

This was for the 2010 Pennsylvania Gathering

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## **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN**

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### **2010 PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY**

This Operations and Maintenance plan has been developed to mitigate potential resource impacts associated with the 2010 peaceful assembly. This Plan is designed to follow the Standards and Guidelines of the appropriate Forest Plan, and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR's) applicable to National Forest System Lands.

The peaceful assembly will maintain a volunteer liaison crew for administrative agreement matters and resource concerns between the Forest Service and the assembly.

#### **HEALTH and SAFETY**

1. Individuals are responsible for their own health & safety.
2. CALM will identify the vehicle to be used for emergencies to the Forest Service.
3. The Forest Service and CALM will be notified of any contagious outbreaks.
4. Trash will be removed from the site. Only paper and wood trash will be burned.
5. Biological hazards generated at the CALM tent will be disposed of at an appropriate medical waste disposal facility. No biological waste will be buried, remain on the site, or disposed of with other trash.
6. Drinking water should be filtered/boiled and/or treated.
7. Participants of the peaceful assembly will maintain approximately one functioning latrine per 100 people. The treatment of human waste is dependent upon numerous factors. Therefore, to assure the health and safety of visitors to the peaceful assembly, the following actions should be followed:
  - a) Slit trenches or earth pit privies will be used.
    - 1) Slit trenches should be constructed on upland sites. They should be located at least 300 feet from surface waters, kitchens and down slope from any drinking water sources unless agreed upon with Forest Service representatives. Trenches should be approximately 12 inches wide (i.e. shovel width or better) and of an adequate length for the anticipated number of people. Buckets of lime or wood ash shall be available at all trench or privy sites. Trenches or pits shall be closed when they fill to within approximately 15 inches of the surface. A hand wash station should be provided at each location.
8. Kitchen washing procedures are recommended to be a three bucket system. A hand washing station is recommended for each kitchen area.

## **RESOURCE PROTECTION**

1. Parking areas will be agreed upon by the Forest Service. Participants of the peaceful assembly will provide crews to organize, direct, and provide security for the parking area(s), and will ensure they follow posted instructions. Site specific needs will be addressed on location to provide for shuttle, supply, route closures, etc. Vehicles parked in areas specifically closed for parking, or parked in a manner that interferes with the ingress/egress of emergency vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicles parked along the side of roads, where parking is allowed, must be pulled off as far as possible. At a minimum, there must be one and half car widths (approximately 10- 12 feet) of clearance in the roadway. If this is not possible then the vehicle must be moved and parked in other designated parking areas.

2. A live - in area (Bus Village) will be agreed upon by the Forest Service.

3. Administrative parking areas will be identified by the Forest Service. These areas will be signed and marked. If the area markings are removed, anything stored in that area will be confiscated, and any vehicles parked in that area will be towed. It is the responsibilities of the assembly individuals to insure those areas remain accessible to the Forest Service.

4. Sensitive areas (wetlands, sensitive species, archeological sites, etc.) will be flagged by the Forest Service. Participants at the peaceful assembly are responsible for not camping or congregating within these areas, and for not removing items from these areas (plants, items over 50 years old like bottles, cans, etc.)

5. There will be no camping within 100 feet of surface water, or where posted.

6. Gray water and compost pits from kitchens should be at least 300 feet from surface water (unless otherwise agreed upon by Forest Service representatives) and should not be located in areas that contain riparian vegetation. They should be covered when they reach 5 inches from the surface.

7. Participants of the peaceful assembly will monitor all activities to ensure that soap, disinfectants, medical waste, or any other foreign material will not be introduced into lakes, streams, or other surface waters.

8. Avoid excavating or digging out around drinking water sources. Use temporary collection techniques (such as rocks, logs, or tarps) to collect drinking water at the source

9. If ground water appears while digging any holes, (slit trenches, grey water, compost pits, bliss pits, etcetera) the site should be immediately refilled, abandoned and moved to a different location, generally uphill.

10. Log crossings over creeks/streams will be constructed as to minimize impacts to the banks.

11. Local travel management restrictions will be adhered to and followed at all times.

12. Fires will be attended to at all times. All community fire pits will be no larger than 10 feet in diameter. It is recommended that a shovel and at least one - one gallon container of water be placed at each campfire location. No personal fires.

13. Only dead and down firewood may be used. No cutting of green trees or standing dead trees will be allowed without prior approval of the Forest Service.

## **ANIMALS**

1. Animals must be under physical control at all times.

## **SITE REHABILITATION**

1. If deemed necessary by the Forest Service (working with participants of the peaceful assembly), all parking areas, bus village, trails, and areas of concentrated use will be scarified to a depth of 2-4 inches and will be seeded with a native seed mix approved by the Forest Service. Seeding will be accomplished around early August following the assembly.
2. Slit trenches and latrines will be filled and covered with the native material originally removed from the pit and mounded with excess material to allow for settling.
3. All trash will be removed and disposed of at a recognized sanitary landfill or local trash hauling companies.
4. All human-made structures not previously existing at the assembly location (bridges, swings, lean-to's, ovens, "art") will be dismantled, removed, or scattered to achieve a natural appearance.
5. Any user created trails will be obliterated. Existing trails will be returned to a width specified by the Forest Service, with the appropriate water controls to avoid concentrations of water and to prevent gully formation.
6. All water lines will be removed from the peaceful assembly site.
7. All vehicles abandoned by peaceful assembly participants will be removed from the National Forest at the owner's expense and at no cost to the Forest Service.
8. Fire/bliss pits will be filled with native material from the surrounding area or originally removed and mounded with excess material to allow for settling. Rocks will be scattered to give a natural appearance to the landscape.
9. Site specific needs will be identified at a walk through with assembly representatives and the Forest Service after July 4.

## **GENERAL**

1. Copies of the Operating Plan will be available at the peaceful assembly information center, and at other locations.
2. Participants of the peaceful assembly will establish contact with local agencies, businesses, and organizations to arrange services (i.e. garbage, recycling) and supplies, as needed.
3. Participants of the peaceful assembly will be responsible for emergency medical coordination and evacuation with area medical facilities.
4. Forest Service Representatives will visit with participants of the peaceful assembly as desired by participants. Should a use of force occur, Forest Service Representatives will visit with the participants of the peaceful assembly regarding the incident.
5. Nudity on roads and areas outside the main peaceful assembly site is not allowed.

## **FOREST SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES**

1. I.C.
2. Planning Chief
3. Operations
4. Special Uses/Resources
5. Information
6. Health and Safety
7. Agency Administrator