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Subject: Dog walking and recreation access in the GGNRA
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Dear Ms. Lehnertz -

I am a longtime San Francisco resident, financial supporter of Crissy Field and dog guardian.

My dog, Rosey, is a golden retriever and a certified Animal Assisted Therapy dog with the SFSPCA. She cheers people up...nothing more complicated than that.

However to do this work she needs lots of exercise and play. We walk regularly in several of the GGNRA areas such as Ft. Funston, Crissy Field, Baker Beach and the Presidio Trails. It has come to my attention that the GGNRA is forging ahead with the General Management Plan, a plan that predetermines dog walking areas in advance of the Dog Management plan that has been in the works for several years and subject to robust public participation. This GMP also restricts dog walking in areas that have historically been open to dog walking, a subject that has been carefully addressed in the Dog Management process.

I urge you to please NOT sign the GMP. Please take it out of consideration in its current form and merge it with the Dog Management Plan. The public should have a voice in this.

Finally, I cannot share with you enough how deeply frustrating and concerning it is to see the NPS shift its language around the GGNRA. This is a national RECREATION area in the middle of a densely populated urban environment. It was given the to the NPS with the stipulation and recognition of its value as a recreation area. Please respect this in language and in spirit. It is a critical and vital part of the Bay Area as a recreation area.

Thank you.

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