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**Subject:** Re: recreation access in GGNRA  
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Hi, I am writing to you because I am concerned that plans for the park are becoming more restrictive. I grew up in Marin and my parents were involved in working for the creation of the GGNRA. I always believed it was created to protect it from development so the public could enjoy it forever. It seems now the park service wants it for their own private display. That was not the original intent of all the people that worked long and hard on it and I think it's important not to lose sight of the original intent. The only rules I see necessary are those which protect it from major damage but encourage people to get out and enjoy the natural beauty of this place. Please slow down on the plans to limit recreation and let the public be involved in these decisions as this land belongs to the public not the park service. The park service job is to enforce the rules not make them. Thank you, Erica Hawley

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**From:** D. Emanuel <[mail@change.org](mailto:mail@change.org)>  
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**Subject:** We need your help -- Update: Recreation access to GGNRA is in Jeopardy' on Change.org

Thank you for signing the petition to keep recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (it's up to 2,100 signatures and counting). The staff of the National Park Service is moving quickly to block recreation, possibly this coming week. We need to move faster to protect it.

Here is how you can help: Please email Christine Lehnertz, the Pacific West Region Director of the National Park Service, at [Chris\\_Lehnertz@nps.gov](mailto:Chris_Lehnertz@nps.gov). Let her know in your own words that the GGNRA needs to slow down its drive to limit recreation and that she should not sign off on any new plans that could restrict our enjoyment of GGNRA lands. We are asking everyone to contact her this week by Wednesday, 5/28 because decisions are imminent.

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Background and talking points for your contact:

- It has come to the sad juncture that the staff of the National Park Service is proposing to use our federal taxpayer dollars to keep people from recreating in the

GGNRA – places we have been allowed to go for more than 40 years since it was protected from development.

- Currently the GGNRA is pushing forward with three separate plans that seek to limit access to areas like Fort Funston, Rancho Corral de Tierra and the Marin Headlands. Two of those plans could be signed off on as soon as this week – the 20-year General Management Plan, which would establish "zones" where the GGNRA could actually prohibit people from doing things like picnicking at most of Ocean Beach; and a rule that would create restrictive and expensive permits for professional dog walkers who people count on to make sure their pets receive appropriate exercise (any permitting should be considered as part of the dog management plan that is still being developed and reviewed until late 2015).
- 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.
- We believe people and nature are compatible that is evident by the beauty and abundance of species in the GGNRA .
- San Francisco is the second most densely populated city in America after New York City. And the people of the San Francisco Bay Area fought hard to establish and protect this area that was founded to provide recreational opportunities to the people of this region.
- 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, which was entrusted to protect public access, is trying to eliminate our recreational opportunities one by one. These are beaches and trails where people have been welcomed for 40 years or longer. There is no credible reason to start denying access now.

Thank you,  
Dave and Andrea

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