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Point Reyes National Seashore Environmental Commitment Statement

A Center for Environmental Innovation

It is the goal of Point Reyes National Seashore to maintain and improve the quality of the natural and human environment. Development and operational practices at Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) will recognize the interdependence of people, community, environment and the current generation's responsibility to the planet and to future generations. Point Reyes National Seashore will adhere to and strive to exceed national mandates related to "Greening" and "Sustainability" of federal agencies as expressed in Executive Orders, NPS Director's Orders and Department of Interior and NPS Strategic plans. Specific goals and objectives are outlined in the Point Reyes National Seashore Environmental Innovation Greening Workshop Goals.

Point Reyes National Seashore will provide environmental leadership by meeting the highest possible standards for protecting the environment, including maximizing resource protection and minimizing waste generation. The National Park Service will also educate staff, the local community, partners, and the visiting public about the benefits of environmental protection practices, programs, products and consciousness.

As one of the National Park Service's "Centers for Environmental Innovation", PRNS will showcase new environmentally friendly technologies and practices. In addition to the physical programs, the park is committed to motivate and educate the public and NPS employees about the benefits of environmentally-friendly practices. To achieve these desired results, park staff should attempt to alter conventional behaviors, in hopes of reducing energy needs and adverse environmental impacts. Through education, PRNS will make every attempt to inspire the children of today to care about the

natural world of tomorrow. Innovation will be the guiding principle in decision making, problem solving and policy development.

The mission of the park's Environmental Management System is not unlike the mission of the National Park Service expressed in the 1916 Organic Act. However, rather than seeking merely to "maintain" the park "unimpaired for future generations," this program strives to leave the planet "unimpaired for future generations".

The employees and management of Point Reyes National Seashore will develop and implement annual action plans based on the Point Reyes National Seashore Environmental Innovation Greening Workshop Goals to achieve the following:

- Comply with all laws and regulations related to environmental protection.
- Prioritize the purchase of products that are non-toxic, biodegradable and made of recycled and recyclable materials.
- Minimize materials use and waste by re-use, recycling, precycling and conscientious purchasing.
- Minimize or eliminate the generation of hazardous waste, minimize waste generation and maximize recycling.
- Plan, design, construct and operate facilities in a manner that conserves energy and water, minimizes materials use, waste and adverse environmental impacts.
- Select vehicles and equipment that are energy efficient, low emission and appropriately sized.
- Use clean and renewable energy sources where feasible.
- Provide the necessary tools to teach all employees and management to conserve energy, water and operate vehicles and equipment in a conservative manner.

- Publicize the park's successes pertaining to sustainable practices and educate the public about the benefits of environmental protection. Communication to the public and NPS employees will emphasize that this program represents a holistic approach to good environmental decision-making, which recognizes the needs of the park community and the globe.
- Involve the local community and park partners to achieve these goals.
- Review the Environmental Innovation Greening Workshop Goals and Environmental Management System annually and set goals for the upcoming year.