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Please stop, take stock, and determine how the GMP can be implemented in a way that ensures maximum general populace use of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). As its currently written and planned to be implemented, it looks like it could result in considerable amounts of land being set aside for use either by commercial interests, or by small special interest groups.

Because I know you're getting grief from dog owners, let me be clear – I support denying use by unleashed pets, and for limiting access to leashed pets. Parks are for people, and poorly regulated pets can be wildly destructive to natural habitats.

However, The GGNRA is public land and is vital as a public natural area for low cost outdoor recreation. I understand that the managing authorities may need to temporarily restrict use for land restoration, habitat maintenance, as well as limiting pet use to dog runs and a limited number of open areas.

The policy as written appears to allow drastic reduction of use by people, and withdrawal of land from general use – dedicating it to special and/or commercial use. That must not be allowed.

Thanks for taking the time to review my comments.

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