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Frank Dean, Superintendent
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Dear Superintendent Dean:

It has been my understanding, based on multiple conversations with you and your staff, that plans for a parking lot on Panoramic Drive are no longer under consideration by Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). I am surprised to see language in the General Management Plan (GMP) that appears to re-open this possibility.

I appreciate your readiness to address the concerns that have been raised in particular related to pp.124-125 and repeated on p. 288 of the GMP.


"A small trailhead parking area could be developed in the vicinity of the former White Gate Ranch. Improvements east of Panoramic Highway in the vicinity of Homestead Hill could enhance trail and transit access to Muir Woods and other nearby park destinations." p. 124

"NPS would work with California State Parks to encourage development of a small trailhead parking and picnic area near Santos Meadow and the Frank Valley horse camp, and improve access to this zone." p.125

I recommend in the strongest terms that you remove this language from the General Management Plan immediately and provide the community with written confirmation that there are no plans for more parking lots on Panoramic Drive, Santos Meadows or White Gate Ranch.

The community has been patiently waiting for opportunities to provide input and dialogue regarding the plans for managing visitor access to Muir Woods and Mt Tamalpais, as promised. Please let us know the dates and times for these meetings. My staff and I will be working to make sure this valuable input occurs.

Sincerely,



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