



Green Mountain/Finger Lakes National Forests
Rainbow Family National Gathering
Information Update
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1,680 Rainbow Family members are currently occupying areas on Forest Road 10 near Mount Tabor. Parking challenges will continue. Currently there are 319 cars and 27 buses parked on FR 10 and in bus village. Bus parking is being monitored as more people arrive at the gathering site.

Surrounding communities continue to report issues such as panhandling for food and money, harassment of local customers at stores and gas stations, requests for use of restroom facilities, and requests for drinking water.

Law enforcement for this gathering is a cooperative effort between the Rutland County Sheriff, Vermont State Police, Manchester Police Department, Bennington Police Department and U.S. Forest Service officers.

Approximately 35 named campsites are set up with names like Healing Hands, Camp Nothing and Shining Lite. Kitchens continue to open daily with names like Rainbow Crystal, Stockpot Café and Disaster Kitchen. Kiddie Village is the “day care center” of the gathering.

Toilet facilities, provided by the Rainbow Family, are also available at the ballfield entrance to Forest Road 10.

By June 24, 2016, a total of 75 warning notices and 66 violation notices were issued for traffic and drug related offences. 47 other incidents received law enforcement response.

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Photo below: Robert Manfredi from the VDH discusses water sanitation with a Rainbow Family member

