues near the Gathering site. Working with PennDot regarding speed issues on newly-paved, previously gravel road in the area.

Resource specialists continue work on parking areas, openings, restrictions around gas wells, roadside brushing, locations of sanitary facilities, and Operations Plan. Wildlife and heritage specialists on site again today.

Safety officers meeting with CEO of local hospital this morning; traveling to Harrisburg 6/18 to meet with State Health Department officials. Updating medical plan for incident.

Information on the Rainbow Gathering and NIMT/Allegheny National Forest objectives continues to be distributed to local interests.

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**Rainbow Gathering-Internal Update #4 – June 18, 2010
(not for public release)**

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Activity is picking up in the area. A total of 65 law enforcement actions were taken on June 17. Nearly half of the incidents, warnings, and violation notices involved vehicle and traffic issues. The remaining issues involved panhandling, nudity, drugs and alcohol, and officer interferences.

Resource specialists continue work on parking areas, openings, restrictions around gas wells, roadside brushing, locations of sanitary facilities, and the Operations Plan. Wildlife and heritage specialists are on site again today determining and marking sensitive areas.

Safety officers are traveling to Harrisburg 6/18 to meet with State Health Department officials. The information officer and a law enforcement representative will meet with at a gathering of local/involved volunteer fire departments today at 15:30 at the Warren County 911 Center.

Information on the Rainbow Gathering and NIMT/Allegheny National Forest objectives continues to be distributed to a variety of key contacts as new information becomes available. The "trap line" of businesses most effected from the gathering has been finalized and field-going information officers will begin making daily visits beginning June 25. Until then, visits are every other day. Negative experiences between Rainbow Family members toward local business have been minimal.

Information officers also made visits to private residents along key roads entering the gathering site. The Rainbow Family gathering fact sheet was distributed with the numbers of the information desk for any inquires from the residents.

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**Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering-Internal Update #5 – June 19, 2010
(not for public release)**

The Forest Service National Incident Management Team (NIMT) arrived in Warren, PA on June 13, 2010, to help manage the impacts of the 2010 National Rainbow Family Gathering. The numbers of management team members, K9 units, and horse units remain the same as previous reports. Twenty-four hour staffing patrols began 6/18/10.

Activity is picking up with an estimated 400 Rainbows in attendance. Traffic is increasing in the evenings. A total of 89 law enforcement actions were taken on June 18. Nearly half of those involved vehicle and traffic issues. The remaining actions involved panhandling, nudity, and officer interferences. Drug related violations increased from 12 on Thursday to 18 on Friday.

Resource specialists continue work on locations of kitchens and latrines which will be placed 300 feet from riparian areas. Gas wells have been flagged with a 50 foot buffer to prevent camping on the well pad and to allow well-tenders access for their work. Roadside brushing for both parking and driving visibility is complete. Sensitive plant and wildlife communities are being marked. Operating plans by staffing area are nearing completion. GPS locations of kitchens, main circle, kiddie village, and other key sites are being mapped.

Safety officers met with State Health Department officials in Harrisburg on June 18, 2010. Approximately 30 public health officials were on hand for the Forest Service presentation. A history of past gatherings was provided along with the types of medical and safety issues that could be encountered. They will coordinate with the Forest Service on health needs and water testing in support of local and county medical officials. If needed they offered to station a Dept. of Health official at the Incident Command post in Warren PA to help with health / medical related issues.

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Information officers made visits to private residents along key roads that access the gathering site to distribute a fact sheet including the contact number for the information desk.

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**Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering-Internal Update #6 – June 20, 2010
(not for public release)**

Activity is picking up with an estimated 450 Rainbows in attendance. Traffic is increasing in the evenings. A total of 150 law enforcement actions were taken on June 18. Half of those involved vehicle and traffic issues. The remaining actions involved panhandling, nudity, and officer interferences. Drug related violations increased from 18 on Friday to 31 on Saturday.

Satellite command posts have been established in and around the gathering site by the Forest Service & partner law enforcement organizations. The Pennsylvania State Police has an additional command post at the Cherry Grove VFD. Warren County Emergency Management Services has provided a \$1.2 million dollar portable communication tower for use at the gathering. Warren Electric Cooperative has provided the power to the tower free of charge.

Resource specialists continue work on locations for kitchen grey water, compost pits and latrines. These structures will be placed 300 feet from riparian areas. Camp sites will be 100 feet from riparian areas. Gas wells have been flagged with a 50 foot buffer to prevent camping on the well pad and to allow well-tenders access for their work. Roadside brushing for both parking and driving visibility is complete. Sensitive plant and wildlife communities are being marked. Operating plans by staffing area are nearing completion. GPS locations of kitchens, main circle, kiddie village, and other key sites continue to be mapped.

Kitchens are moving in and in the process of setting up. One in particular is showing signs of being poorly kept at this early date. The safety officers will monitor this kitchen. A-Camp is becoming more established as is kiddie village. CALM, which is the Rainbow medical unit, has not yet been established. We expect more activity on CALM set-up later next week. The key person to do the set-up has not yet arrived.

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**Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering-Internal Update #7 – June 21, 2010
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Activity is picking up with an estimated 650 Rainbows in attendance. Traffic issues during the evening of June 20, 2020 decreased in comparison to previous evenings. As of June 19, 2010, a total of 189 law enforcement actions have been taken. These actions include warning notices, violation notices, and arrests. Half of the actions involved vehicle and traffic issues and some of the traffic violations were issued to local residents. Drug related violations increased from 31 on Friday to 40 on Saturday. Ten of the actions were for public assists. Three ambulance calls were made to the site over the weekend to transport Rainbow Family members to the local hospital.

The safety officers met with VFD members from the communities of Sheffield, Cherry Grove, and Clarendon to tour the general gathering area and survey possible ambulance pick-up locations. Today the safety officers will meet with state health officials and Warren General representatives today to share information and coordinate needs. The leader of the CALM unit has not yet arrived at the gathering. More detailed coordination will occur when she arrives.

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Resource specialists continue work on locations for kitchen grey water, compost pits and latrines. These structures will be placed 300 feet from riparian areas. Camp sites will be 100 feet from riparian areas. Gas wells have been flagged with a 50 foot buffer to prevent camping on the well pad and to allow well-tenders access for their work. Roadside brushing for both parking and driving visibility is complete. Sensitive plant and wildlife communities are being marked. Operating plans by staffing area are nearing completion. GPS locations of kitchens, main circle, kiddie village, and other key sites continue to be mapped.

Information on the Rainbow Gathering and NIMT/Allegheny National Forest objectives continues to be distributed to a variety of key contacts. The "trap line" of businesses most effected from the gathering has been finalized and field-going information officers will begin making daily visits beginning June 25. Until then, visits are every other day. Negative experiences between Rainbow Family members toward local business have been minimal.

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**Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering-Internal Update #8 – June 22, 2010
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An estimated 700 Rainbows are currently in attendance. Growth of the gathering appears to be slower than expected. As of June 20, 2010, a total of 238 law enforcement actions have been taken. These actions include warning notices, violation notices, and arrests. Half of the actions continue to be vehicle and traffic issues and some of the traffic violations were issued to local residents. Drug related violations increased to 51 since the beginning of the gathering. One of the Rainbow Family members who was transported to the local hospital has been admitted for a five-day observation. The disposition of the other two is unknown. During the early hours of Monday morning, an altercation occurred between two Rainbows. One received injuries serious enough to require hospitalization in Warren General Hospital. The perpetrator is in the Warren County jail.

The safety officers met with state health officials and Warren General representatives yesterday to share information and coordinate needs. The leader of the CALM unit has arrived and was in attendance at both of the meetings with the safety officers. Later today, FS employees in need of immunizations for hepatitis and tetanus will be inoculated. Shots will be given between 0900 and 1300 at the county health office.

The information officers and support staff will lead a media tour to the northern part of the gathering today. Any print media resulting from this tour will be provided to our internal contact list.

Resource specialists continue work on locations for kitchen grey water, compost pits and latrines. These structures will be placed 300 feet from riparian areas. Camp sites will be 100 feet from riparian areas. Camping has also been restricted in a spruce grove near the main meadow. Resource specialists will also continue to monitor kitchen construction. They will pay keen attention to those that have shown early issues of being problematic. GPS locations of kitchens, main circle, kiddie village, and other key sites continue to be mapped.

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Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering-Internal Update #9 – June 23, 2010
(not for public release)

An estimated 850 Rainbows are currently in attendance. As of June 21, 2010, a total of 307 law enforcement actions have been taken. These actions include incident reports (65), warning notices (109), violation notices (128), and arrests (5). 130 of the actions are vehicle and traffic issues and some of the traffic violations were issued to local residents. Drug related violations increased to 78 since the beginning of the gathering and include such things as possession of illegal or controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia. The Rainbow member who was allegedly injured in an early morning fight on Tuesday has left the gathering. Further investigation of the incident determined the original allegations were unfounded. As of 0800 today, another medical evacuation of a Rainbow Family member is taking place. Details are limited at this time. Investigators intercepted a bus containing a large amount of illegal drugs and currency. The investigation continues and more information will be provided as the investigation progresses.

The information officers and support staff led a media tour to the northern part of the gathering on Tuesday. The questions and interviews were very general and mostly directed at the human interest news. Attached is the link to the Warren Times Observer article that appeared in today's edition. <http://www.timesobserver.com/> Additional coverage will run on WICU-TV 12 from Erie tonight. We expect to see an article from the Dubois Courier Express later in the week as their reporter was in attendance.

The Operation and Maintenance Plan for the gathering is nearing completion. A resource information sheet has been prepared for use by field-going personnel when monitoring the gathering site. This sheet identifies the critical points of the operating plan that Rainbow Family members must adhere to.

Resource specialists continue work on locations for kitchen grey water, compost pits and latrines on the northern portion of the gathering. Monitoring of kitchen construction and operation is ongoing to ensure the operating plan is followed. They will pay keen attention to those that have shown early issues of being problematic.

Information fact sheets on the Rainbow Gathering and NIMT/Allegheny National Forest will be distributed daily beginning June 27. Negative experiences between Rainbow Family members toward local business have been minimal. Panhandling continues to be a small problem and we are encouraging managers of restaurants to direct panhandlers to the gathering site where kitchens are operational.

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Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering-Internal Update #10 – June 24,
2010
(not for public release)

An estimated 1,000 Rainbows are in attendance. The statistics for enforcement actions remains the same as reported yesterday because we have not received the statistics through June 22 due to some LEOs on mandatory R&R. LEOs will rotate through R&R the next couple days. *As of June 21, 2010, a total of 307 law enforcement actions have been taken. These actions include incident reports (65), warning notices (109), violation notices (128), and arrests (5). 130 of the actions are vehicle and traffic issues and some of the traffic violations were issued to local residents. Drug related violations increased to 78 since the beginning of the gathering and include such things as possession of illegal or controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.*

The Operation and Maintenance Plan for the gathering is complete. Forest Supervisor Leanne Marten is meeting with Rainbow council on Friday (6/25) to talk about the O&M plan and a permit. Field-going personnel are utilizing this operating plan to address the critical points the Rainbow Family members must adhere to. Resource specialists continue work on locations for kitchen grey water, compost pits and latrines and relocating these sites as needed.

Today is the first court date in front of the United States Magistrate in Erie. There are 64 mandatory appearance cases on the docket for violations issued to 38 individuals. The docket consists of the following types of violations: drug, alcohol, vehicle, littering and officer interferences. The next scheduled court date is July 29th.

Forest Service investigators received arrest warrants for two individuals who fled the scene of the intercepted bus that contained a large amount of illegal drugs and currency. The investigation continues and more information will be provided as the investigation progresses.

Yesterday, per a 911 call from a Rainbow member in the gathering area, a Rainbow attendee was evacuated by helicopter. The patient was taken to Hamot Medical Center in Erie and then released. It is reported the patient may not have been taking prescribed medications and this individual has caused "internal" Rainbow medical issues in the past. CALM is getting set up and is working to address issues such as this.

External information updates will be distributed daily beginning June 27. Negative experiences between Rainbow Family members toward local business have been minimal. Panhandling, shoplifting and "dumpster diving" continues to be a problem and we are encouraging managers of restaurants to direct Rainbows to the gathering site where kitchens are operational.

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Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering
Internal Update #11 – June 25, 2010
(not for public release)

An estimated 1,300 Rainbows are in attendance. The statistics for enforcement actions remains the same due to LEOs on mandatory R&R. After today, LEOs will return to full staffing and enforcement actions will be updated.

As of June 21, 2010, a total of 307 law enforcement actions have been taken. These actions include incident reports (65), warning notices (109), violation notices (128), and arrests (5). 130 of the actions are vehicle and traffic issues and some of the traffic violations were issued to local residents. Drug related violations increased to 78 since the beginning of the gathering and include such things as possession of illegal or controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Yesterday was the first court date in front of the United States Magistrate in Erie. The interface with the US Attorney went well and the court process is smoothing out. There were 64 mandatory appearance cases on the docket for violations issued to 38 individuals. The majority of these people showed-up. The docket consisted of the following types of violations: drug, alcohol, vehicle, littering and officer interferences. The next scheduled court date is June 29th.

The Operation and Maintenance Plan for the gathering is complete and a permit is drafted. Forest Supervisor Leanne Marten is meeting with Rainbow council today to talk about the O&M plan and the draft permit.

Today, the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) will be fully operational with a command post at the Cherry Grove VFD, located approximately six miles from the gathering. The FS command trailer will be moved from the gathering area to this site to provide for better communication and coordination. PSP will staff 24-hours/day. Forest Service LEOs will attend their daily briefings.

Intermittent rain and thunderstorms over the past few days have resulted in slick trails and muddy conditions throughout the gathering area. Field-going personnel will conduct baseline stream water quality testing.

There is no new information on the investigation related to the large amount of illegal drugs and currency seized from the bus. The investigation continues and arrest warrants are in place for the two individuals who fled the scene.

Some negative experiences between Rainbow Family members and local business have been reported, including bathing in business bathrooms, panhandling, shoplifting and "dumpster diving." At the same time, they are reporting an increase in business from the Rainbows.

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Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering
Internal Update #12 – June 26, 2010
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An estimated 1,300 Rainbows are in attendance. Today, LEOs return to full staffing for the duration of the gathering.

As of June 24, 2010, a total of 382 law enforcement actions have been taken. These actions include incident reports (81), warning notices (140), violation notices (156), and arrests (5). 166 of the actions are vehicle and traffic issues and some of the traffic violations were issued to local residents. Drug related violations increased to 103 since the beginning of the gathering and include such things as possession of illegal or controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Today Forest Supervisor Leanne Marten is again meeting with Rainbow council to talk about the O&M plan and the draft permit. The Operation and Maintenance Plan for the gathering is complete and a permit is drafted.

Last night around midnight, some locals were driving down the 119 road passing through the location of A-camp. According to the reporting party, the locals were stopped by A-camp participants and asked for money. When they refused to give them anything, some A-camp folks began damaging their vehicle (tore off their windshield wipers, kicked the vehicle, and broke off a mirror). FS LEOs responded with Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) and County Deputies to A-camp and attempted to locate the suspects based on the description. The suspects were not located. Some violation notices were issued for drug paraphernalia and 1 arrest was made by the County Deputies for public intoxication. Although the suspects have not yet been located it was a good test in our response and coordination with other LE agencies.

The PSP are fully operational with a command post at the Cherry Grove VFD, located approximately six miles from the gathering. The FS command trailer is now located at this site as well. PSP will staff 24-hours/day. Forest Service LEOs will attend their daily briefings.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDH) brought in an Epidemiological Aid team. The team consists of staff from the Center for Disease Control, pediatricians, a veterinary student and infectious disease specialists. They will monitor health conditions through visual surveillance in and around the gathering, and medical reporting from area hospitals and clinics. They plan daily visits to CALM and will participate in our morning briefings.

There is no new information on the investigation related to the large amount of illegal drugs and currency seized from the bus. The investigation continues and arrest warrants are in place for the two individuals who fled the scene.

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**Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering
Internal Update #13 – June 27 2010
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An estimated 1,650 Rainbows are in attendance. Weekend traffic around the gathering increased due to locals visiting the area. Two weekend residences near the gathering were recently burglarized. The only thing missing was food.

As of June 25, 2010, a total of 401 law enforcement actions have been taken. These actions include incident reports (100), warning notices (140), violation notices (156), and arrests (5). 174 of the actions are vehicle and traffic issues and some of the traffic violations were issued to local residents. Of the traffic related issues, 38 were incident reports, 103 were warning notices, and 33 were violation notices. Drug related violations remained at 103 since the beginning of the gathering and include such things as possession of illegal or controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On Saturday, Forest Supervisor Leanne Marten met with the Rainbow council to continue discussions about the O&M plan and the draft permit. Discussions on these documents will be continued on Monday, June 28, 2010 during another council meeting.

On Saturday & Sunday, Forest employees staffed the main roads to the gathering providing directions and information on resource protection to those entering the area. Also on Sunday, the information officers will begin daily visits to businesses on the "trap" line.

The PSP are fully operational with a command post at the Cherry Grove VFD, which is six miles from the gathering. The FS command trailer is now located at this site as well. The communications officer is working on power and communications for the trailer. PSP will staff 24-hours/day with increased patrols in and around local communities. Forest Service LEOs will attend their daily briefings. Forest Service information officers will also coordinate any joint information needs with their assigned public affairs officer.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDH) brought in an Epidemiological Aid team. They will monitor health conditions through visual surveillance in and around the gathering, and medical reporting from area hospitals and clinics. They plan daily visits to CALM and will participate in our morning briefings.

There is no new information on the investigation related to the large amount of illegal drugs and currency seized from the bus. The investigation continues and arrest warrants are in place for the two individuals who fled the scene. There is no new information on the incident of the locals who were visiting the gathering site and had their car vandalized at A-camp. The investigation on this incident continues.

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**Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering
Internal Update #14 – June 28 2010
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An estimated 1,900 Rainbows are in attendance. Forest employees staffed an information stop on the FR119 on Saturday and Sunday to provide directions to the gathering and answer questions from visitors to the area. Visits from local residents increased both days.

Due to the slow build-up of gathering participants and businesses having minimal issues with Rainbow Family members, this week's trap line schedule has been adjusted. Rather than doing daily visits starting today as originally planned, we will conduct visits every other day and adjust after Thursday as needed.

The law enforcement stats remain the same as yesterday and will be updated when the actions from officers returning from R&R are calculated. As of June 25, 2010, a total of 401 law enforcement actions have been taken. These actions include incident reports (100), warning notices (140), violation notices (156), and arrests (5). 174 of the actions are vehicle and traffic issues and some of the traffic violations were issued to local residents. Of the traffic related issues, 38 were incident reports, 103 were warning notices, and 33 were violation notices. Drug related violations remained at 103 since the beginning of the gathering and include such things as possession of illegal or controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Federal court is scheduled for Tuesday, June 29, 2010, in Erie, PA with 100 cases on the docket. Evidence is being prepared today. We anticipate coverage from the Erie Times News.

Forest Supervisor Leanne Marten and Incident Commander Gene Smithson will meet with the Rainbow council today to continue discussions about the O&M plan and the draft permit.

The PSP are fully operational with a command post at the Cherry Grove VFD, which is six miles from the gathering. Forest Service LEOs will attend their daily briefings. Forest Service information officers will also coordinate any joint information needs with their assigned public affairs officer.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDH) brought in an Epidemiological Aid team. They will monitor health conditions through visual surveillance in and around the gathering, and medical reporting from area hospitals and clinics. They plan daily visits to CALM and will participate in our morning briefings.

There is no new information on the investigation related to the large amount of illegal drugs and currency seized from the bus or the incident of the locals who were visiting the gathering site and had their car vandalized at A-camp. The investigation on these incidents continues.

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**Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering
Internal Update #15 – June 29 2010
(not for public release)**

An estimated 2,200 Rainbows are in attendance. Forest employees are staffing an information stop on the FR119 to provide directions to the gathering and answer questions from visitors.

As of June 26, 2010, a total of 516 law enforcement actions have been recorded. These actions include incident reports (118), warning notices (175), violation notices (217), and arrests (6). 221 of the actions are vehicle and traffic issues, some were issued to local residents. Of the traffic related issues, 45 were incident reports, 131 were warning notices, and 45 were violation notices. Drug related violations remained at 147 since the beginning of the gathering and include such things as possession of illegal or controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Federal court is scheduled today, in Erie, PA with 100 cases (about 50 people) on the docket. We anticipate coverage from the Erie Times News. Federal court will also be held in Erie on Thursday, July 1, 2010. At this time, the number of cases on Thursday's docket is unknown.

Forest Supervisor Leanne Marten, District Ranger Tony Scardina, and Incident Commander Gene Smithson finalized the O&M plan yesterday with the Rainbow council.

Forest Safety Officer Erin Leet met with representatives of CALM to plan for ambulance pick-up routes around the perimeter of the gathering. She will confirm those routes with CALM tomorrow.

A number of additional kitchens are being constructed. Resource specialists will continue to monitor the construction. Resource specialists will also work on closing some unacceptable trails that have been built in riparian areas. The main drum circle was moved out of the main meadow to a location further away from a goshawk nest.

Due to the slow build-up of gathering participants and minimal local concerns with Rainbow Family members, the trap line schedule was adjusted. Rather than doing daily visits as originally planned, we are conducting visits every other day and will adjust as necessary.

The PSP are fully operational with a command post at the Cherry Grove VFD, which is six miles from the gathering. Forest Service LEOs will attend their daily briefings. Forest Service information officers continue to coordinate with their assigned public affairs officer.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDH) Epidemiological Aid team is monitoring health conditions through visual surveillance in and around the gathering, and medical reporting from area hospitals and clinics.

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**Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering
Internal Update #16 – June 30 2010
(not for public release)**

An estimated 2,950 Rainbows are in attendance. Forest employees are staffing an information stop on FR119 to provide directions to the gathering and answer questions from visitors. Local businesses are experiencing an increase in business from Rainbow Family members. Problems continue to be minimal.

As of June 28, 2010, a total of 625 law enforcement actions have been recorded. These actions include incident reports (135), warning notices (219), violation notices (265), and arrests (6). 279 of the actions are vehicle and traffic issues, some were issued to local residents. Of the traffic related issues, 57 were incident reports, 163 were warning notices, and 59 were violation notices. Drug related violations increased 179 since the beginning of the gathering and include such things as possession of illegal or controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The afternoon of June 29, 2010, a large amount of marijuana (approximately 10 lbs, estimated value \$25K) was seized from a Rainbow Family member who was travelling to the gathering. The effort was done in cooperation with the Warren County Drug Task Force and a Forest Service investigations and a K9 unit. We anticipate a joint media announcement with the County District Attorney later this week.

Federal court was held on Tuesday in Erie, PA with 107 cases (65 people) on the docket. The Erie Times News and WICU TV 12 reporters were in attendance. We've not seen the results of the media coverage at this time. Federal court will also be held in Erie on Thursday, July 1, 2010. At this time, the number of cases is estimated at 80. Agents are preparing evidence today for cases that involved traffic/vehicle offenses, drugs, alcohol, and officer interferences.

Yesterday, Mary Rasmussen gave an interview to WJET TV 24 out of Erie that should air on the news today. Nadine Pollock will be interviewed on KDKA radio Thursday morning at 0710.

Two people from the gathering were treated at Warren General Hospital for dog bites.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDH) confirmed two cases of parvovirus. The dogs have been removed to the Warren County Humane Society. **The PDH Epidemiological Aid team continues to monitor health conditions in and around the gathering.**

Resource specialists continue to monitor the conditions on the ground in accordance with the operating plan.

The PSP are fully operational with a command post at the Cherry Grove VFD, which is six miles from the gathering. Forest Service LEOs will attend their daily briefings. Forest Service information officers continue to coordinate with their assigned public affairs officer.

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**Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering
Internal Update #17 – July 1, 2010
(not for public release)**

An estimated 3,500 Rainbows are in attendance. Forest employees will staff information stops on FR119 & FR 209 to provide directions to the gathering and answer questions from visitors. Negative issues in the communities and businesses continue to be minimal.

Law Enforcement Statistics will remain the same today as numerous officers are in court and have not submitted updated information. As of June 28, 2010, a total of 625 law enforcement actions have been recorded. These actions include incident reports (135), warning notices (219), violation notices (265), and arrests (6). 279 of the actions are vehicle and traffic issues, some were issued to local residents. Of the traffic related issues, 57 were incident reports, 163 were warning notices, and 59 were violation notices. Drug related violations increased 179 since the beginning of the gathering and include such things as possession of illegal or controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Regional Forester Kent Connaughton, Law Enforcement Director David Ferrell, and Acting Director of Public & Governmental Relations Joe Alexander visited the gathering site on Wednesday. R9 Special Agent Richard Glodowski is also on Forest to tour the gathering site and attend Federal Court today.

The Warren County District Attorney (Ross McKiernan) and lead member of the Warren County Drug Task Force (Ken Klacamp) visited the ANF SO for a photo session and brief interview with a reporter from the Warren Times Observer. The DA and Task Force leader along with the Forest Service investigator, two law enforcement officers and K9 Kevlar were photographed along with the marijuana seized in the June 29, 2010, action. Information on this action was provided to the Erie Times news through the Assistant U.S. Attorney's office.

Federal court will be held today in Erie, PA, with 102 cases (about 60 people) on the docket. The Erie news media will likely attend. No further court dates are expected, although a reservation for court remains on the calendar for July 8th if necessary.

Nadine Pollock was interviewed on KDKA radio this morning.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDH) continues to visit CALM on a daily basis. They are also testing water being used in the kitchen areas. The PDH Epidemiological Aid team continues to monitor health conditions in and around the gathering. A 7lb. 3oz. baby boy was delivered at CALM on June 30, 2010. A midwife was in attendance for the uneventful delivery.

Resource specialists continue to monitor the conditions on the ground in accordance with the operating plan. A key focus is to visit any new kitchens that have been set up to ensure proper placement on the landscape away from water sources.

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**Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering
Internal Update #18 – July 2, 2010
(not for public release)**

An estimated 4,600 Rainbows are in attendance. The car count is 1,167 and the bus count is 25. Four Forest employees will staff an information stop FR119 today to provide directions to the gathering/parking and answer questions from visitors. On Thursday, more than 200 cars entered the gathering through the northern entrance area. Communities around the ANF are seeing a significant increase in traffic through the area. Businesses continue to be busy with shoppers preparing for the gathering. Negative issues continue to be minimal.

As of June 29, 2010, a total of 652 law enforcement actions have been recorded. These actions include incident reports (137), warning notices (231), violation notices (277), and arrests (7). 288 of the actions are vehicle and traffic issues, some were issued to local residents. Of the traffic related issues, 57 were incident reports, 172 were warning notices, and 59 were violation notices. Drug related violations increased 191 since the beginning of the gathering and include such things as possession of illegal or controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia. A-Camp is becoming more active with increased challenges of managing the attendees there.

Federal court was held in Erie, PA, on Thursday. There were 97 cases on the final docket. Twenty-one people failed to appear and warrants were issued. Two of those warrants were cleared soon after court ended as the defendants showed up. WJET-TV24 attended and interviewed the representative for the Rainbows. We will report the coverage when we see it.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDH) continues to visit CALM on a daily basis. They are also testing water being used in the kitchen areas. The PDH Epidemiological Aid team continues to monitor health conditions in and around the gathering. A 7lb. 3oz. baby boy was delivered at CALM on June 30, 2010. A midwife confirmed on Thursday that both baby and mother are doing fine. More sick dogs have been observed in camp. Parvovirus is suspected.

Resource specialists continue to monitor the conditions on the ground in accordance with the operating plan. A key focus is to visit any new kitchens that have been set up to ensure proper placement on the landscape away from water sources. To date, 30-35 kitchens have been set up. Some tents were set up in the spruce grove area which is off-limits to camping. The campers were invited to move and the no-camping signs that had been torn down were replaced.

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**Allegheny National Forest Rainbow Gathering
Internal Update #19 – July 3, 2010
(not for public release)**

Attendance has significantly increased in the last day with an estimated 6,700 Rainbows in attendance. The influx of participants is expected to continue today. Communities around the ANF are seeing a significant increase in traffic through the area. Some businesses are extending their hours or staying open for 24 hrs to accommodate the business from Gathering attendees. Negative issues continue to be minimal.

Forest Service information officers will distribute an informational update today to businesses on the "trap line". No contacts will be made on Sunday or Monday. A final external update will be prepared and distributed on Tuesday.

Tracy Perry, Deputy Director of Law Enforcement, Washington Office is on forest for the weekend. He will tour the Gathering site with the Forest Supervisor and Incident Commander today.

As of June 29, 2010, a total of 732 law enforcement actions have been recorded. These actions include incident reports (146), warning notices (252), violation notices (324), and arrests (10). 340 of the actions are vehicle and traffic issues. Of the traffic related issues, 63 were incident reports, 192 were warning notices, and 85 were violation notices. Drug related violations increased 213 since the beginning of the gathering and include such things as possession of illegal or controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia. A-Camp is becoming more active with increased challenges of managing the attendees there. The additional arrests are the result of executing three of the 22 outstanding warrants. Forest Service LEOs and the U.S. Marshall's will continue to work on the outstanding warrants today.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDH) continues to visit CALM on a daily basis. The PDH Epidemiological Aid team continues to visually monitor health conditions in and around the gathering. Preliminary water tests have been returned and show no giardia present. More detailed tests will be returned next week. The medical representatives at CALM report no major health issues.

Resource specialists continue to monitor the conditions on the ground in accordance with the operating plan. To date, 60 kitchens have been set up and are operational. Barricades have been placed on FR552 (northern entrance) as parking is full and traffic has become a challenge. FR 209 (southern entrance) has plenty of parking still available. The IC and IMT resource specialists have started work on the rehab plan for the area. The local Forest representatives will visit the site in the near future and actually begin rehabilitation activities around July 8, 2010. The rehabilitation plan requires all rehabilitation work to be completed no later than August 8, 2010.

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