

**DRAFT – 1/20/09**  
**Social Impacts**  
**Golden Gate National Recreation Area GMP/EIS**

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<b>Visitor Use and Experience</b>				
<b>Summary Visitor Use and Experience</b>		<p>This alternative focuses on offering a vast array of park experiences to a diverse community, improving access for all visitors, engaging the community in the park’s stewardship, and enhancing the inherent strengths of the park.</p> <p>Implementation of the preferred alternative would benefit the visitor experience. The alternative proposes several new and improved visitor facilities, which will increase the diversity of visitor recreation opportunities. Stewardship opportunities will increase, bringing in new audiences and a higher level of commitment to the park. Improved connections to from communities to park sites through improved trails and public transportation links will allow new groups to visit the park.</p> <p><u>Diversity of recreation activities</u></p> <p>The preferred alternative proposes improvements in park facilities in all three counties. In some cases, existing facilities will be adaptively reused for visitors, such as at Fort Cronkhite. These facility improvements would improve visitor services and better support a diversity of visitor activities throughout the park, including community based park stewardship programs.</p> <p>The preferred alternative proposes to create portals, or locations from which multiple activities may be launched. These portals would welcome visitors and facilitate a diversity of recreational opportunities, encouraging a broader audience to enjoy the park. Visitor activity portals would often include a warming hut, orientation, accommodation, connection to transportation, and access to diverse activities such as backcountry hiking and camping, stewardship programs, horse riding, and biking. Portals would be found throughout the parklands, some would be located at Tennessee Valley, Upper Fort Mason, and Rancho Corral de Tierra.</p> <p>Trails would undergo improvements such as connection to neighboring lands, improved parking and trailhead facilities, and improvements to allow for multiple or specific uses. More multi-use trails would be open to the public in San Mateo County, as some of the land there would undergo conversion from private to public ownership. The park’s trails are one of the most important aspects of visitor opportunities and these improvements were highly sought after by the public.</p> <p>Additional equestrian programs and expanded equestrian areas are proposed in the Marin Headlands and in San Mateo County, allowing equestrian uses to expand in the park, which was encouraged by some members of the public.</p> <p>Greater restrictions would be placed on use of Rodeo Lagoon, reducing visitor opportunities there. Additionally, access to offshore areas in the sensitive resource zone would be highly restricted. A portion of Ocean Beach would also be inaccessible to visitors, to protect shorebird habitat. The</p>	<p><u>Diversity of recreation activities</u></p> <p>Alternative 2 proposes a visitor experience that is more primitive and self-reliant, emphasizing the wild character of the land and the interconnected nature of the coastal ecosystem. However, a diversity of activities would still exist. The proposals would be beneficial to people interested in wilderness and more primitive experiences, but somewhat adverse to people interested in more urban recreation opportunities.</p> <p>Visitor facility improvements are proposed at selected sites in each county, including Stinson Beach, Fort Miley, Ocean Beach, and Picardo Ranch. The improved facilities will allow visitors to partake in a variety of activities, and have more comfortable and longer visits. At Upper Fort Mason, more facilities would be opened to visitors, and the area would serve as a hub to get visitors out to stewardship activities all over the park. the Shelldance nursery would transition to a visitor services area in an area that is not currently well-served. All these facilities will increase the opportunities for visitors to partake in a variety of activities in the surrounding areas.</p> <p>On the other hand, while most facilities would remain, alternative 2 proposes the removal of some facilities. While removal of facilities would be adverse to some visitors, it would also be beneficial to others who are more interested in an uncluttered view, wide open spaces, and a more self-reliant experience. All facilities proposed for removal are located in Marin County. Many members of the public have expressed the desire for wildlands in the backyard of intensely urban San Francisco. The removal of facilities would affect the visitor experience in reducing the diversity of experiences, such as environmental education at Slide Ranch and horse stabling at Golden Gate Dairy. However, trails in these areas would still be available for use and may be more attractive to urban dwellers seeking a more primitive outdoors experience.</p> <p>The alternative proposes to enhance views along Highway 1 as well as along Conzelman, Bunker, and McCullough Roads, and at Devil’s Slide. Views from these scenic locations will enhance the visitor experience, especially for visitors interested in driving trips within the park.</p> <p>Stewardship and restoration activities would be enhanced in each county. Stewardship programs would allow local residents to more greatly appreciate the park and deepen people’s commitment to protecting its resources and visitor experiences.</p> <p>Additional programming and high levels of visitor use would be encouraged in some areas, such as at Fort Barry and Fort Cronkhite. Additional programming increases the opportunities that visitors have to learn about park resources, the stories of Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and other related topics of interest.</p>	<p><u>Diversity of recreation activities</u></p> <p>Alternative 3 would offer visitors an experience focused on the nationally significant resources found throughout the park. A diversity of recreational opportunities would exist, as different ways to explore and learn about Golden Gate National Recreation Area’s iconic sights, structures, and stories.</p> <p>Select sites in all three counties would see improved or new visitor facilities, enhancing visitor’s access to information, interpretation, and comfort. For example, some structures in the Marin Headlands would be adaptively reused to support backcountry recreational activities. Enhancements at Ocean Beach would improve the visitor experience, and the transition of Shelldance Nursery facilities to visitor uses would give visitors a new starting point for information in San Mateo County.</p> <p>Rancho Corral de Tierra would be used as a portal for activities, such as stewardship, hiking, equestrian uses, picnicking, and primitive camping. This portal would greatly increase the convenience of partaking in a variety of recreational activities.</p> <p>Some facilities would be removed under this alternative, which would reduce some visitor activities, such as the environmental education program at Slide Ranch. At Lower Redwood Creek, removed facilities would enhance the new use of a stewardship center there.</p> <p>Enhanced viewpoints along highway 1 and at Devil’s Slide would provide visitors opportunities for more scenic experiences.</p> <p>Structured visitor experiences, including additional interpretation programming, would be offered in many sites throughout the park. The military history of the area would be emphasized at Fort Barry and Fort Cronkhite and along the roads in the Marin Headlands, enabling visitors to develop a better understanding of the military importance of the Golden Gate and surrounding areas. Visitors to Montara Lighthouse would be immersed in the lighthouse story, giving visitors a meaningful and memorable way to learn about the area.</p> <p>Upper Fort Mason in particular would engage visitors in a variety of ways, by immersing people in the historic resources and telling the military history. Fort Mason would also be a hub for getting visitors out to the surrounding park lands.</p> <p><b>Kirby Cove: same as alternative 1. (unless accommodation means keep camping. Find out).</b></p> <p>Trails in many areas of the park would be improved and connected to regional trails and open spaces. Multi use trails</p>

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		<p>restrictions described above would have some adverse impact on visitor access and opportunities for recreation, however, could improve the park setting and visitor understanding of each area's sensitive resources.</p> <p><u>Access</u></p> <p>Public access to park sites, including parking improvements, public transportation connections, and multimodal access would be improved as a result of the preferred alternative. Areas slated for improved parking include Stinson Beach, Tennessee Valley, Milagra Ridge, and Mori Point. Public transportation access from many of the Marin County sites would be improved. Several park sites along Highway 1 would receive improvements in the access to the highway. Several trails in Marin County and San Mateo County would be designated as multi-modal trails, and trails in all areas of the park would be better connected to neighboring lands. Many sites would also provide a connection to the San Francisco Bay Water Trail. These improvements would facilitate access to and between desired locations for all park visitors. In addition, improved public transportation opportunities will help connect park sites to a larger audience in the Bay area, improving the diversity of the visitor population. Improved access, particularly improved trail and public transportation opportunities to many park sites was one of the most frequently mentioned and encouraged topics by the public as well as park partners.</p> <p><u>Park Setting</u></p> <p>The preferred alternative would result in enhanced viewscales at key points, through improved overlooks. Areas with enhanced viewscales include Slide Ranch, the Capehart housing area, and Lands End.</p> <p>Sweeney Ridge would provide universal access to sweeping</p>	<p>Additional interpretation is planned for some sites, such as at Kirby Cove and the San Francisco Bay Discovery Site. Interpretation can offer the visitor new understanding and appreciation for park lands and structures.</p> <p>Trails would be an important part of this alternative's recreation component. In Marin and San Mateo Counties, some fire roads would be converted to trails, and many trails and trailheads would be enhanced to provide backcountry trail experiences. Many trails throughout the park would be connected to the regional trail system, creating an unbroken network for visitors to explore by many transportation modes: including on foot, bicycle, or horse.</p> <p>Some additional camping would be provided in San Mateo County as another recreational opportunity.</p> <p>Alternative 2 recognizes several sensitive resource areas, and accordingly requires limitations on visitor access to those areas. Rodeo Lagoon, the areas around Conzelman, Bunker, and McCullough Roads, and some offshore marine environments would all have restrictions on visitor access. Recreation opportunities would be reduced in these areas. Ocean Beach would also have an area designated to protect shorebirds, and therefore limit human use. Some other areas in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties would have areas limiting visitor use with the goal of protecting the wildlife or natural ecosystem, for example, the SFPUC Watersheds area would have highly controlled visitor access to its support biosphere designation. Restrictions would limit the visitor experience in these areas.</p> <p><u>Access</u></p> <p>Trail improvements and connections to communities and the trail network would be the primary access improvements proposed by Alternative 2. Trail connectivity and improvements will allow more visitors and a more diverse range of visitors to enjoy park trail experiences.</p> <p>The south parking lot removal at Stinson Beach, which would make accessing the Beach more difficult, would be mitigated by alternative transportation. Alternative transportation would reduce traffic and congestion at the Beach, make parking less of a hassle for visitors, and reduce the noise and air pollution associated with most personal vehicles.</p> <p>The proposal to not restore Highway 1 between Muir Beach and Stinson Beach would reduce accessibility between these two places.</p> <p>Improved access to Highway 1 would facilitate access to desired locations for park visitors.</p> <p><u>Park Setting</u></p> <p>The preferred alternative would result in enhanced viewscales at key points, through removal of facilities and improved overlooks. Many facilities are proposed to be removed in alternative 2, making a great improvement to the viewscales. An example of this is Golden Gate Dairy, where non-historic buildings would be removed and the landscape restored to a</p>	<p>would allow visitors to explore the park lands by several forms of transportation.</p> <p>This alternative proposes additional primitive camping opportunities, which is supported by many members of the public who want the park to serve as their wilderness next door.</p> <p>Additional equestrian programs and expanded equestrian areas are proposed in San Mateo County, allowing equestrian uses to expand in the park, which was encouraged by some members of the public.</p> <p>Some areas would limit visitor access, such as offshore areas in the sensitive resources zone. Ocean Beach would have a reduced visitor access area, as would Fort Funston. While the size of the areas devoted to recreational use would be reduced, the diversity of activities that could occur in these areas would remain the same.</p> <p><u>Access</u></p> <p>Stinson Beach would see improvements made to parking and public transportation access, giving visitors better access to the beach, and reducing traffic and congestion there.</p> <p>Trail improvements and connections would be a primary element of alternative 3. Trail access improvements allow visitors more convenient and safe access to and between areas within the park as well as surrounding communities and other public lands.</p> <p>Alternative 3 proposes a few hubs or portals-places where visitors can get started at visiting other areas of the park. Orientation and interpretive programming (with or without accommodation) would be offered in sites such as Upper Fort Mason and Sheldance Nursery, giving visitors accessible ways to experience the diversity of opportunities the park has to offer.</p> <p><u>Park Setting</u></p> <p>Alternative 3 would result in enhanced viewscales to highlight iconic aspects of the park. For example, at Golden Gate Dairy, the pastoral landscape would be preserved and interpreted, and the views would be enhanced at Lands End</p>

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		<p>views with vehicle access on the ridge road allowed by permit.</p> <p>Improved non-auto access to some park sites would reduce the visual impacts of traffic in the park.</p> <p>Restoration of structures and landscapes would enhance the scenic as well as interpretive qualities of the park setting.</p> <p>Restriction of visitor access to areas within sensitive resource zones could improve the park setting by eliminating or reducing humans in the viewscape.</p> <p><u>Visitor Understanding</u></p> <p>Stewardship, leadership, and volunteer activities would be enhanced in the preferred alternative. New stewardship facilities and educational facilities are proposed at several locations, including Lower Redwood Creek, Fort Barry and Fort Cronkhite, Fort Miley, the Sheldance Nursery area, the Sweeney Ridge area, and at Rancho Corral de Tierra. The history of the Montara Lighthouse would also be a focus of interpretation at that site. Multiple modes of interpretive and educational offerings would lead to engagement from a wider audience as well as a deeper understanding of park resources and values. In particular, this alternative provides enhanced outdoor learning and leadership opportunities aimed at building the next generation of park stewards. Stewardship opportunities are one of the most highly valued experiences in the park and this alternative would continue to grow those opportunities with improved facilities and more locations.</p> <p><u>Visitor safety</u></p> <p>Visitor safety would be improved by several methods in alternative 1. A ranger would be stationed at Stinson Beach, providing a more rapid response time to incidents. Several roads would have improvements made to assure safety in accessing highway 1. Conzelman, Bunker and McCullough Roads would have improvements made for multi-modal access, reducing conflicts between users. However, multi-use trails within the park could cause a greater number of conflicts between users.</p>	<p>pastoral environment. Removal of facilities and restoration of landscapes would provide what many members of the public identified as a desired function of the park: to act as a wild retreat from the urban environment of San Francisco.</p> <p>Restoration of structures and landscapes would enhance the scenic as well as interpretive qualities of the park setting.</p> <p>Restriction of visitor access to areas within sensitive resource zones could improve the park setting by eliminating or reducing humans in the viewscape. Several areas in each county are zoned in the sensitive resource zone.</p> <p><u>Visitor Understanding</u></p> <p>Alternative 2 proposes significant increases in the stewardship programs available in the park. While Slide Ranch would no longer be a place for environmental education, new stewardship and science education opportunities would exist at Lower Redwood Creek, Golden Gate Dairy, Upper Fort Mason, the Octagon House, Fort Miley, Sheldance Nursery area, and the Sweeney Ridge area.</p> <p>Fort Mason in particular would serve as a hub to get people out to stewardship programs. Multiple modes of educational offerings would lead to engagement from a wider audience as well as a deeper understanding of park resources and values. Stewardship opportunities are one of the most highly valued experiences in the park and this alternative would emphasize these opportunities. Visitors would be engaged in participatory science, education, and stewardship that nurture personal connections with nature and inspire advocacy.</p> <p>Exploration along the vast network of trails would further highlight the park's diverse ecosystems and rich cultural resources, educating visitors to the natural and cultural resources of the park.</p> <p>Leadership by the park, in collaboration with community partners, would demonstrate pro-active a management in the face of climate change and sea level rise. These interpretive messages would reach visitors enjoying the coastal environment along the San Francisco Bay Trail and the California Coastal Trail. Cultural resource sites and stories would also highlight the human connection of the coastal environment; sites and stories would include archeological sites, European exploration, maritime history, and coastal defense.</p> <p><u>Visitor Safety</u></p> <p>Visitor safety would be improved by several methods in alternative 2. A ranger would be stationed at Stinson Beach, providing a more rapid response time to incidents. Some roads would have improvements made to assure safety in accessing highway 1. Conzelman, Bunker and McCullough Roads would have improvements made for multi-modal access, reducing conflicts between users. However, multi-use trails within the park could cause a greater number of conflicts between users. Fort Miley would receive improvements to enhance safety for vehicle and trail users.</p>	<p><u>Visitor Understanding</u></p> <p>This alternative focuses on immersing the visitor in the iconic stories of the military history, the landscapes, the landmarks, and the presence of undeveloped land in the midst of an urban environment.</p> <p>The military history and coastal fortifications at several sites along the coast and bay would be highlighted with interpretive media and programs, giving visitors a deeper understanding of these nationally significant structures.</p> <p>Stewardship centers located in the park would enhance community pride and commitment in the park lands, and serve as places to teach the next generation of park stewards.</p> <p><u>Visitor Safety</u></p> <p>Visitor safety would be improved in alternative 3. A ranger would be stationed at Stinson Beach, providing a more rapid response time to incidents. Some roads would see improved access to Highway 1.</p>

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<b>Diversity of Recreation Opportunities</b> (including opportunities for emerging audiences)	<p>-</p> <p>Tentative conclusion: long-term, minor beneficial impacts (increases) in visitation (more from regional than national visitors)</p> <p>MARIN COUNTY</p> <p>Diverse beach recreation at Stinson Beach. Not a lot of open beach area in SF Bay area, so this provides recreation. Congested. Facilities that support visitors in poor shape. Community feels overwhelmed by visitors and the lack of parking.</p> <p>Hwy 1 – provide views</p> <p>Lower Redwood Creek: currently no visitor access.</p> <p>Golden Gate Dairy: equestrian stables. (public or private)</p> <p>Tennessee Valley: equestrian, parking. Hike in campground, nursery, and environmental education program. Trails. (public or private equestrian use?)</p> <p>Marin Headlands: Marin City Ridge, and Gerbode Valley:</p> <p>Marin Headlands: Fort Barry and Fort Cronkhite</p> <p>Capehart Housing Area: no visitor use</p> <p>Conzelman, Bunker, and McCullough Roads</p> <p>Kirby Cove: picnicking, camping, beach</p> <p>SAN MATEO COUNTY</p> <p>Thornton Beach to South of Mussel Rock  Milagra Ridge:  Shelldance Nursery Area:  Sweeney Ridge including Cattle Hill and Picardo Ranch:  Mori Point:  Pedro Point, Devil’s Slide, and San Pedro Mountain: not managed by GGNRA. city of pacifica manages pedro point, Caltrans manages devil's slide.  Rancho Corral de Tierra:  Montara Lighthouse:  Phleger Estate:  SFPUC Watersheds:  Offshore Marine Environments:</p>	<p>MARIN COUNTY</p> <p>Stinson Beach: Visitor facilities improved, sustainable (parking, showers, warming hut potential (differs from alt 2)). Improved visitor experience because of improved facilities and new warming hut.</p> <p>Hwy 1 – provide views</p> <p>Slide Ranch: Improved with Scenic overlook and day use</p> <p>Lower Redwood Creek: potential to accommodate facilities for stewardship, equestrian use (from Golden Gate Dairy), and small scale educational organic farm uses (not sure if still pursuing organic farm)</p> <p>Golden Gate Dairy: small visitor facility improvements-TH, visitor orientation. Equestrian use removed and moved to Lower Redwood Creek.</p> <p>Tennessee Valley: warming hut, enhance stables, portal to hiking, biking, equestrian. Expanded equestrian facilities possible at Marincello Road. Visitor information. Oakwood – added TH, picnicking, restrooms. LTV – stewardship and programs. Diversity of opportunities ranging from picnicking, camping, and educational.</p> <p>Marin Headlands: Marin City Ridge, and Gerbode Valley: using existing structures adaptively for backcountry activities. Expand primitive camping opportunities.</p> <p>Marin Headlands: Fort Barry and Fort Cronkhite:  Diverse opportunity zone: improve trails, camping, orientation, support access to adjacent natural areas. Ft. C – visitor portal to headlands. Build on existing programs –center for the environment.  Rehabbed structures to support visitor uses. Potential for new structures. Expanded programs – and special events. Housing for volunteers. Continued equestrian use at balloon hangar.  Warming hut. Food service. Ft B. – equestrian activities.  Multiuse meeting and program center.  Visitor access highly controlled to Rodeo lagoon (what is the current visitor access and use of lagoon?).</p> <p>Conzelman, Bunker, and McCullough Roads: overlooks, access to views.</p> <p>Kirby Cove: rustic cabins could be provided, interpretation of coastal fortifications. More access, modest accommodation. Visitor access to San Francisco Bay water trail. Most facilities.</p> <p>Point Bonita Lighthouse – all alternatives have same management treatment as today.</p> <p>Offshore Marine Environment: visitation highly restricted in sensitive resources zone.</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>Upper Fort Mason: provides more visitor opportunities, opens</p>	<p>MARIN COUNTY</p> <p>Stinson. Current level of services retained, but made sustainable. Relocated further from dunes. Remodel septic and restrooms. Improved visitor experience because of improved facilities.</p> <p>Hwy 1 – provide views. Won’t restore road if it falls into the ocean between Muir and Stinson Beaches.</p> <p>Slide Ranch: removal of environmental and farm education center.</p> <p>Lower Redwood Creek: stewardship opportunities. All facilities removed (existing housing for volunteers) unless needed to support restoration or stewardship.</p> <p>Golden Gate Dairy: equestrian use on trails, but stables removed.</p> <p>Tennessee Valley: retain equestrian uses, minimal visitor facilities. Removal of non-historic facilities (ex. Picnicking –so reduced visitor opportunities), wild character of valley. Strengthening trailhead for visitor access. Stewardship and restoration activities. Fire roads converted to trail.</p> <p>Marin Headlands: Marin City Ridge, and Gerbode Valley: remove non-historic buildings. Convert roads to trails. More primitive and self-reliant visitor experience than alt 1 and 3.</p> <p>Marin Headlands: Fort Barry and Fort Cronkhite: Visitor access highly controlled to Rodeo lagoon (what is the current visitor access and use of lagoon?). the sensitive zone is much larger. Restrictions on visitor access. Wild land experience. ECL zone – allow for higher levels of visitor use. Equestrian uses supported, visitor center, park programming.</p> <p>Conzelman, Bunker, and McCullough Roads: overlooks, access to views. But limited visitor access off road corridor.</p> <p>Kirby Cove: camping retained. Visitor access to sfb water trail. interpretation of coastal fortifications. Mostly retains today’s use.</p> <p>Offshore Marine Environment: does not allow for motorized boating in natural zone. visitation highly restricted in sensitive resources zone.</p>	<p>MARIN COUNTY</p> <p>Stinson – diverse opportunity zone same as alt 1 – so have same benefits (facilities improved). Improved visitor experience because of improved facilities and new warming hut.</p> <p>Hwy 1 – provide views</p> <p>Slide Ranch: removal of environmental/farm education center.</p> <p>Lower Redwood Creek: stewardship opportunities. All facilities removed (existing housing for volunteers) unless needed to support restoration or stewardship.</p> <p>Golden Gate Dairy: keep equestrian use.</p> <p>Tennessee Valley: visitor facility to support recreational and educational uses. Equestrian use retained. Overnight accommodations to support trail use to the ocean. (same overall as 1)</p> <p>Marin Headlands: Marin City Ridge, and Gerbode Valley: using existing structures adaptively for backcountry activities. Expand primitive camping opportunities.</p> <p>Marin Headlands: Fort Barry and Fort Cronkhite: very structured visitor experience, focused on military history of the area and its evolution to a national park.</p> <p>Capehart Housing Area: visitor facility.</p> <p>Conzelman, Bunker, and McCullough Roads: military and geology stories told. Access to lands above the road. More trails.</p> <p>Kirby Cove: same as alternative 1. (unless accommodation means keep camping. Find out).</p> <p>Offshore Marine Environment: does not allow for motorized boating in natural zone.</p>

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		<p>more facilities in a variety of different ways. Orientation better visitor use of hostels, etc.</p> <p>Fort Miley: improved picnicking and organized group camping.</p> <p>Ocean Beach: (reduced area for diverse opportunities to protect shorebirds. Not decided yet. If this happens, will have same impact as alternative 2.) Enhance promenade and amenities in the northern section of Ocean Beach such as promenade, restrooms, and parking. (Need information on commission working to enhance the connection between neighborhoods and Ocean Beach.)</p> <p>Fort Funston: trail and landscape improvements. Enhance current and new uses. New facilities by parking. Interpret Battery Davis. Off leash dog walking according to dog mgmt plan. Continued use for diverse opportunity, better job at protecting habitat.</p> <p>SAN MATEO COUNTY</p> <p>Thornton Beach to South of Mussel Rock: improved and new trails</p> <p>Shelldance Nursery Area: transition to a visitor services area.</p> <p>Sweeney Ridge including Cattle Hill and Picardo Ranch: stewardship, improved trails, primitive camping. Hikers hut could be developed. Picardo – larger area for equestrian uses, visitor facilities. Interpret the San Francisco Bay Discovery Site National Historical Landmark.</p> <p>Pedro Point, Devil’s Slide, and San Pedro Mountain: put a trailhead and provide viewpoints at Devil’s Slide</p> <p>Rancho Corral de Tierra: (might ask POST not to give any land with stables on them). Farms will still be privately owned, so GGNRA lands must have compatible uses with them. Unnecessary roads would be converted to trails. Equestrian, hikers, public access, bikers on multi-use trails. Encourage additional equestrian programs. New facilities could occur: stewardship education center, hiker huts, horse camp, picnicking, and primitive camping. Portal to larger network of trails, open spaces, and wildlands. Diversity of activities.</p> <p>Montara Lighthouse: enhanced hostel facilities and programming, potential for multi-agency visitor information center. Tell the story as a historic site.</p> <p>Phleger Estate: trail connections to regional system</p> <p>SFPUC Watersheds: promote trails. Public access to trails. Enhancing connection to larger regional network of trails.</p>	<p>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>Upper Fort Mason: provides more visitor opportunities, opens more facilities in a variety of different ways .Focuses on stewardship and science, hub to get people to stewardship programs.</p> <p>Fort Miley: improved picnicking and camping</p> <p>Ocean Beach: reduced area for diverse opportunities to protect shorebirds. Enhance promenade and amenities in the northern section of Ocean Beach such as promenade, restrooms, and parking.</p> <p>Fort Funston: shrink and concentrate diverse opportunities zone. Allow for many uses within this area. Preserve Battery Davis. More restricted visitor access due to natural area.</p> <p>SAN MATEO COUNTY</p> <p>Thornton Beach to South of Mussel Rock: improved and new trails</p> <p>Shelldance Nursery Area: transition to a visitor services area.</p> <p>Sweeney Ridge including Cattle Hill and Picardo Ranch: stewardship, primitive camping, modest visitor support facilities at Picardo Ranch. Interpret the San Francisco Bay Discovery Site National Historical Landmark. The wild character of the land is the primary visitor experience here.</p> <p>Mori Point: visitor uses are limited and controlled due to the sensitive resources.</p> <p>Pedro Point, Devil's Slide, and San Pedro Mountain: put a trailhead and provide viewpoints at Devil's Slide, but visitor access will be highly managed with the goal of protecting nesting seabirds.</p> <p>Rancho Corral de Tierra: more informal and light-on-the-land access to this large area. Still allows for equestrian and other use.</p> <p>Montara Lighthouse: becomes a stewardship/education center for understanding coastal resources. Hostel for program participants. Decreased opportunities for casual visitors.</p> <p>Phleger Estate: trail connections to regional system</p> <p>SFPUC Watersheds: Enhancing connection to larger regional network of trails within existing multi-use trail. Highly controlled visitor access to support biosphere designation.</p>	<p>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>Upper Fort Mason: provides more visitor opportunities, opens more facilities in a variety of different ways. Visitor center at HQ building all about telling the military history of fort mason by immersing people in the historic resources. Using other buildings to introduce people to NPS system. Capture people at fort mason and getting them out. Expanded accommodation allows this area to be a starting point for more people.</p> <p>Ocean Beach: reduced area for diverse opportunities to protect shorebirds. Enhance promenade and amenities in the northern section of Ocean Beach such as promenade, restrooms, and parking.</p> <p>Fort Funston: even more restricted visitor access, however diverse activities allowed within smaller area. Recreational activities in a more natural setting. Fewer visitor support services. Preserve Battery Davis.</p> <p>SAN MATEO COUNTY</p> <p>Thornton Beach to South of Mussel Rock: improved and new trails</p> <p>Shelldance Nursery Area: transition to a visitor services area.</p> <p>Sweeney Ridge including Cattle Hill and Picardo Ranch: stewardship, improved trails, primitive camping. Picardo – larger area for equestrian uses, visitor facilities. Interpret the San Francisco Bay Discovery Site National Historical Landmark.</p> <p>Pedro Point, Devil's Slide, and San Pedro Mountain: put a trailhead and provide viewpoints at Devil's Slide</p> <p>Rancho Corral de Tierra: (might ask post not to give any land with stables on them). Farms will still be privately owned, so GGNRA lands must have compatible uses with them. Unnecessary roads would be converted to trails. Equestrian, hikers, public access, bikers on multi-use trails. Encourage additional equestrian programs. New facilities could occur: stewardship education center, hiker huts, horse camp, picnicking, and primitive camping. Portal to larger network of trails, open spaces, and wildlands. Diversity of activities.</p> <p>Montara Lighthouse: immersed in the lighthouse life. More visitor programs related to immersion.</p> <p>Phleger Estate: trail connections to regional system</p> <p>SFPUC Watersheds: promote trails. Public access to trails. Enhancing connection to larger regional network of trails.</p>



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Visitor Access	SAN MATEO COUNTY		<p>Stinson Beach: visitor access would be improved with permanent seasonal alternative transportation. Parking would be improved or retained. Trailhead access would be improved.</p> <p>Lower Redwood Creek: improved trail connections to Mt. Tam and Coastal Trail</p> <p>Golden Gate Dairy: public transit stop. Impacts Muir Beach community both positively and negatively. Find out more from Nancy.</p> <p>Tennessee Valley: improved TH access, expanded parking. Transit possible. Extend multiuse trail to connect to Mill Valley bike path. And make more accessible to families.</p> <p>Marin Headlands: Marin City Ridge, and Gerbode Valley: improve trail connections to communities</p> <p>Marin Headlands: Fort Barry and Fort Cronkhite: Improve trails, portal to natural areas. Transit stop.</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>Lands End: improve and connect trail system</p> <p>Fort Miley: improved safety for vehicle and trail access to East Fort Miley</p> <p>Ocean Beach: improve trail connections to surrounding parklands and neighborhoods.</p> <p>Fort Funston: improved trails</p> <p>SAN MATEO COUNTY</p> <p>Thornton Beach to South of Mussel Rock: improve access to trails, overlooks</p> <p>Milagra Ridge: improved trails and trail connections, improved visitor facilities for access (parking, restrooms, picnicking facilities)</p> <p>Shelldance Nursery Area: access to highway 1 and trail connection to Mori Point would be improved. Portal to visitor access to Sweeney Ridge.</p> <p>Sweeney Ridge including Cattle Hill and Picardo Ranch: improved trails, trail connections to a regional network of parks and trails. Provide portal to greater area of outdoor wildland recreation and access to a trail network. Vehicle access by permit up road to provide universal access to ridge top.</p> <p>Mori Point: access improved trailhead and parking. Trail connections improved in partnership with other land managers.</p> <p>Montara Lighthouse: Access to highway 1 is made safer. Improved trail connections.</p>	<p>Seasonal alternative transportation. Stinson. Removed south parking lot for wetlands – alt transportation should mitigate the loss of parking spaces.</p> <p>Hwy 1 – won’t restore road if it falls into the ocean between Muir Beach and Stinson Beach.</p> <p>Tennessee Valley: improved TH, convert TV trail to multi-use trail. And make more accessible to families.</p> <p>Marin Headlands: Marin City Ridge, and Gerbode Valley: improve trail connections to communities</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>Lands End: improve and connect trail system</p> <p>Fort Miley: improved safety for vehicle and trail access to East Fort Miley</p> <p>SAN MATEO COUNTY</p> <p>Thornton Beach to South of Mussel Rock: improve access to trails, overlooks</p> <p>Milagra Ridge: some improved trails and trail connections</p> <p>Shelldance Nursery Area: access to highway 1 and trail connection to Mori Point would be improved. Portal to visitor access to Sweeney Ridge</p> <p>Sweeney Ridge including Cattle Hill and Picardo Ranch: unnecessary fire roads converted to trail.</p>	<p>Stinson: same as 1.</p> <p>Tennessee Valley: trail to the sea multi-use</p> <p>Marin Headlands: Marin City Ridge, and Gerbode Valley: improve trail connections to communities</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>Upper Fort Mason: a hub to get people out to the park.</p> <p>Lands End: improve and connect trail system</p> <p>SAN MATEO COUNTY</p> <p>Thornton Beach to South of Mussel Rock: improve access to trails, overlooks</p> <p>Milagra Ridge: some improved trails and trail connections</p> <p>Shelldance Nursery Area: access to highway 1 and trail connection to Mori Point would be improved. Portal to visitor access to Sweeney Ridge</p> <p>Sweeney Ridge including Cattle Hill and Picardo Ranch: improved trails.</p> <p>Mori Point: access improved trailhead and parking. Trail connections improved in partnership with other land managers.</p>
			<p>Slide Ranch: scenic overlook</p> <p>Capehart Housing Area: some housing units removed, improves wild landscape</p>	<p>Golden Gate Dairy: preserve pastoral landscape.</p> <p>Capehart Housing Area: all housing units removed, improves wild landscape</p>	<p>Golden Gate Dairy: preserve pastoral landscape, interpretation related to dairy farming.</p>

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viewsheds and soundscapes)		<p>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>Lands End: enhance viewpoints</p>	<p>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>Lands End: enhance viewpoints</p>	<p>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>Lands End: enhance viewpoints</p>
<p><b>Visitor Understanding, Education, and Interpretation</b></p>	<p>Slide Ranch: environmental and farm educational center</p> <p>SAN MATEO COUNTY</p> <p>Milagra Ridge: Find out more about the student stewardship project?</p>	<p>Slide Ranch: envirvironmental and farm educational center</p> <p>Lower Redwood Creek: potential to accommodate facilities for stewardship, equestrian use, and small scale educational organic farm uses (not sure if still pursuing organic farm)</p> <p>Marin Headlands: Fort Barry and Fort Cronkhite: expanded educational programs and events.</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>Fort Miley: opportunities for outdoor learning and leadership programs. Work with partners. Plays off bus access. Even East Fort Miley could be used for public use.</p> <p>SAN MATEO COUNTY</p> <p>Shelldance Nursery Area: could include stewardship/education center</p> <p>Sweeney Ridge including Cattle Hill and Picardo Ranch: stewardship</p> <p>Montara – tell the history of the lighthouse</p> <p>Rancho Corral de Tierra: stewardship center</p>	<p>Slide Ranch: no longer do farm/environmental education (relocated elsewhere within GOGA –redwood creek). Informal day use access to coast and views.</p> <p>Lower Redwood Creek: stewardship opportunities. All facilities removed (existing housing for volunteers) unless needed to support restoration or stewardship.</p> <p>Golden Gate Dairy: potential to adaptively reuse historic structures for science and stewardship center.</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>Upper Fort Mason: Focuses on stewardship and science, hub to get people to stewardship programs.</p> <p>Fort Miley: opportunities for outdoor learning and leadership programs. Octagon House adaptively reused to engage the public in the natural and human history of the marine environment. Work with partners. Plays off bus access.</p> <p>SAN MATEO COUNTY</p> <p>Shelldance Nursery Area: could include stewardship/education center</p> <p>Sweeney Ridge including Cattle Hill and Picardo Ranch: stewardship</p>	<p>Stinson: Coastal defense structures near Red rock beach interpreted.</p> <p>Slide Ranch: no longer do farm/environmental educational (relocated elsewhere within GOGA –redwood creek). Informal day use access to coast and views.</p> <p>Lower Redwood Creek: stewardship opportunities. All facilities removed (existing housing for volunteers) unless needed to support restoration or stewardship.</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>Upper Fort Mason: Visitor center at HQ building all about telling the military history of fort mason by immersing people in the historic resources.</p> <p>Fort Miley: preserve historic structures to showcase the military history.</p> <p>SAN MATEO COUNTY</p> <p>Shelldance Nursery Area: could include stewardship/education center</p>
<p><b>Visitor Safety</b></p>	<p>Ranger – Stinson Beach.</p>	<p>Ranger – Stinson Beach</p> <p>Hwy 1 – improved visitor safety-more pull offs, structures to make road safe and comfortable.</p> <p>Conzelman, Bunker, and McCullough Roads: safe multi-modal use improvements.</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>SAN MATEO COUNTY</p> <p>Thornton Beach to South of Mussel Rock: enhanced safety with pull outs</p> <p>Montara Lighthouse: Access to highway 1 is made safer.</p>	<p>Ranger - Stinson Beach</p> <p>Conzelman, Bunker, and McCullough Roads: safe multi-modal use improvements.</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>SAN MATEO COUNTY</p> <p>Thornton Beach to South of Mussel Rock: enhanced safety with pull outs</p>	<p>Ranger – Stinson Beach</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO</p> <p>SAN MATEO COUNTY</p> <p>Thornton Beach to South of Mussel Rock: enhanced safety with pull outs</p>
Transportation				
<p><b>Visitor Connections to Park Sites and Communities (including ease</b></p>				

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and availability of access; connectivity, and multi-modalism)				
Functionality of the Transportation System (including circulation and condition; level of service)				
Social and Economic Environment				
Surrounding Communities		Beneficial and Adverse: transportation stop at golden gate dairy (affects the community)		
Park Partners (including long-term leaseholders, concessionaires, commercial use authorizations)				
Local Economy				