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Subject: Re: I sent you the wrong letter to review. This is the correct one. Sorry
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I gave it to Craig to look at but starting tomorrow I am acting for him as Regional PIO, so I will go direct to April and Jeff. Thanks for taking a look. I'll let you know what I hear.

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Sent from iPhone, please excuse typos and made up words my phone inserted

On Jan 21, 2015, at 6:31 PM, Frank Dean <frank_dean@nps.gov> wrote:

Looks good Alex. Just add the word "dog" in front of "plan" in the last sentence of the dog paragraph.

Thank you and let me know how I can push this along.

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On Jan 21, 2015, at 5:20 PM, "Picavet, Alexandra"
<alexandra_picavet@nps.gov> wrote:

Hi Frank- I do not know how I did it, but I sent you the wrong letter to review. This is the correct one. Please take a look and see if it is closer to what you want. It is supposed to be personal- from you.

Let me know what you think-

Thanks,

Alex

The Record of Decision has been signed for Golden Gate National Recreation Area's new General Management Plan (GMP) and Environmental Impact Statement, replacing the previous one from 1980. I am very proud of the long-term vision for the future this plan offers.

This new GMP builds upon 40 years of enthusiastically supporting diverse forms of recreation, while rehabilitating historic places and acting as good stewards of the environment. We have learned much about these lands and what they hold and how people enjoy them since 1980. The plan was shaped with extensive public involvement over the 10 years it was being developed. What has emerged is an updated, sustainable, and balanced plan for a much loved park that now extends into San Mateo County, surrounded by 7 million residents and visited by 17 million people from around the world each year. I assure you that under the new GMP, the GGNRA will continue to both welcome visitors to recreate in innumerable ways, and protect park resources for future generations.

In my 35+ year career with the National Park Service I have seen that public lands, especially those with this many users and neighbors, need active management to facilitate the shared use of popular features by different interests and to protect its resources in perpetuity. Every day of the year I can see people enjoying the park in many ways: on foot, in the water, by bicycle, with dogs both on- and off-leash, hiking, jogging, watching birds, beachcombing, meditating, painting, studying, volunteering, taking photos, and in many other ways getting and staying healthy. All of these activities will continue under the framework of the new GMP and, where appropriate, there can even be enhancements like better facilities, trails, interpretation, and support for park visitors.

In the GMP we refer to zones like the Diverse Opportunity zone, Scenic zone and the Natural zone for many areas throughout the landscape. The Natural zone is the largest designation in the park, reflecting the ecologically rich and strikingly beautiful landscape that compelled local visionaries (or *rebels*) to work so hard to establish the park. I have heard some confusion as to what uses will be allowed there and if fences will be installed. It is not our goal to install fences or keep people out of the many popular places. I've seen that effective management *includes* people, rather than locking the land away and excluding them. In fact, the table that describes the anticipated activities in Natural Zones reads like a long laundry list that concludes by saying it's not even a full listing of all allowed activities. In sum, the park will remain a recreationalist's paradise for those who have enjoyed themselves in one of the most beautiful places on earth.

I would be remiss not to point out that the GMP is not a plan for dog walking in the park. That specific use has a separate process which has been under way for more than a dozen years. The Dog Management Plan is a formal effort on the part of the National Park Service to institutionalize on-leash and voice-controlled (off-leash) dog walking as an allowed activity in this park. The preferred alternative will include voice-controlled dog walking in the very popular locations of Ocean Beach, Fort Funston, Crissy Field, a portion of Fort Mason meadow, Rodeo Beach in Marin, as well as extensive areas and miles of trails for walking with a dog on-leash. The Dog Management Plan will also take precedence over the new GMP when it comes to how and where dogs will be accommodated in the park. We will be sharing more about the plan this year.

I urge those people who care about the park to stay connected and participate in future planning processes that will begin to implement the GMP. These planning process will be more detailed and focused—and hopefully shorter in duration. We are counting on you to be part of the process that continues to keep Golden Gate National

Recreation Area the Park for People.

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