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It has come to my attention that GGNRA is pushing through new public use rules with three separate plans pending that would to limit access to areas like Fort Funston, Rancho Corral de Tierra and the Marin Headlands in the Golden Gate Nat Rec Area without the typical public comment one would expect on proposed changes that affect the public trust, that would restrict public access. to date.

Ms Lehnertz, Please do not sign off on a new 20 Yr Gen Management Plan for the GGNRA that could restrict our enjoyment of GGNRA lands without a suitable opportunity for public comment and consideration of the following points:

As I understand the proposed rule changes to the 20-year General Management Plan, address at least two areas that could be signed off on as soon as this week. The first of which in theory I have the most concern about.

– Establishing "zones" that would entitle the GGNRA to prohibit access for things like hiking / picnicking at the many beaches / ridge-view trails in the GGNRA.

– I oppose any rule changes that restrict residents and constituents responsible access to the GGNRA with domestic pets. / On the other hand I recognize the difference between public access and what is essentially commercial use of public parks by Professional Dog-walkers. I am in support of, and hope that the Nat Park Service implement's rules about use of public parks as an element of the dog management plan that is still being developed and reviewed.

- The proposed General Management Plan literally redefines and changes the stated park

purpose that was established by an act of Congress in 1972. The original language holds “preserving for public use and enjoyment.... to provide for the maintenance of needed recreational open space...,” is being changed to “...providing a national park experience...”

- The National Park Service and State of CA use our tax dollars to fulfill an agreement established by taxpayers and previous policymakers to maintain our regional parks for public enjoyment.

- San Francisco is the second most densely populated city in America after New York City. The people of the San Francisco Bay Area voted to establish and have paid to protect these regional assets for enjoyment and recreation.

- Right now most people in the Bay Area have no idea what’s being planned – there has been little to no effort by the GGNRA to reach out to the public and gather input for the General Management Plan.

- We need a real meaningful public process that involves the people who are going to be affected. And we want a process that takes our input into account. The entire community should have the opportunity to participate in this important discussion.

- As a constituent, property owner, and taxpayer; any restrictions that prevent personal access to the parks that were established in the interest of public enjoyment of our geographic assets including the GGNRA is untenable. I absorb the inordinate cost of living in the North Bay for exactly that reason! keep people from recreating in the GGNRA – places

- I believe people and nature are compatible that is evident by the beauty and abundance of species in the GGNRA .

- The National Park Service, which was entrusted to protect public access, is trying to eliminate our recreational opportunities one by one. There is no credible reason to start denying access to beaches and trails we have designated for public use / enjoyment.

Thank you,

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