

Proposed Format of GOGA Public Scoping Open Houses Draft January 17, 2006

Purpose of the Open Houses:

- Introduce the public to the park's purpose and significance and the GMP process
- Collect information from the public about values, concerns, management ideas, and knowledge regarding park resources

General Format:

- Welcome sign announcing NPS General Management Plan Open House
- Sign in area, staffed, with sign in sheets and orientation handouts
- Introduction area with boards containing information on park purpose, significance and the GMP process, park staff are available for orientation and answering questions.
- Scoping area with staffed stations organized by major scoping questions: (1) values, (2) concerns/threats, (3) management ideas, (4) knowledge about park resources

Details of Each Area:

Sign-in Area

- A staffed table is needed with plenty of sign in sheets and pens
- An orientation handout will given out that provides an overview of the meeting purpose and layout
- Copies of the planning newsletter

Introduction Area

- A poster board will be developed for each of the following topics:
 1. Why we plan (includes a paragraph from messaging architecture on why we are doing a GMP, a map of the planning area, and an explanation of the level of detail or scope of the GMP)
 2. The planning process (includes how/when the public is involved in the process)
 3. The park purpose (includes both purpose statements and any related graphics)
 4. The park significance for natural resources (includes both natural resource statements with related photos)
 5. The park significance for cultural resources (includes both cultural resource statements with related photos)
 6. The park recreation and scenic opportunities (includes both recreation/scenic resource statements with related photos)
- A flipchart easel should be stationed in this area to collect any comments on the park's purpose and significance or the planning process.
- Other materials: park maps, ??

Scoping Area

Four stations will be setup in this area based on the following major scoping questions:

1. STATION #1: Why is Golden Gate National Recreation Area an important resource in a regional context, and what attributes of the park do you especially value?
 - a. Special places mapping exercise (see mapping exercise directions)
 - b. Park base map
 - c. Flipchart for more general comments, markers, tape
 - d. Table and chairs
 - e. Staff (2-3)
2. STATION #2: Do you perceive any threats to the attributes of the park that you especially value? (Probe questions: Are there conflicts with use in the park?, Influences from outside the park?, Management issues related to the park?)
 - a. Problem/concern area mapping exercise (see mapping exercise directions)
 - b. Park base map
 - c. Flipchart for more general comments, markers, tape
 - d. Table and chairs
 - e. Staff (2-3)
3. STATION #3: What are strategies you may suggest to relieve threats to the attributes of the park that you especially value? (Probe questions: How can the NPS address these threats?, How can other public land providers assist?, How can organized groups assist?, How do these strategies fit with the NRA's purpose?)
 - a. Flipchart for comments (2), markers, tape
 - b. Park base map
 - c. Table and chairs
 - d. Staff (2-3)
4. STATION #4: What information do you have or know of that should be considered in the planning process?
 - a. Vertical list of the fundamental resources and values along a large graffiti wall with lots of room for the public to make notations about what they know regarding any and all of the park's resources and values
 - b. Markers
 - c. Park base map
 - d. Table and chairs
 - e. Staff (1-2)