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You are invited to attend the park's annual San Francisco Open House on March 19 at Fort Mason from 4:30-6:30 PM. It will be a great opportunity to learn about ongoing projects and programs. An email with more information will be sent soon.

Trail Closed by Pacific Overlook



A segment of the Presidio Coastal Trail, just north of the Pacific Overlook, is closed. Signage will alert visitors to use extreme caution. All are encouraged to use alternate routes. The closure, due to storm damage, will remain in effect indefinitely. Trail engineers and staff are reviewing the site and determining a repair plan. [Click here for a map and more information.](#)

Dear Park Friend,

Later this year the National Park Service (NPS) will release the Final **General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS)** for **Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)** and **Muir Woods National Monument**. The planning process began in 2006, with public review of preliminary alternatives taking place in 2008, and the Draft GMP/EIS in 2011. The park anticipates publishing the Final GMP/EIS this fall, which will be followed by the formal Record of Decision.

Public Comments

The park received comments on the Draft GMP/EIS from more than 500 individuals, agencies, and organizations. In analyzing the comments, park planners identified about 1,500 specific, substantive concerns. The concerns expressed by stakeholders covered many topics, each of which the team reviewed carefully. Some of the topics that the team is spending the most time analyzing and preparing responses for include:

- Proposed management zoning that could restrict recreation, including dog walking,
- Proposed management zoning that could affect waterbird habitat, particularly on Alcatraz Island,
- Priorities for expenditure of funds for maintenance and other capital projects,
- Cooperation with San Francisco Public Utilities Commission in the administration of the NPS easements over the Peninsula Watershed lands, and
- Coordination with partners such as the Presidio Trust, San Mateo County Historical Association, and the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary on issues of mutual concern.

Responding to Comments

The park will formally respond to public comments in a chapter of the Final GMP/EIS. That chapter will also include copies of specific letters received from stakeholders as well as concern statements that summarize the comments.

The planning team is completing the responses chapter, and making changes to the plan as a result of public comment, in order to begin the final cycle of internal review that will result in releasing the Final GMP/EIS. The team is also completing the required consultation under the Endangered Species Act and National Historic Preservation Act, including consultation with Native Americans.

Using a variety of media including this email service, the NPS will announce the availability of the final document this fall. Federal policy requires the park to wait at least 30 days before the Regional Director signs the Record of Decision, at the

recommendation of the park Superintendent, which will conclude the planning process.

Thank You

The NPS thanks you for your enthusiastic participation in general management planning for GGNRA and Muir Woods to date. These lands have a rich tradition of being "parks for the people," which is in itself, an invaluable resource. Hopefully you will find the Final GMP/EIS is faithful to the vision crafted with so much public input some 40 years ago, while recognizing new management responsibilities, and laying out new aspirations for the next two decades.

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