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To: Chris_Lehnertz@nps.gov
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Subject: GGNRA - Please Slow Down GMP
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Dear Ms. Lehnertz,

I am writing because the NPS-GGNRA staff needs to slow down its drive to limit recreation, and to implore you not to sign off on any new plans that could restrict our enjoyment of GGNRA lands.

I am aware that currently the National Parks Service is pushing forward with three separate plans that seek to limit access to areas including Fort Funston, Ocean Beach, Rancho Corral de Tierra and the Marin Headlands. 1) the General Management Plan, which would establish zones where the NPS could actually prohibit people from doing things like picnicking at most of Ocean Beach; and 2) 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.

Right now most people in the SF Bay Area and U.S. taxpayers (including myself) have no idea what's being planned on these federally managed public lands. That's why the National Park Service absolutely should not sign off on these plans right now. We need a real meaningful public process that involves the people who are going to be affected. And we want a process that really takes our input into account. The entire community should have the opportunity to participate in this important discussion as a matter of due process under the law.

We live in one of the most densely populated urban areas in America. 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 the GGNRA that was founded to provide recreational opportunities to the people of this region. Now the National Park Service, which was entrusted to protect public access, is trying to eliminate those recreational opportunities one by one nationwide. These are beaches and trails where people have been welcomed for more than 40 years into the GGNRA. There is no credible reason to start denying access now.

I therefore implore you as a San Francisco resident and taxpayer **NOT** to sign off on any such plans until the public is given an appropriate opportunity under the law to be heard.

Sincerely,

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