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Dear Ms. Lehnertz,

I am writing as very concerned parent, community member and homeowner in San Francisco. My husband, daughter and I are deeply fortunate to have called San Francisco our home for the past twenty years. As you know it is the second most densely populated city in America after New York City - but despite that fact - the wonderful parks and recreation areas make San Francisco a wonderful place for families to live and thrive. This matters to every single one of the City's residents.

The people of the San Francisco Bay Area have fought hard to establish and protect the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) that was founded to provide recreational opportunities to the people of this region. It seems unbelievable that the staff of the National Park Service is proposing to use our federal taxpayer dollars to keep people - and residents of San Francisco from recreating in the GGNRA - places we have been allowed to go for more than 40 years since it was protected from development.

Currently the GGNRA is pushing forward with three separate plans that seek to limit access to areas like Fort Funston, Rancho Corral de Tierra and the Marin Headlands. Two of those plans could be signed off on as soon as this week - the 20-year General Management Plan, which would establish "zones" where the GGNRA could actually prohibit people from doing things like picnicking at most of Ocean Beach; and a rule that would create restrictive and expensive permits for professional dog walkers who people count on to make sure their pets receive appropriate exercise (any permitting should be considered as part of the dog management plan that is still being developed and reviewed until late 2015).

The saddest part? Right now most people in the Bay Area have no idea what's being planned and how it will effect them - because there has been little to no effort by the GGNRA to reach out to the public and gather input for the General Management Plan. We want a process that takes our input into account. I implore you to launch a real and meaningful public process that involves the people who are going to be affected. The entire community should have the opportunity to participate in this important discussion.

I am deeply concerned that the National Park Service, which was entrusted to protect public access, is trying to eliminate our recreational opportunities one by one. These are beaches and trails where people have been welcomed for 40 years or longer. There is no credible reason to start denying access now. The proposed General Management Plan literally redefines and changes the stated park purpose that was established by an act of Congress in 1972. The original language holds "preserving for public use and enjoyment... to provide for the maintenance of needed recreational open space..." is being changed to "...providing a national park

experience...”

We believe people and nature are compatible that is evident by the beauty and abundance of species in the GGNRA . The GGNRA needs to slow down its drive to limit recreation and hear fully from the people whose lives will be altered because of it.

I respectfully request that you not sign off on any new plans that could restrict our enjoyment of GGNRA lands!

Thank you for listening and taking action,

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