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Date: Thu, Jun 26, 2014 at 10:25 PM  
Subject: Re: Request to meet with you, status of GMP  
To: dave415 <(b)(6)>

Hi David,

Wanted to drop you a quick note this evening to let you know that I received your email and saw your posting on Facebook. I regret that I can't respond to all of the messages and phone calls that I have received recently about the GGNRA General Management Plan, since I know that people write because they love the public lands that make up Golden Gate. You caught me just as I'm finishing work tonight, and I couldn't log off without responding. We're both up late, doing the things we care about for places that we enjoy.

I am working with Superintendent Frank Dean, the staff at GGNRA, and staff here in the regional office, on the next steps for the record of decision. As the National Park Service develops General Management Plans (GMPs) at parks across the country, there are many steps involved. That includes public involvement opportunities, gathering public comments, and analyzing them. I have reviewed the analysis of comments received during the initial scoping and formal public comment periods for the GMP, and have also reviewed recent communications relative to the GMP and several other planning activities that GGNRA is currently conducting. This is a deliberative process, and I take it seriously.

Thank you for letting me know your thoughts and concerns, and please know that I am carefully considering them.

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Jun 26, 2014 at 9:53 PM, dave415 (b)(6) > wrote:

Christine Lehnertz  
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Dear Director Lehnertz,

Two weeks ago I wrote to you, like many others, with serious concerns about the General Management Plan. I also posted a note on your Facebook page about these concerns that received more "likes" than any other post on your page. Today, I am writing to understand your timetable and decision process for signing the decision of record. My request is that you meet directly with a cross-group of frequent visitors to the GGNRA recreational units to address the concerns before taking any action.

Last week at a meeting in Mill Valley about the Muir Woods traffic and parking plan there were numerous questions about the General Management Plan, specifically what outreach was undertaken and how many public comments were considered by the GGNRA. The response by the ranger who fielded the question was vague and uninformed at best. And, quite frankly, if his answer is the extent of the outreach conducted there are legitimate risks that should concern you. Foremost is how an urban recreation property that attracts 15 million visitors only considered slightly more than 500 comments submitted by the public.

Is it possible to meet with you for a constructive discussion about what's taking place and how people are reacting to the plan that has been set forth? I have no doubt that by a greater ratio -- and growing -- there are more people who have expressed concerns about the plan in the past two months than the number who weighed in during the GGNRA comment period.

I would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience. If you are not able or unwilling to meet, I ask that you escalate my request to a National Park Service deputy director. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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