



Green Mountain / Finger Lakes National Forests
Rainbow Family National Gathering
Information Update
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The National Incident Management Team turned over coordination of the incident to the Green Mountain National Forest on July 6, 2016. The area continues to see patrols by Law Enforcement and Resource Management staff.

The size of the Gathering has decreased steadily since its peak on July 4, 2016 with an estimated 10,121 participants. On July 8, 2016, the day following Gathering (official timeframe of July 1 – 7) an estimated 1,231 participants were still on site. On July 11 and 12, 2016, the estimated number of Rainbow Family members still on site was 389 and 270 respectively. Rainbow Family members are encouraging those not assisting with clean-up efforts to leave the area.

Local communities and businesses may continue to see a presence of Rainbow Family members while their clean-up efforts continue.

Rainbow Family clean-up efforts are focused on significant trash removal. The majority of trash is being staged along Forest Road 10 between Forest Road 31 and Forest Road 30. Vehicles traveling between Mt. Tabor and Landgrove along Forest Road 10 may continue to experience some congestion in this area while the clean-up efforts continue.

The Green Mountain National Forest's Resource Specialists have been on site, post-Gathering, to assess potential damage and provide guidance on rehabilitation of the area. Resource Specialists continue to monitor the area. The most effective restoration will occur once the Rainbow Family leaves the area and the natural vegetation begins to regenerate.

It is expected that Forest Road 10 will be re-graded and have some ditch work later this summer to address "wash-boarding" and clogged ditches from the extensive use the road received over the last month.

This document will serve as the final "Informational Update." A final Press Release will be issued and distributed once the Rainbow Family's clean-up efforts are completed and the Gathering has concluded.

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