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On Thu, Jun 26, 2014 at 9:53 PM, dave415 <(b)(6)> wrote:

Christine Lehnertz
Regional Director
National Park Service

Dear Director Lehnertz,

Two weeks ago I wrote to you, like many others, with serious concerns about the General Management Plan. I also posted a note on your Facebook page about these concerns that received more "likes" than any other post on your page. Today, I am writing to understand your timetable and decision process for signing the decision of record. My request is that you meet directly with a cross-group of frequent visitors to the GGNRA recreational units to address the concerns before taking any action.

Last week at a meeting in Mill Valley about the Muir Woods traffic and parking plan there were numerous questions about the General Management Plan, specifically what outreach was undertaken and how many public comments were considered by the GGNRA. The response by the ranger who fielded the question was vague and uninformed at best. And, quite frankly, if his answer is the extent of the outreach conducted there are legitimate risks that should concern you. Foremost is how an urban recreation property that attracts 15 million visitors only considered slightly more than 500 comments submitted by the public.

Is it possible to meet with you for a constructive discussion about what's taking place and how people are reacting to the plan that has been set forth? I have no doubt that by a greater ratio -- and growing -- there are more people who have expressed concerns about the plan in the past two months than the number who weighed in during the GGNRA comment period.

I would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience. If you are not able or unwilling to meet, I ask that you escalate my request to a National Park Service deputy director. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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