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Subject: Email for you to send Chris Lehnertz of National Park Service tomorrow (or today)
Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 12:16:49 PM

To: Chris_Lehnertz@nps.gov
Subject: PLEASE don't take away our recreation!

Dear Ms. Lehnertz,

I'm writing with a huge sense of urgency. I understand that at any time now you could sign off on the GGNRA general management plan and interim dog walking rule, both of which will have significant and devastating impacts on San Francisco.

The GGNRA was intended to be a recreation area that would provide much needed access to open space for those of us who live in the city. Many in SF live in apartments and don't even have backyards.

The idea of turning places like Ft. Funston and Ocean Beach into "natural zones," where there would be low visitor usage is absurd and harmful to those of us who recreate in these areas. Ocean Beach is the only beach in San Francisco!

The interim dog walking rule will also be very harmful to San Francisco. Since you have made the permit expensive and more restrictive than the San Francisco permit, dog walkers will go to SF city parks instead, overwhelming the much smaller city parks. I have a dog walker and depend on him to exercise my dogs while I'm at work so that they're well behaved and aren't barking all day and bothering the neighbors.

There are many other serious impacts I could list, but to keep this brief: I urge you not to sign off on these two plans. Please put the interim rule back into the dog management plan, which is still going through review. And please put the brakes on the general management plan until the people who live in San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin counties can have a meaningful understanding of and input into this plan.

Thank you for your consideration,
Ruben Garcia
San Francisco, CA