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Subject: GGNRA General Management Plan
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Dear Director Lehnertz,

I have recently become aware that the park service has undertaken and is about to implement a new general management plan for the GGNRA. I have lived most of my 44 years in the bay area and have spent an endless hours on GGNRA property some even before it became GGNRA managed.

I have been very involved in following and providing input into the dog management plan and was very surprised despite that involvement I just heard of the general plan change. I read what GGNRA Superintendent Frank Dean wrote in the Marin IJ and was surprised to hear how long this process has been going on. The dog management plan / proposed rule changes started over 12 years ago and I don't recall at any time general plan changes being mentioned.

I have been on the mailing list for the dog plan changes and am surprised that nothing has been mentioned how it fits into the general management plan or asking for our input in the general management changes.

My impression after my involvement with the dog management plan that the park service is treating recreation areas like a national park. Ocean Beach is not the same as Yosemite and it shouldn't be managed or run the same way. Residents of the bay area wanted the GGNRA created to preserve open space from development so we could get outside. We didn't want former military property developed. It is a great treasure to have the open space in the Marin Headlands and along the coast so we can all enjoy it for future generations.

I do think places like Muir Woods and Alcatraz should be managed like a national park.

However with the growing population density of the bay area open space and outdoor recreational activities are even more important than ever.

I really think the park service would be wise to hold off on making any changes to the general management plans until after the dog rule changes are settled.

And I think the park service needs to involve the communities more. What does the San Francisco board of supervisors think of the new plans. Or the Marin Water District. Or anyone other agency who's property borders the GGNRA.

I think the park service is really alienating people who would normally be your supporters by making decisions that don't reflect the needs or wants of the community at large. I have a BS from UC Davis and majored in Environmental Biology. I know without stakeholder and user buy in your plans will not work as you intended and you will be constantly fighting an up hill battle.

Personally I am most upset about restricting dogs on and off leash and closing the Drakes Bay Oyster Farm.

I am sure as I get a change to read the general management plan I will find many other things to be upset over.

But for now I am requesting further time for the public to be involved with the changes the park service is proposing.

And more community meetings with notices sent to anyone who has commented on any park service issues in the past.

The GGNRA is a huge area and changes to it will impact the whole region so I hope you don't take making changes lightly.

Thanks for your time!

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