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To: Chris_Lehnertz@nps.gov
Subject: Recreation in GGNRA
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Dear Ms. Lehnertz,

Please do not sign off on current plans to restrict recreational access on GGNRA lands. As a taxpayer, I believe that such restrictions on federal lands within the dense urban setting of the Bay Area are ill-advised.

The General Management Plan has not had sufficient public outreach nor discussion to warrant such restrictions. Particularly, responsible pet owners will be adversely affected, as there is already limited off-leash spaces in the dog-unfriendly Bay Area. I know there is a dog management plan that is still in review, so any restrictions on dog walking is premature. I believe that dog walking, which is essential both to canine and human health, is consonant with natural areas that need maintenance and respect. Under the current management plan, there are abundant species of many varieties that have not been diminished by this open access.

Of similar importance is space for families, who may wish to roam and to picnic on these beautiful public open spaces. The 1972 act of Congress indicated these lands were being "preserv[ed] for public use and enjoyment..." and the GGNRA was to "provide for the maintenance of needed recreational open space." I do not need a Yosemite experience in the midst of the Bay Area. I need federal lands that have open access for hikes and picnics with my human and canine friends.

Sincerely,

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