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Hello

I am very concerned that the GMP for Golden Gate National RECREATIONAL Area is limiting the use of many areas and especially Rancho Corral de Tierra. This urban recreational area was established as a place that would provide recreation and open space for the urban community. The lands that were purchased to become part of GGNRA were farm lands and areas threatened by development. That we were able to preserve these lands for recreational use was one of the best things done in the SF Bay Area. However, to think of these areas as "natural," which implies that there has been little or no human intervention in the last 200 years, is not true. They are areas that have had cattle grazing, gardens grown, houses and barns built and torn down, roads built and other aspects of human use. The current ecosystem is quite healthy and has a lot of native flora and fauna that has flourished despite or with the help of human intervention. I am worried that the idea of "preserve and conserve" as if it was a area such as Yosemite, will limit the use and eventually close many of the area to any use. As someone who grew up in the area and has been horseback riding through there for decades, I am concerned that once again we are losing trails that have been in existence for years with little or no thought to our input.

Please put this GMP back for more comment and do not sign it. The hours that many of us put into commenting and meeting with GGNRA staff seem to have been totally ignored. As a scientist I can find no justification for the designation of "natural" for any part of GGNRA. The habitat is an evolving ecosystem and is continuing to evolve. Keeping humans, dogs and horses off of it will not change it for the better.

Thank you,

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