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To: [Doug Overman](#)
Cc: [Frank Dean \(frank_dean@nps.gov\)](#); [Picavet, Alexandra](#); [Matt Leffert](#); [Greg Moore](#)
Subject: Re: Thank you
Date: Sunday, November 23, 2014 1:40:51 AM

Hi Doug and Matt:

Welcome to our world!

I have personally offered to meet w Andrea and Save Our Rec anytime, anywhere. But when they say they want dialogue, what they mean is that they want to enter into a negotiation w the park to open more areas than our Dog Mgt plan offers to off-leash dog walking. Us and them - that's it.

Hopefully, you didn't leave them with the impression that any of their worldview makes any sense.

Howard, from the Outback of Australia.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2014, at 10:17 AM, Doug Overman <DOverman@parksconservancy.org> wrote:

Hi, all.

As you know we recently received a request from Andrea Buffa to meet with Conservancy board members. As an alternative, we agreed to meet at the staff level, and Matt and I met with Andrea and Cassandra Fimrite yesterday.

We clarified the roles that the Conservancy does and doesn't play in our partnership work, i.e. we don't work to influence NPS park management policy. Mostly, they presented concerns that GMP includes multiple references to curtailing access to park sites – not just related to the dog plan, but in general. We didn't speak to that specifically, but we did highlight the ways the NPS and Parks Conservancy have worked consistently and over years to achieve both public access and resource preservation on the same projects, and that this combination is what attracts significant public support.

What they articulated to us is that they want more direct dialogue. We suggested that perhaps that could happen with the parameters of small numbers and very civil discourse and they seemed to agree. I'm not sure what this accomplishes, but if we can help in any way, please let me know.

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From: Andrea Buffa [[\(b\)\(6\)](mailto:(b)(6))]
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 1:57 PM
To: Matt Leffert; Doug Overman
Cc: cassandra fimrite
Subject: Thank you

Hi Doug and Matt,

We're writing to thank you for taking the time to meet with us yesterday. We better understand how you see your work and what your vision is for the Conservancy's work in the GGNRA. And we hope you better understand our perspective as well.

If you can figure out some way to help us ensure that recreation is preserved at the GGNRA and the community is heard as decisions are made about the GGNRA's future, we would greatly appreciate it. There does seem to be a real opportunity for the Conservancy to play a role in bridging the communication gap that exists right now between GGNRA and the surrounding communities.

And, as we said, we would still very much like the opportunity to present our perspective to your board of directors.

All the best,
Cassandra Fimrite and Andrea Buffa for Save Our Recreation