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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for extending the public comment period for the new GGNRA management draft. This will allow more voices of the public to be heard.

We live in a densely populated and highly developed area and thank the National Park Service for having the foresight to develop and maintain our Open Spaces.

Being surrounded by the beauty of nature and having the opportunity to exercise in these Open Spaces allows us all to have a healthy mind, body and spirit ...whether we are two legged or four legged.

I have closely followed the articles, editorials and web sites concerning the new Draft Management Plan concerning dog owners, leash laws, and the environment.

Being that I am a dog owner who loves the environment and is fortunate to walk on the beach everyday, I have started to be more aware of dogs and their owner's behavior. I have noticed over the past few months, it is not our four legged friends that have caused the most damaging impact on our beaches, trails and open space. It is man and his disregard for our environment. I have taken on not only cleaning up after my dog, but cleaning up after humans every day on our beautiful Stinson Beach. I have enclosed just two pictures to prove my point. They say a picture says a thousand words.

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