

A Park of National Treasures– Concept and Goals

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CONCEPT

A Park of National Treasures

Golden Gate National Recreation Area would showcase its most nationally important natural and cultural resources. The fundamental resources of each showcased park site would be managed at the highest level of preservation to promote and protect its values in perpetuity, supporting appreciation, understanding and enjoyment. The NPS presence and identity would be prominent and support resource preservation and educational goals. Visitors would have the opportunity to explore the wide variety of outstanding National Park experiences at one park. All other resources would be managed to complement the showcased resources and experiences.

Rationale

1. GOGA and MUWO and FOPO have a variety of national significant resources that reflects those found in the national park system throughout the country
2. Many visitors have their first national park service at GOGA, leverage NPS identity.
3. Ties to park purpose of bringing a national park experience to an urban population
4. Establishes a hierarchy for how we manage our resources, provide visitor experience, and guides partnership opportunities.
5. Interdisciplinary teams provide for integrated and comprehensive management of showcased sites (including planning, programs, operations, and partnership).
6. Focus on studying and understanding through sound science of showcased areas.

GOALS

Visitor Experience

- Visitors have the opportunity to explore, learn, enjoy the showcased resources and stories
- Recreation opportunities would be shaped and (constrained) by the showcased resources and associated stories
- Emphasize active public participation in fundamental resources stewardship programs (participate in preservation of cultural and natural resources, and telling the stories of critical issues and compelling)
- Visitors are provided with opportunities for a National Park Service experience, traditions.
- Visitors know they are in a National Park.

Cultural Resources

Emphasis on the fundamental resources that contributes to park significance including National Historic Landmarks (All other resources would be managed to complement the showcased resources and experiences)

- Tie all the associated cultural resources (collections) and stories to the showcased site.
- Manage cultural resources to highlight the interpretive and educational values and provide where ever possible direct contact and immersion.
- Preservation includes: preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction (only if essential for visitor understanding)

Natural Resources

- Emphasis is to preserve the fundamental natural resources that contribute to park significance. (All other resources would be managed to complement the showcased resources and experiences)
- Protect and/ or restore integrity of fundamental natural resources that support park significance.
- Manage showcased natural resources to ensure their ecological integrity while providing opportunities to engage the park visitor in hands-on stewardship and exploration (direct visitor participation in the restoration and preservation efforts)
- Natural resources of showcased sites are managed within an ecosystem context; adjacent areas support their resource integrity.