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To: Chris_Lehnertz@nps.gov
Subject: Decline GGRNA Proposed Use Restrictions
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Dear Chris:

I am writing you as a San Francisco resident to urge you to decline the currently proposed GGRNA use restrictions.

My understanding is:

GGNRA is pushing forward with three separate plans that seek to limit access to areas like Fort Funston, Rancho Corral de Tierra and the Marin Headlands. My understanding is two of those plans could be signed off on as soon as this week – the 20-year General Management Plan, which would establish "zones" where the GGNRA could actually prohibit people from doing things like picnicking at most of Ocean Beach; and a rule that would create restrictive and expensive permits for professional dog walkers I count on to make sure my pets receive appropriate exercise (any permitting should be considered as part of the dog management plan that is still being developed and reviewed until late 2015). I have not been made aware of these plans nor has the general public.

As a Bay Area resident I have no idea what's being planned – there has been little to no effort by the GGNRA to reach out to the public and gather input for the General Management Plan.

I believe we need a real meaningful public process that involves the people who are going to be affected. And I want a process that takes our input into account. The entire community should have the opportunity to participate in this important discussion.

I believe people and nature are compatible that is evident by the beauty and abundance of species in the GGNRA .

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 this area that was founded to provide recreational opportunities to the people of this region as well as our lovely dogs.

The proposed General Management Plan redefines and changes the stated park purpose that was established by an act of Congress in 1972. The original language holds “preserving for public use and enjoyment.... to provide for the maintenance of needed recreational open space...,” is being changed to “...providing a national park experience...” I believe this is the wrong route to take and as a citizen of San Francisco I would like the opportunity to participate in and have input into this decision.

It feels like the National Park Service, which was entrusted to protect public access, is trying to eliminate our recreational opportunities one by one without input from the residents of the Bay Area. These are beaches and trails I as well as my dogs have enjoyed for decades. There is no credible reason to start denying access now.

I look forward to hearing from you, San Francisco resident,

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Sent from my iPad Air