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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
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Santa Rosa, CA 95409

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presidents. Houston Parks and Recreation gets pressure from dirt bike groups, trail riders, and pet owners to loosen up on restrictions that help protect fragile areas. I don't want to have to combat a precedent set in your park.

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As a native of the Bay Area I well understand the pressures that come to bear upon you in these decisions yet the pressure upon all natural areas is far greater and longer lasting.

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Yours truly,

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I lived in San Francisco for many years and valued the quality of the GGNRA. It is a very beautiful place and must remain that way.

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Sincerely,

Kristin Reed

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

FROM: Melissa McClaran
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Tucson, AZ 85719

SUBJECT: Comments on ANPR for pet policy

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Melissa McClaran

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Yours truly,

Brenda Highfill
2111 N Roosevelt
Springfield, MO 65803-2125

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Jacqueline Bruhn

1213 Versailles Ave , Alameda, CA 94501

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First, I am a dog owner! Yes, I have a dog and still believe the leash law should be enforced, period. There are incredible places for dogs to be "leash free" - Pt. Isabelle, for one - that have enough space, water, etc. for any dog to believe its in doggy heaven. We live in an incredibly dog-friendly part of the world and enforcing a leash law (not even a dog ban!) is sensible for a variety of reasons.

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A dog can enjoy the GGNRA on a leash without harm to itself, its owners or the sensitive habitat. As a dog owner, I support enforcement of the leash law.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Bruhn

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

FROM: Jackie Costa
968 Hwy EE
Winfield, MO 63389

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Jackie Costa

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill
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FROM: Carissa Van Nevel
1302 S. Ridge
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

SUBJECT: Comments on ANPR for pet policy

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Lebanon, NH 03766

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404 E. Washington Ave. #3 , Madison, WI 53703

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1905 23rd Street
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Ken Weaver

1113 Senwood Way , Fallbrook, CA 92028

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill
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FROM: Mr. Francis D. Slider
Rt 1 Box 163-A2
Middlebourne, WV 26149

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Bill Summers

1239 Sherwood , Missoula, MT 59802-2303

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Fort Mason, Building 201
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Schenectady, NY 12303-5249

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FROM: Shelomon Doblack
530 Mansion Court #315
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Yours truly,

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Galen Davis

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Yours truly,

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FROM: JP Collins
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San Francisco, CA 94115

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Name Carol A. Brown (optional) Age 46 Sex: M F

Ethnicity ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ why? are you racist?

Address 764 Church St St CA 94114
 (street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often, and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe how.

Twice a week

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends or family along, or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

take children, meet friends for walk and recreation

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Yes — Because ~~it is~~ Fort Funston & Ocean Beach were former city parks and we should have access to our beaches!

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

Could not have a family pet and work 40 hours in the city

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs, or would you feel safer without their presence?

Safe with Dogs not without —

Signed Carol Brown Date Feb 7-02

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Name Matthew Flores (optional) Age 33 Sex: M F

Ethnicity Hispanic

Address 3634 17th St. San Francisco CA 94114
 (street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often, and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe how.

I have lived in SF for 13 years & used to hang out at Baker beach most warm weekends. Now I go to Fort Funston with my dog (child surrogate) a couple times a month.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends or family along, or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

My free time revolves around my dog. Twice a day we take walks around our neighborhood - The Mission district. To go to the beach is a special treat on occasional weekends. Socialization for me during these times is dictated by the dog friends that my dog makes!

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

The bay area is not pristine. Overwhelmingly compromise has been made to accommodate commercial interests. As we rehabilitate & restore the lands remaining in public trust - areas that are urban & high use (Ft. Funston) should realistically be used for open space & recreat.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA? not a wildlife pres.

I would be less inclined to utilize this public resource. I would go to the parks in SF that were city run & allowed off-leash i.e. - Stern Grove.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs, or would you feel safer without their presence?

Safety issues in the parks are by and large the result of human behavior - drugs/alcohol - use/dealing / gangs. In my experience I have never been assaulted by a dog in the GGNRA or

Signed [Signature] Date 2/9/02 felt threatened by a dog. I can't say the same for humans.

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Name: Robert Berry [optional]: Age: 36 Sex M F
Ethnicity white
Address: 2495 Sutter St #10 St CA 94115
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

2x a week.
off the leash walking which my dog loves
the freedom.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Yes, I do. It's great fun running & playing
with the dog with no restrictions of a leash.

Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

If the Park Service feels that open off-leash recreation
areas are unsafe to the public they should
fence off areas of the parks e.g. playgrounds, picnic
areas.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

The fun factor would go away for me &
the dog.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I am a dog person & they mean a lot to
me so knowing off-leash dogs around ~~is~~
not a ^{problem}

Signed: Robert Berry Date 2/2/02

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Name Laura Martell (optional) Age 42 Sex: M F

Ethnicity White

Address 4022 24 TH STREET S.F. CA 94114
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often, and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe how.

FT. FUNSTON AT LEAST 4X WEEKLY WE VISIT ONE OF DOLORES PARK THESE AREAS. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR PACIFICA PET AND CLEAN UP AFTER HIM. OUR PET & I HALF MOON BAY GET THE EXERCISE WE NEED.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends or family along, or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

I AND MY PARTNER MEET UP WITH FRIENDS IN THIS ACTIVITY AND HAVE A WONDERFUL START WITH OTHERS ON SAT & SUN. MORNING.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

HAVE MORE PICK-UP DAYS AND ENFORCE THE "PICK-UP" LAW.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I AND OUR DOG WOULD MISS THE WEEKEND SOCIAL EXERCISE

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs, or would you feel safer without their presence?

YES MY DOG IS SOMETIMES THREATENED WHILE ON A LEASH AS WELL AS OTHERS

Signed Laura Martell Date 2-9-02

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Name JEANNIE P. HEMISTER (optional) Age _____ Sex: M F

Ethnicity _____

Address 52 JULIAN AVE SF CA 94123
 (street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often, and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe how.

7 times/week, dog's well being, fresh air

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends or family along, or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Yes ^{to all} and dog stays by my side the whole time

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Yes, provided all owners pick up after dogs and promote responsible dog training

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

Doggie depression

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs, or would you feel safer without their presence?

I feel safe w/ off leash dogs

Signed [Signature] Date 2/6/02

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Name: CRAIG MAXWELL [optional]: Age: 35 Sex M F
 Ethnicity Caucasian
 Address: 518 SANCHEZ ST SF 94114
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

Ft. Funston, Baker Beach and Crissy Field are excellent places to visit - especially with dogs! The scenery is beautiful, and the people are so friendly. It's nice to visit places that so many people enjoy so much.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

I think all dog owners in San Francisco enjoy some type of social activity related to time with their dogs. The beaches are an especially attractive spot, since they bring people from all over, who get used to seeing each other consistently.

Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

The GGNRA's mission should include statements pertaining to providing citizens recreational outlets they are requesting. GGNRA ABSOLUTELY need to understand and include off-leash recreational activities for the over 100,000 dogs in San Francisco.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA? My dog and I would both be impacted by the lack of off-leash activities. Obviously, increased driving time would mean less opportunity, as well as resentment for not being able to enjoy my city's beautiful scenic spots.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence? I

definitely feel safer with dogs off-leash since they reduce other activities not related to proper park usage. Also, dogs are much less defensive when off-leash.

Signed: Craig Maxwell Date 2/1/02

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Ethnicity CAUCASIAN
Address 544 CHURCH ST #206 SF CA 94114
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often, and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe how.

OCCASIONALLY - FUNSTON - WALKING W/ MY DOGS - SOCIALIZATION FOR MYSELF + MY DOGS - CHANGES: CLOSING OFF AREAS THAT NO ONE CAN USE

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* YES * YES
* YES

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

YES - it is great exercise for all of us. Stop excessive fencing for birds who are only here 5 mos a year

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I would no longer miss all of the beauty + friends + exercise

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs, or would you feel safer without their presence?

With

Signed Jill Inderwolff Date 2-9-02

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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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Name SARA SESSIONS (optional) Age _____ Sex: M F

Ethnicity CAUCASIAN

Address 455 FRANKLIN ST SF CA 94114
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often, and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe how.

dog-walking, everyday

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Yes, Yes, Yes

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4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

my dog would be less of a dog, he is free & happy & socially well-adjusted and responsible
Better for me & everyone

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs, or would you feel safer without their presence?

safe w/ off-leash

Signed [Signature] Date 2/8/02

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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: KARIT DICKINSON [optional]: Age: 45 Sex: M F

Ethnicity: C

Address: 401 DOLORAS ST #3 SF CA 94110
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

CRISSY FIELD 1 x mo. For Dog Activity,
GG BRIDGE CYCLING 4 x mo.

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MAJORITY OF PEOPLE KNOWN IN
NEIGHBORHOOD MET THRU DOG
WALKING

Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

YES, IMPORTANT ACTIVITY TO ALLOW
SOCIAL INTERACTION OF HUMANS
& PETS

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

RESTRICTED ACTIVITY; WOULD DECREASE
EXERCISE FOR PETS

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

SAFER WITH PRESENCE

Signed: [Signature] Date: 02/10/01

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Date: 2/2/02

To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michele Salmon (signature)

MICHELE SALMON (name)

1 SIERRA POINT RD (address)

BRISBANE CA 94005

Comments accepted Jan. 11, 2002 through March 12, 2002

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Date: February 6, 2002

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Sincerely,

Andrea Sayers (signature)

ANDREA SAYERS (name)

48 FORT MASON (address)

San Francisco, CA 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

January 30, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Re: Pet Policy in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)

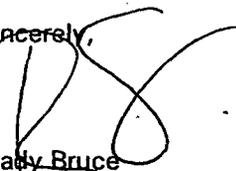
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Sincerely,


Brady Bruce
2817 Lincoln Way
San Francisco, CA 94122

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Jonathan Pearl & Robyn Cannon 589 Alvarado Street San Francisco CA 94114 415/643-0370

February 8, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attn ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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To Whom It May Concern:

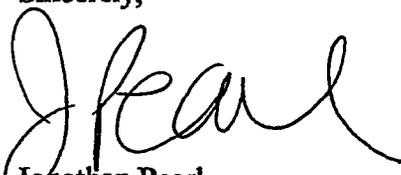
We would like address the "off-leash" dog issue presently before the GGNR. We have been San Francisco residents for over 10 years and for as long as we have been here, this city has remained a dog-friendly city. Our dog, Trowser, a 5 year old mutt from the SPCA, loves his regular visits to Crissy Field as much as any man, woman or child. To deny our "best friend" this one great pleasure would be nothing short of a crime. Aside from being an extremely important source of exercise for Trowser and other city dogs, many residents and visitors that do not own dogs often comment to me how much they truly enjoy the spectacle of watching the dogs running along the beach. If you pass this off-leash ordinance, you will be stealing from the community one of their treasured rights as a San Francisco resident. For us and other dog owners, it is like telling a parent that their child cannot play at Crissy Field.

We understand that rules are needed to protect visitors as well as the wildlife. We know the dog community would be more than willing to be supportive because rarely do you find such a group of people so eager to take on their responsibilities. Whether it be picking up after their pets or avoiding areas that are cordoned off, dog owners can be a strong ally in keeping Crissy Field beautiful.

Please understand how important this is to us. We wish you could be in the car as we approach Crissy Field and Trowser's tail begins to wag uncontrollably. We're confident that Trowser's excitement is commonplace. You've no doubt been told numerous times by numerous owners how much this off-leash area means to them and their dogs. We sincerely hope that both our words and those of other concerned dogs owners don't fall on deaf ears when making your VERY important decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Pearl
bigjpearl@hotmail.com



Robyn Cannon
march12rj@hotmail.com

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California 94131-3011

February 7, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, California 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Sirs or Madam:

The wisdom of the National Park System regulations regarding pet management has been demonstrated by the contrast between the degeneration of the Fort Funston area in San Francisco with the safe and carefully protected resources at other units of the Park system. It has become dominated by a special interest group to the detriment of seniors, children and other visitors who expect a polite and shared natural environment. Many seniors, including myself, have avoided the area and no longer visit Fort Funston. My wife was recently there and said that it is possible to have a pleasurable walking experience and view the birds and not be apprehensive about harassment from dogs and their owners now that the NPS regulation about pet management has finally been enforced.

You are to be congratulated for taking action in correcting the ineffectual "voice control" Pet Policy implemented in 1979. Anyone visiting Fort Funston regularly when "voice control" has been the policy has seen that there were no standards of behavior by the pets or pet owners. The unleashed dogs would foul and damage the area, assault the wildlife, soil peoples clothes by "friendly" jumping on strangers, menace people, terrify small children and attack dogs whose owners were civilized enough to keep their dogs on leash. There is a group of dog owners who unfortunately think that their relationship with their dog requires everyone to have the same attitude. They become aggressive and belligerent when their demands are not met. The bullying attitude of the dog owners has prevented people from voicing their disagreement in the commentary events. The character of these aggressive people carries over into the behavior of the dogs as well. I would probably not risk voicing my disagreement with the dog factions if I did not have the ability withhold my name or address from disclosure.

I hope to visit Ft. Funston with my wife and friends in the near future and show visitors the unique character of GGNRA in a more comfortable environment.

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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: LYNN RAPOPORT [optional]: Age: 30 Sex M F

Ethnicity _____

Address: 3593 18th Street S.F. CA 94116
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

Once a month or so mainly at Fort Funston or Ocean Beach. I take my dog there for exercise. He runs + swims and in general has a blast playing with other dogs.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

It's definitely a social outlet. I've made countless friends by regularly taking my dog to the parks.

Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Yes, absolutely. If it's a recreation area, then it seems to me it should be in part a recreation area for people and their dogs, and dogs cannot really recreate on-leash.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

It would have a large impact because my dog is a big part of my life, and it would substantially decrease the quality of his life.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

If anything, I feel safer with off-leash dogs. ~~without their presence~~

Signed: Lynn Rapoport Date 2/2/02

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name Wally Craft (optional) Age 35 Sex: M F

Ethnicity Caucasian/American Indian

Address 781 A Guerrero St CA 94110
 (street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often, and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe how.

Go on walks w/ my dog

Dog exercise. As I live in an apt. Exercise is very important for me + my dog's health

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends or family along, or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Yes. Very social outlet. The dog community of SV is very warm + international. I have made friends out of most of my neighbors

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Yes. Absolutely. Because of much needed exercise for dogs. They are animals - they need to run + "be animals". The birds + natural habitat can all live/exist together. They have for years

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

My dog would become anxious, and his health would suffer. Both of our peace-of-mind would suffer. I'd probably get pretty anxious myself

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs, or would you feel safer without their presence?

I feel much safer. Domesticated dogs are very social + people friendly. Being in parks, etc. is much safer w/ multiple "free" dogs to patrol the area.

Signed

[Handwritten signature]

Date

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

February 5, 2002

GGNRA
ATTN: ANPR
Fort Mason
Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

RE: Off-leash dog walking at GGNRA

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a disabled woman who walks her two golden retrievers at Ft. Funston. I have had a kidney transplant and three heart operations. My dogs encourage me to get the exercise I need to help my health, but I cannot walk at a pace that would give them meaningful exercise. Off-leash walking is the perfect solution.

In addition to exercise, Ft. Funston does so much more for me. Since I've been forced into retirement, Ft. Funston gives me a place to socialize. Whenever I am feeling down and gloomy, I go there and immediately feel better. Not only from the contact high of the dogs having a ball, but from my fellow dog walkers.

Ft. Funston remains one of the few positive community arenas that brings together people of all walks of life. I am a 45-old white woman and I have had wonderful conversations with people of all races, ages and economic status. What do we all have in common...love of dogs. What a terrific equalizer.

As president of Pacifica's Environmental Family, I am also an environmentalist. Since these are RECREATION areas and not WILDERNESS areas, I do not think it is appropriate to aspire that GGNRA areas be environmentally pure. Yet, I do believe the habitat can be improved for wildlife without taking away off-leash RECREATIONAL usage.

I asked Peter Baye of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service if there is any empirical data that just people vs. people with off-leash dogs do more harm to restored areas. He said there is NOT. He GUESSED that dog urine may

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impact the soil somewhat, but nowhere near what non-native vegetation had already done. (Leads me to question the impact of non-native wood chips being spread at Ft. Funston.) He also recommends fencing off relatively SMALL areas for restoration at a time and then rotating to new areas as the restored areas mature. (Something I had also recommended in an earlier letter to Mr. O'Neil.)

I support fencing off the area above the swallow nesting habitat, but believe much more area was closed off than necessary. Mr. Baye's solution of small areas makes much more sense. From my group's own restoration experience at Pacifica State Beach, I know it takes a tremendous amount of time and effort to restore relatively small areas.

One final not, if you disallow all off-leash dog walking in the GGNRA, it would be interesting to track Prozac sales in the area.

Sincerely,



Jeri Flinn
650-359-8008
JnFlinn@aol.com
648 Carmel Ave.
Pacifica, CA 94044

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

February 8, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear GGNRA,

I am writing to save off-leash recreation in the GGNRA.

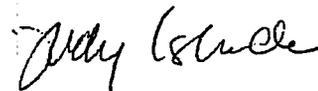
It's wrong to have dogs running around in *rural* national recreation areas. The GGNRA, however, is an urban park. San Franciscans visit the GGNRA for a tiny taste of the great outdoors in the company of their friends, family and loved ones, including pets. Having an off-leash area in an urban park is a reasonable and customary use of any large urban parks in any American city.

Off-leash use occurs in a tiny, tiny area (less than 1%) of the GGNRA. When the City of San Francisco gave its beaches to the GGNRA, it was understood that you would preserve this area for the enjoyment of all, including those with pets. Please respect this tradition.

As you know, living in the Bay Area is a high-stress occupation. A dog provides many of us with a nucleus of sanity. Please don't take that away.

Again, please save off-leash recreation.

Sincerely,



Judy Ishida
2603 Newlands Ave.
Belmont, CA 94002

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98 malta Drive.

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Dear GGNRA,

My partner and I own two beautiful dogs which are seven years old. Indeed, they are very friendly and also love children. As you might know, San Francisco is a very difficult place to find open areas where dogs can be free. It turns out that the beach is the best place where dogs can be free to run and to enjoy that huge open space. It would be really frustrating if I have to keep my dogs on their ~~leashes~~ leashes because they wouldn't have an opportunity to exercise themselves. As respectful citizens, we will do whatever we can to keep the beach clean (picking the feces up). We hope our dogs can continue stay on the beach without leashes because they have the right to enjoy their freedom as we do!

Yours truly

Bianca Perei

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Kelly Perei

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MICHAEL E. CARBOY

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

February 10, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Attention: ANPR

I am a San Francisco resident and dog-owner. My dog and I enjoy San Francisco's parks and beaches responsibly. We especially enjoy the off-leash recreation in the GGNRA where I can walk along the beach and my dog can run and swim and socialize with other dogs and with people. **Off-leash play is a critical element in raising and maintaining happy, healthy and socially well adjusted dogs.**

I understand from the ANPR that Bay Area residents are in immediate danger of losing our right to walk our dogs off-leash in the GGNRA including Fort Funston, Crissy Field, Ocean Beach, Baker Beach and Rodeo Beach.

This is alarming. The 1997 Pet Policy was put in place to protect the right of San Franciscans to walk our dogs on this lands as we have for 40 years. When the Pet Policy was created (after extensive public hearings) it should have been incorporated as a special rule for the GGNRA – just as off-leash policies were created as a general rule for hunting dogs in 45 other national parks and recreation areas. This oversight should be corrected immediately. It astounds me that dogs are allowed off-leash to HUNT but not to run, play and swim with their owners. The National Park Service Western District Regional director assured both US Senators from California that "the 1979 Pet Policy is the operative policy in the GGNRA".

I note that in the past 2 years these beach areas have been subject to significant cut back of areas designated off-leash. Crissy Field recently had over half the beach space designated NO DOGS, Baker Beach has been designated leash only and Ocean Beach and Fort Funston have been incrementally restricting the off-leash areas. Over 60% of the people on the beaches at any given time are people with dogs. In fact, the Crissy Field "no dogs" beach is now largely vacant and enjoyed by no one.

Access to and enjoyment of our beaches by all is an important factor in the quality of life in San Francisco. As is demonstrated by current practice, including the designated "no dogs" portion of the beach at Crissy Field, there is room for all at Crissy Field and the other GGNRA beaches. Traditional off-leash activity occurs in only 0.5% of the 74,000 acres of the GGNRA. I support the GGNRA with generous private contributions. I, and the dog-owning and loving citizens of San Francisco, deserve space designated as off-leash to recreate and play with our dogs.

Sincerely,


Michael E. Carboy

Cc : Crissy Field Dog Group

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To Whom It May Concern:

February 10, 2002

I'm writing in response to the possible change in leash law policies for dogs in the GGNRA. I have a part time residence at Stinson Beach where dogs are allowed to run freely and their owners do not pick up their poop, allow them to chase birds, and I have seen nips taken out of folks ankles and children knocked over. I still think its ok for dogs to run free there since they need a beach to play on but I do hope you do not allow it any place else.

Abbotts Lagoon is a wonderful pristine habitat (once again) now that dogs are not allowed there. Please help preserve what wildlife we have left and do not allow dogs without leashes in any other areas of the Park.

Thank you for taking my letter into consideration

Deborah Fitzpatrick
POB 1145
Woodacre, CA 94973

Deborah Fitzpatrick

TO: GGNRA 1297-02-1C Feb. 10, 2002

Attention: ANPR

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To Whom It May Concern:

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

This note is written by a concerned citizen who has utilized the park systems of San Francisco since 1972. I have always had dogs and have enjoyed the open park spaces. But, as of recent times, the off-leash laws are getting tighter, therefore less space to take our animals to freely socialize and get exercise.

I am very concerned about the loss of Fort Funston as an off-leash area. My dogs are now quite old and it's the only place we can go where the dogs are all well-behaved and great socializing occurs. If we stop having this freedom, our dogs will not be well socialized therefore, not well-behaved.

Let's come up with solutions. What is the

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problem with off-leash? If it is
still a bird issue, then let us come
up with more fenced areas. If it
is purely political, then please be
considerate of us dog owners. This
is the last place we can run
our dogs off-leash.

Please help us to keep a place
off-leash for the health and
well-being of our pets.

Sincerely-

S. Gillis

326 Horizon Way

Pacifica CA

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Feb 11, 2002

To ANRR,

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I wanted to express to you how important the off-leash dog parks in San Francisco's GGNRA are to me. I used to just go for walks at Fort Funston years ago, both to see the beautiful landscape and to see all of the dogs. It's one of the reasons that we got Louie, our chocolate lab last year. Louie loves to go to Fort Funston and Chrissy Field, and without them, San Francisco would not be the same.

Please Please don't take away a great resource to San Francisco Dogs and residents alike - Please keep our off-lease areas in the GGNRA, off-lease in the future.

Respectfully,

Jill Prehodka
265 Molimo Drive
San Francisco, CA 94127

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

January 30, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Re: Pet Policy in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)

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Sincerely,

Karen Chin

Karen Chin
2055 - 47th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

February 9, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attn: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

RE: ANPR: Importance of Off-Leash Dogwalking

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my concern with the current approach of the ANPR and to protest any effect that it would have in hindering the ability of San Francisco citizens to bring their dogs to parks that are part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, including but not limited to Crissy Field, and enjoy the parks by letting dogs off leash.

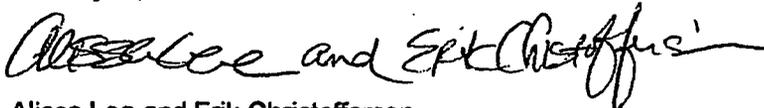
We recently adopted a dog from the San Francisco SPCA, and have been reawakened to the enormous benefits of San Francisco in realizing the degree to which the parks and citizens of this city are dog-friendly. One of the greatest pleasures is to bring our dog to Crissy Field, where he can play with other dogs in a carefree way (i.e. without being pulled around on a leash). We love San Francisco for its tolerance and support of dogs, and would hate to see these policies change so as to take away this freedom from the city's dogs and their owners.

Crissy Field is well-suited to having dogs off-leash for the following reasons:

- 1) Dogs are able to run free on only a portion of the beach – the rest of the beach is available for other citizens to enjoy, such that the presence of dogs off leash doesn't infringe on their right to enjoy the beach;
- 2) Many of the dogs enjoy the water – Crissy Field is an ideal place for water play in that it is safe for dogs and safe for their owners
- 3) The majority of dog owners are considerate of others and take pride in having well-trained, obedient dogs. As a result, the majority should not be penalized for the faults of what appears to be a minority of dog owners. An alternative would be to ticket those owners whose dogs are unruly or misbehaved.
- 4) Having the ability to run freely off-leash is an important factor in promoting good health among dogs, especially dogs who live in urban areas for whom Crissy Field may be one of the few remaining areas of the city where they can truly run free.
- 5) Last, but not least, dogs are a significant contributor to stress relief, can foster new friendships among citizens and promote healthy lifestyles (i.e. in running with your dog, playing fetch off-leash) for which San Francisco is renowned and admired. Playing off-leash is an important aspect of all of these.

We appreciate your efforts to balance the interests of citizens, but implore you to maintain current regulations that allow dogs to play off leash at certain areas of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, including Crissy Field.

Thank you,



Alissa Lee and Erik Christoffersen
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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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Date: 2-11-02

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I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Name: Gayle Taylor (optional: Age: _____ Sex M F) Ethnicity _____
Address: 33 Ardenwood Way SF Ca 94132
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

FORT FUNSTON & daily dog walk and enjoying clean air and
Crissy Field: } view of ocean hills
once a month exercise, aerobics, socialization

Having lived in SF 35+ years, the inaccessibility to the shore, dunes and open area is distressing - Progressive restriction

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Dogs socialize so do you. We share ideas and dog management concepts. I do invite friends who so thoroughly enjoy the outing that they ask to come along! A couple from Indiana last week stated they have never been anything like this.

Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Of course it is appropriate because it is another form of recreation. SF, being tightly populated and becoming more so with additional building has little opportunity to allow man's good friend, dog, to exercise properly and to socialize. This area is very heavily used because it is only here that dogs can run free. I think it needs to be enlarged.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I would rarely go to Fort Funston

Park Service should at least entertain some sort of compromise for use of the area. Off leash before 10 AM and after 5 PM off leash M, W, F, SAT, or some combination.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

Off leash or on, I feel safe at Fort Funston. I remember when 5 years ago, we would be able to enjoy the dunes, eat a BBQ supper perched up there, watching the Seascor. SF Area is becoming much too restricted for kids, dogs and we adults who are young at heart.

Signed: Gayle Taylor

Date: 2-11-02

MARTHA SHERRATT CASTING

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Feb 10, 2002

Dear GGNRA,

As a San Francisco native I am greatly saddened to hear that your are thinking of making it illegal to walk a dog off-leash on the San Francisco land that you have jurisdiction over. It has always been my observation that people enjoying a romp with their dogs are some of the most conscientious users of the land. They not only pick-up after their dogs but they seem to be the ones picking up others peoples trash as well. They also seem to be some of the most frequent users of the land out there rain or shine and therefore probably most observant of anything warranting public concern.

It's also been my observation that an overwhelming percentage of the folks walking with dogs are women. As women we have much less access to other more remote areas of the GGNRA like Mt. Tam and Pt. Reyes as they are less populated and unfortunately, but most accurately, unsafe for females walking alone. Please don't make us outlaws when there are so few places available where our safety is even taken into account.

Please do not fall prey to the latest anti-dog hysteria . Please be aware of who some of your most civic minded and ardent supporters are and continue to allow off-leash dog walking.

sincerely,

Martha Sherratt



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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
ANPR

I wish to express my opposition to the restrictions currently under consideration, which would prohibit off-leash dogs in areas formerly unrestricted by long standing community usage and custom.

I am a retired senior citizen and homeowner. Walking in various parks with my faithful six year old spayed bitch is one of my principal health practices and pleasures. My dog Zelda and I usually have literally hundreds of encounters with other mixed species couples in the course of a month. Good trustworthy dogs, under voice control, pose no threat to me, my pet or other humans. On occasion we encounter aggressive dogs. Those dogs are leashed and easily avoided. Even then, aggressive dogs are usually aggressive toward other dogs; rarely toward humans.

If a dog owner should allow a vicious or out of control dog to run loose there is no question in my mind that that person should be harshly penalized. I would support legislation to penalize such irresponsible behavior.

Policy makers should not be influenced by a vocal minority of intolerant citizens. Most of us are still in touch with a world that includes more than one species

Please add no new regulations.

Richard. C. Van Kooy



Phoebe McAfee



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KATHRYN E. COFFEY

February 10, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Attention: ANPR

I am a San Francisco resident and dog owner. My dog and I enjoy San Francisco's parks and beaches responsibly. We especially enjoy the off-leash recreation in the GGNRA where I can walk along the beach and my dog can run and swim and socialize with other dogs and with people. **Off-leash play is a critical element in raising and maintaining happy, healthy and socially well adjusted dogs.**

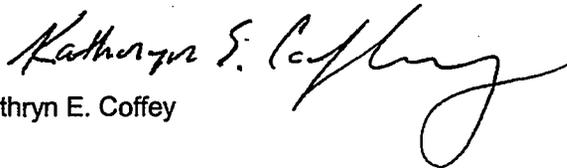
I understand from the ANPR that Bay Area residents are in immediate danger of losing our right to walk our dogs off-leash in the GGNRA including Fort Funston, Crissy Field, Ocean Beach, Baker Beach and Rodeo Beach.

This is alarming. The 1997 Pet Policy was put in place to protect the right of San Franciscans to walk our dogs on this lands as we have for 40 years. When the Pet Policy was created (after extensive public hearings) it should have been incorporated as a special rule for the GGNRA – just as off-leash policies were created as a general rule for hunting dogs in 45 other national parks and recreation areas. This oversight should be corrected immediately. It astounds me that dogs are allowed off-leash to HUNT but not to run, play and swim with their owners. The National Park Service Western District Regional director assured both US Senators from California that “the 1979 Pet Policy is the operative policy in the GGNRA”.

I note that in the past 2 years these beach areas have been subject to significant cut back of areas designated off-leash. Crissy Field recently had over half the beach space designated NO DOGS, Baker Beach has been designated leash only and Ocean Beach and Fort Funston have been incrementally restricting the off-leash areas. Over 60% of the people on the beaches at any given time are people with dogs. In fact, the Crissy Field “no dogs” beach is now largely vacant and enjoyed by no one.

Access to and enjoyment of our beaches by all is an important factor in the quality of life in San Francisco. As is demonstrated by current practice, including the designated “no dogs” portion of the beach at Crissy Field, there is room for all at Crissy Field and the other GGNRA beaches. Traditional off-leash activity occurs in only 0.5% of the 74,000 acres of the GGNRA. I support the GGNRA with private contributions and continuous litter control efforts on our daily walks. I, and the dog-owning and loving citizens of San Francisco, deserve space designated as off-leash to recreate and play with our dogs.

Sincerely,

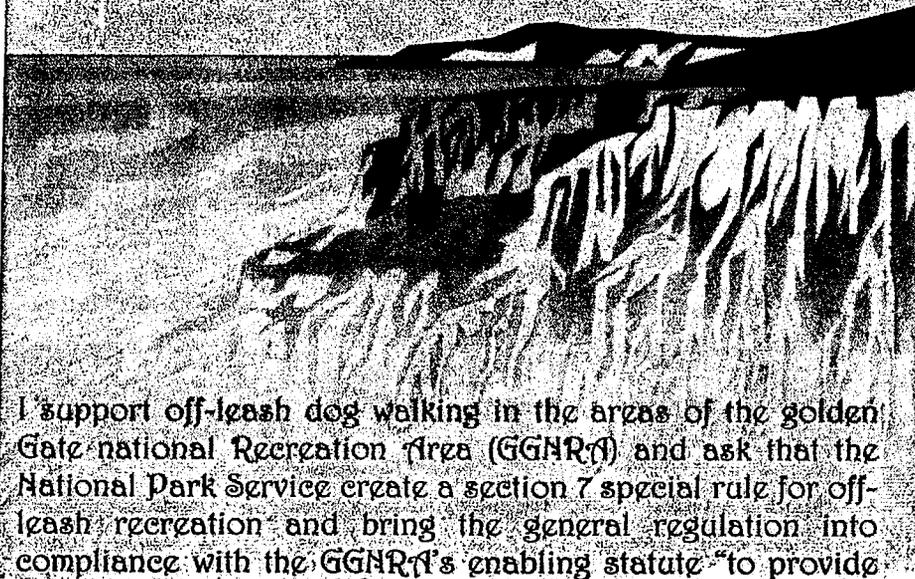


Kathryn E. Coffey

Cc : Crissy Field Dog Group

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I support off-leash dog walking



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1305-02-1A

I also ask that, for the duration of the process of rule making, the National Park Service **STOP** aggressive enforcement of the general regulation in the parts of the GGNRA identified by the 1979 GGNRA Pet Policy as allowing off-leash recreation

Virginia Velez
162 A Linda St
SF CA 94110

*I am a devoted visitor and
environmental.
my dogs are o.
Respect us.*

SAN FRANCISCO
11 FEB 2002



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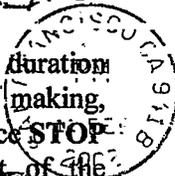


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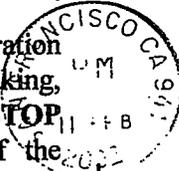


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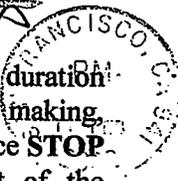
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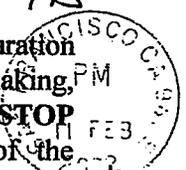


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From:

Rebecca Mendez

347 Athens St.

SF, CA. 94112

To:

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Attn: ANPR

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Fort Mason, Bldg 201

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To Whom It May Concern: 1312-02-1A

I strongly support existing regulations that require pets to be on leash and on trail when in national parks. I support Option A as proposed in the recent ANPR.

Changing the leash law for just the GGNRA would set a dangerous precedent for national parks throughout the country. Allowing pets off-leash is inconsistent with the park mission to protect natural resources and the safety of all visitors. Numerous scientific studies—including one by the American Humane Association—identify off-leash pets as a threat to visitor safety and wildlife and therefore recommend that pets be leashed in natural areas.

Lax enforcement at GGNRA has resulted in many documented cases of off-leash pets threatening or biting park visitors and hazardous rescues of uncontrolled pets and their owners. It is no surprise that 82% of Bay Area residents (KPIX poll) prefer pets on leash. I agree!

Sincerely,


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SF. CA 94109



Ellen Hamingson
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National Park Service
 General Superintendent, GGNRA
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Kaaren F. Staschower

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February 13, 2002

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FAX MESSAGE

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TO:

GGNRA**ATTN: ANPR Fort Mason, Bldg. 201****S.F. 94123**No. of pages 1 (including cover page)**Message:**

I am very disturbed by the notion that you may curtail off leash activity by well behaved dogs at Crissy Field and Fort Funston. It really doesn't make any sense. If you know anything about dogs they are usually more aggressive on leash than off and anyway, they deserve to be able to run free in certain areas, as long as they're not bothering anyone. We hardly have any space left to run our large dogs and to further limit it is hardly fair. I pay a huge amount of property tax and business tax in this city and I think I have just as much right as the next person to enjoy outdoor activity with my dogs. I have children and grandchildren, so it's not that I'm not cognizant of the fact that children need space to run and play, but so do our dogs! Give us a break!

Sincerely,

KAAREN F. STASCHOWER

1314-02-3A

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Carissa Van Nevel

1302 S. Ridge , Arlington Heights, IL 60005

February 13, 2002

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Subject: Comments on ANPR for pet policy

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Second, the proposal would set a bad precedent for parks, including urban parks, throughout the National Park System. If this resolution were to pass and the Park Service were to agree to end enforcement of the leash laws, other user groups in parks across the country could use this as precedent to gain access for other recreational activities, including off-road vehicle use and recreational mining.

Finally, this proposal is bad for the low-income and disadvantaged users of the park. The most magnanimous aspect of urban parks is that they bring the natural world to individuals who otherwise would be denied access to nature because they can't or won't travel to remote areas to enjoy our Nation's natural heritage. The GGNRA exemplifies this, providing free access to a remnant of our native ecosystems within minutes of over 7 million people. The urban national parks should be treasured for bringing natural wonder to people, not degraded for it.

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Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to the continued implementation of a policy that protects our threatened wildlife and appropriately accommodates domestic pets.

Sincerely,

Carissa Van Nevel

1315-02-1D

February 13, 2002
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Yours truly,

Elizabeth Cook
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1316-01-1D

February 13, 2002

Leslie Dinkin

148 10th St, #102 , ♦ Oakland, CA 94607

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Leash restrictions are an excellent way to educate the public about endangered wildlife.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this tough issue.

Sincerely,

Leslie Dinkin

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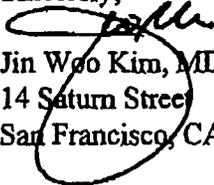
I am a dog-owning citizen of San Francisco and am writing to ask you to keep the long-standing tradition of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Dogs greatly contribute to the quality of many San Franciscans lives, and we keep our dogs happy by letting them off-leash in the GGNRA. Off-leash allows dogs to swim on the beaches, run on the sand and enjoy nature at its best. Allowing dogs off-leash teaches them to socialize with other dogs and humans. Dog owners also help keep the GGNRA clean – a quick look at any of the GGNRA shows trash left by humans and almost no dog droppings.

The ANPR (Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking) is strongly biased against off-leash recreation. The GGNRA is 75,000 acres and traditionally, off-leash use has occurred in only 0.5% of this land. Off-leash dog walking was an intended recreational activity when San Francisco gave its beaches and coastal bluffs to the GGNRA.

We live in a city with many people and not much land. I would strongly support limited hours for dogs off-leash. That way people who want to avoid dogs could go during the non-leash hours.

Please keep our off-leash GGNRA lands open!!!

Sincerely,



Jin Woo Kim, MD
14 Saturn Street
San Francisco, CA

1318-02-3A

February 13, 2002
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I want to make it clear that I am a dog owner. I enjoy walking my dog in parks and I enjoy taking her to off-leash dog parks. Nonetheless, I believe that not all areas should be open to dogs. I also believe that not all areas that are open to dogs should allow dogs to be off-leash.

In the case of GGNRA, dogs should be kept on leash because over 100 rare and sensitive species, including several bird species, use the area during various times of the year. Off-leash dogs can harm these species by chasing and killing individuals and destroying their habitat. Furthermore, if people are allowed to let their dogs off leash, and if the dogs harm or chase wildlife, the owners could be liable for a "taking" under the federal and California Endangered Species Acts. Thus, allowing dogs to be off leash would unintentionally encourage people to violate federal and state law, imperiling our natural heritage and subjecting dog owners to heavy federal and state fines, and in egregious cases, jail time.

In addition, allowing dogs to be off leash changes the park experience for all visitors, especially children. Off leash dogs can be a distraction at best; at worst they can be a genuine threat. Our national parks should be a place where all visitors feel comfortable and secure. No one should have to be afraid of an off-leash domestic animal in a national park.

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Yours truly,

Sarah McGiffert
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Austin, TX 78738

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Andrea & Rick O'Leary
830 Teresita Blvd.
San Francisco, CA 94127-2323

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Heddi Ets Hokin

10900 East Roger Rd. , Tucson, AZ 85749

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

FROM: Frank Regan
338 Laurelton Road
Rochester, NY 14609

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Stephen Hunt

3631C Redmon St , ♦ Nashville, TN 37209

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Carolyn Doswell

3501 Laurel Canyon Blvd. , ♦ Studio City, CA 91604-3715

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Hilary Copeland-Glenn
115 E. Terrace #25
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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Elizabeth Hammen

301 Grove Ave, Prescott, AZ 86301

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

FROM: warren watkins
1240 madelyne pl
santa rosa, CA 95409

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May Yamamoto May Yamamoto
1050 North Park
SF, CA 94109

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Kevin Kearney
2721 A Jones
SF CA 94133

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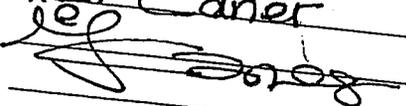
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2326 - 35th Ave.
S.F. CA 94116-2243

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Victoria Dum
2010 Chestnut #303
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2950 Van Ness #7 S.F. CA 94109-1037

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48 Divisadero
S.F., CA 94117

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SF 94108

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Nancy Baron
159 15th Ave
SF CA 94118

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Vicky Julian *Vicky Julian*

772 6th Ave #2

SF, CA 94118

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CLARISSA V. JAVIER

1855 SACRAMENTO #2
SF CA 94109-3542

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99 Ellsworth St.
San Francisco, CA 94110

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3343 OCTAVIA ST.

37. CA. 94723

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2010 Chestnut St. #303
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Lisa A. DeAngelo

2121 A Jones St

SF CA 94133

Off-Leash Walking

1343-02-1A

I support off-leash dog walking in the areas of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) and ask that the National Park Service create a Section 7 special rule for off-leash recreation and bring the general regulation into compliance with the GGNRA's enabling statute "to provide for the maintenance of needed recreational open space for urban environment and planning."



I also ask that, for the duration of the process of rule making, the National Park Service ~~STOP~~ aggressive enforcement of the general regulation in the parts of the GGNRA identified by the 1979 GGNRA Pet Policy as allowing off-leash recreation

Diana Scott
551 Lisbon St
SF, CA 94112



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To:
GGNRA
Attn: ANPR
Fort Mason, Bldg 201
San Francisco, CA
94123

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1344-01-1A

We Support Off-leash Dog Walking in the GGNRA!

KEEP GGNRA FREE AND OPEN TO
ALL DOGS ... ON OR OFF LEASH!

OUR DOG THANKS YOU.

(PRINCESS MIKKA)

Signed: Darin S. Hill (For MIKKA)

1345-01-1c

We Support Off-leash Dog Walking in the GGNRA!

While not owning a dog myself
(or any pets), I live nearby and
walk frequently at Ft. Funston.
I enjoy seeing happy dogs being
able to do their "doggie thing" of
running free, off-leash or under
voice control, on the trails here.
People, their families, & dogs can all
enjoy this marvelous place. Do not
change your off-leash policy now!
Signed: Jocelyn Kohler

1346-01-1A

We Support Off-leash Dog Walking in the GGNRA!

Parks are beautiful only if
they're used!

Kids need dogs and dogs
need to run.

GGNRA gave its word!

Signed:

Michael Meyers

& Michael Preston

1347-01-2

We Support Off-leash Dog Walking in the GGNRA!

Please understand that
leashing all dogs in the
GGNRA is absolutely not
necessary. This is an
over-reaction of the situation;
entirely so. SED is a terrible, horrible
tragedy but see no means a
reason to require leashing of
all dogs within the recreation areas!!

Signed: A. Louise Maxwell (Buddie)

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1348-01-1A
I want to send this card to let you know how important it is to have off leash in the Golden Gate recreation areas. We live in such a small space

It's fun doing
nothing with you.

Sharing with thousands of people we need the last open spaces for me and my dogs to roam freely. Having a dog on leash takes away from the joy that we feel from playing together in a open area with out fences or harassment. Please listen to our request it is ~~is~~ absolutely necessary to keep this land open + free. Signed an active user of GENRA
Eleanor Hayes

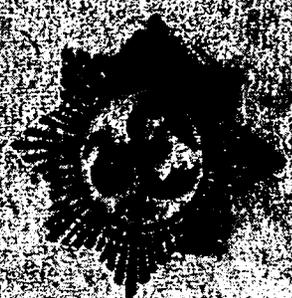
1349-D-11 2/8/02

Dear Mr. [Name]
Please save the fresh recreation
of Red Forest. I walk my
dog there every day and every
day I am grateful to have
such a beautiful place to enjoy
with my pet. It is a huge
part of my life and a primary
reason why I think San Francisco
is a great place to live.

Respectfully yours,

Richard May

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Dear Sir -

It is well published that the
CONZA is considering a crackdown on
off leash dog walking at Fort Funston
amongst other of parks. Please
heavily as joy in letting our dog
run free for an hour each day at
Fort Funston we enjoy it very much
and it makes life as a dog owner
for him. Please let us know
why to allow this to continue despite
the current one legislative in progress
to partly ban dog walking about.

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1351-01-1A

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Support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: Michael Berke (optional: Age: 36 Sex (M) F Ethnicity W)
Address: 1511 22nd Ave San Francisco, CA 94122
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

1x - 2x per week. I go there to exercise my dog.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Off-leash recreation is definitely a social outlet for me. I've met lots of people & made some new friends. I do bring friends with me

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

I absolutely believe off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA. Dogs need to socialize & exercise & owners are generally very responsible for their dogs. There are even poop bags available at the park.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

Sad. Life would be sad for my dog. It is such a joy to see the dogs playing and it is fun and important for them as well. I would ~~probably~~ probably get a lot of citations.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I feel completely safe with off-leash dogs. If they are restrained on-leash it maybe frustrating for the dogs.

Signed: M. Berke Date: 2-7-02

GGNRA002208

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

~~1352-01-1C~~ 1352-01-1C

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Andrew Dellings (printed)
Address: 401 Eagle Trace Dr. Half Moon Bay CA 94019
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

Kim + I have visited Fort Funston for at least 8 years to walk our Golden Retriever - Weekly at a minimum.

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2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

We continue to hike with our dog now that we have the twins. They laugh & reach for the dogs from their jogging stroller.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

Yes it is social! We meet city dwelling friends + follow our hikes with dinner out in the city. City businesses benefit.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

The Bay Area is blessed with an abundance of open space, but the percentage for dog owners? Does it calculate to a full percentage point? Doubtful. Do not destroy this special spot

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

No I do not.

Signed: Andy Pellins Date 2/11/02 (optional: Age: _____ Sex M F Ethnicity _____)

Dear Superintendent O'Neil.

1353-01-1E

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: Kay Chandler (printed)
Address: 5957 Buflin Dr San Jose CA
(street) (city) (state)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

At least once a month I will drive to Fort Funston to let my dog have fun off leash with other dogs. He gets to run and tire himself out and socialize with the many other dogs and people.

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

I have seen many children with their parents who come to the park to "see all the dogs". I feel extremely safe walking in an off leash area because the people are very nice and the dogs are well behaved.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I have met several new friends and business contacts on my walks in Fort Funston. In fact, I probably end up being more social than my dog.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

The off leash areas are definitely a good use of the area, and there isn't really anything more I would do since it is already so enjoyable.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

Absolutely Not!

Signed: Kay Chandler Date 2-11-02 (optional: Age: 32 Sex M F Ethnicity Ca)

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1354-01-1C

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: STANLEY WILSON (optional: Age: 60 Sex: (M) F Ethnicity:)
Address: 85 CEDAR LN PACIFIC, CA 94044
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

EXERCISE FOR MY DOGS + MYSELF.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

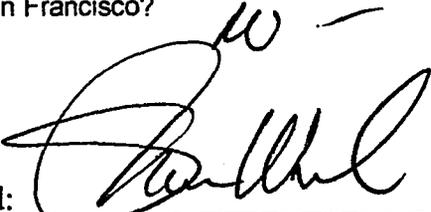
2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true – that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I BRING FAMILY + FRIENDS + MEET ALOT OF NEW PEOPLE

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

Signed: 

Date 2-9-02

Dear Superintendent O'Neil.

1355-01-1A

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: MARTHA NAKAGAWA (printed)
Address: 2127 45 TH AVE SF CA 94116
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

WE WALK OUR DOGS AT FORT FUNSTON ON A DAILY BASIS. THIS IS BENEFICIAL FOR OURSELVES AND OUR ANIMALS FOR EXERCISE & RELAXATION. WE'VE MADE GOOD FRIENDS THERE OVER THE YEARS. WE ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF THE SETTING.

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2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities often avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

CHILDREN, THE ELDERLY, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OF ALL RACIAL AND CULTURAL GROUPS APPEAR TO VISIT THE AREA VERY OFTEN BECAUSE OF THEIR ENJOYMENT THROUGH CONTACT WITH THE ANIMALS, RATHER THAN THE REVERSE. DOGS UNDER VOICE CONTROL ARE OFTEN BETTER BEHAVED AND SAFE TO BE AROUND THAN UNCONTROLLED, LEASHED DOGS WHO MAY LUNGE FREE FROM THEIR OWNERS.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

SEE ANSWER TO #1, ABOVE. WE BRING MANY FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO THE GGNRA IN ORDER TO SHARE IT WITH THEM. DOGS BECOME HEALTHY, HAPPY, WELL-SOCIALIZED ANIMALS WHEN THEY ARE SUPERVISED ON A REGULAR BASIS IN AN OFF-LEASH ENVIRONMENT. LACK OF ACCESS TO THESE AREAS WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR QUALITY OF LIFE.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

MOST RECREATIONAL AREAS HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE UNDER ON-LEASH REQUIREMENTS. THOSE FEW AREAS USED FOR OFF-LEASH RECREATION SHOULD REMAIN AVAILABLE.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco? NO.

Signed: [Signature] Date 2/10/02 (optional: Age: 42 Sex M Ethnicity ASIAN)

1356-01-1A

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name Eve Meelan SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE (optional) Age 23 Sex: M F

Ethnicity White

Address 3139 22nd St. SF CA 94110
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often, and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe how.

At least once per day to ~~exercise~~ exercise my dog + socialize w/ other dog owners.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends or family along, or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Absolutely. It gives me a chance to discuss dog related issues, politics etc.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Absolutely. The vast majority of dog owners have pound puppies - a community service in a city w/ so many unwanted animals. The least we should expect is an area in every park for adequate, off-leash exercise.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I would have a much harder time exercising my elderly dog + ensuring his health.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs, or would you feel safer without their presence?

It's not an issue of feeling safer either way, I'm happier w/ the presence of off-leash dogs.

Signed Eve Meelan Date 2/9/02

Dear Superintendent O'Neil.

1357-01-1A

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: Noreen E. Adams (printed)

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Address: 820 ARGUELLO BLVD S.F. CALIF 94118
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

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1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

For many years I walked my dogs (over 30yrs) and also taken my children to the many wonderful parks in the city.

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

The friends I have that have disabilities since it is abt easier to let there dogs in off leash areas. (Reasons are obvious) I feel dogs get along better off leash (Not as protective)

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I am happy to say not only do I meet new friends but so does my dog and yes we bring our family with us when we can. I since it would be very sad without these areas

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

I think off leash dog recreation areas has been one of the most wonderful things that has happen for man + beast.

I think if they have obstacle courses for dogs, the people and dogs would enjoy it very much.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

(NO!) I think the word renege says it all!

Signed: Noreen E. Adams Date 2/11/02 (optional: Age: 54 Sex M Ethnicity)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1358-01-1A

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name KATE Cranley. (optional) Age 27 Sex: M F

Ethnicity W

Address 3425 CESAR Chavez St SF CA 94110
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often, and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe how.

Every morning I walk up to BERNAL & every weekends I go to FUNSTON or Delores. I Love these places. Simon is ATRAMP off leash Doggie who loves to run much faster than I Do.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends or family along, or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

~~Just~~ I moved to SF A year & A Half Ago, I'D say 1/2 the New friendships I've made are through these off-leash places. I Love seeing so many people & Dogs Being SOCIAL at funston. ITS wonderful.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

~~Though~~ I AM AN ACTIVE ENVIRONMENTALIST & RESPECT & PROTECT Forest Areas FROM MY DOG, AS A COMMUNITY & CITY I APPRECIATE A BALANCE W/IN city living.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I think very stressful, ITS become HABIT to "forget the leash" & to change A LIFE style for A few people who NEVER use the area anyway.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs, or would you feel safer without their presence?

No Dog should Be off leash if there is even AN inclination of aggressiveness. People MUST practice RESPONSIBILITY rather than A city full of laws.

Signed

Date

2/8/02

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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1359-01-1A

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name Donna Twary (optional) Age 42 Sex: M F

Ethnicity white

Address 3641 19th St SF Ca 94110
 (street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often, and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe how.

- 3x per week
- bring my dog for off leash fun

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends or family along, or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

yes, I bring friends + family

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

yes, areas of off leash need to be continued

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

this is one of the wonderful things about living in SF - losing the off leash areas in our parks would be horrible

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs, or would you feel safer without their presence?

much safer

Signed

Date

2-10-02

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1360-01-3A

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Date: 2/9/02

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: Carol Chen (optional: Age: 44 Sex M F Ethnicity Asian)
Address: 108 Wooster St, #4E New York NY 10012
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

Two times in a 2-day visit. We went to Ft. Funston with our friends & 2 dogs. The reasons were for exercise, recreation & dog walking... as well as socializing with other dogs + their owners.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Yes it is. See above.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Absolutely. We are thinking of moving to SF and outlets like off-leash dog walking are a huge draw for us. There's nothing like it in NYC in terms of freedom for owners & animals, coupled with natural beauty within city limits.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

SF would be a less-attractive city for us.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I do not feel unsafe with off-leash dogs. To the contrary, they do much to make the city & parks more inviting & liveable. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Signed:

Carol Chen

Date

2/9/02

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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1361-01-1A

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Date: 2/9/02

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I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Name: Alice Tropp (optional: Age: Sex M (F) Ethnicity White)
Address: 82 Blair Terrace San Francisco CA 94107
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I visit the GGNRA at least a few times per month. I go there to take my dog off-leash for walks. We are respectful of the flora & fauna in the area. And since the areas (Ft. Funston Presidio) were given by S.F. with the understanding that off-leash activities would continue.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

I bring friends, and my mom to take walks along the SF coastline within the GGNRA, along with my dog. We meet there, and I have met numerous friends and co-workers on these walks.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

I do believe off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA. I feel there can be off-leash areas, and areas where off-leash is inappropriate. Have posted areas for each.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I would find it hard to consider the federal government now being unable to accommodate dog owners and non-dog owners. My feelings for the government's role in keeping me away from areas of SF would be pretty depressing.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs. As a single woman public settings can be unsafe so dogs are a reassuring presence.

Signed: Alice Tropp Date 2/9/02

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I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Christine Ann Lusareta SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE (optional: Age: 31 Sex M F Ethnicity)
 Address: 1960 Hayes St. #9 San Francisco CA 94117
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I visit Fort Funston at least twice a week. I appreciate the ability to take my dogs out to a place where they can run and play without the bother of a leash. I enjoy the wide open space of Fort Funston and the company of others who bring their dogs there as well.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Off-leash recreation is an important aspect of my happiness & well being. The weekend is a wonderful opportunity for myself, my dogs and my family to go out and enjoy the company of others with similar interests. We have met many wonderful people, shared experiences and stories and given ourselves an outlet to relieve the stress and tension of the work week.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

I believe that wide open spaces, such as Fort Funston, the beach, large fields and forested areas, should be designated as leash-optional areas. Fort Funston is a prime example of how the Park Service has accommodated both dog owners and preservation of wild life. Responsible dog owners frequent Fort Funston and take care of it. I can understand leash laws in small confined areas, but why large OPEN spaces??

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I feel it would greatly diminish my quality of life. I have no children - my dogs are my children. I want to be able to run and play with them in freedom, just as parents are allowed to run & play with their children.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I don't feel a leash on or off a dog would make me feel safe. I feel safe in the company of my own dogs.

Signed: Christine Ann Lusareta

Date 2-11-02

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1363-01-1A

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) following any comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: Nancy Junsch (printed) FEB 13 2002
Address: 2071 - 28th Avenue SF, CA 94116
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I utilize GGNRA at least FOUR times a week. I mainly visit Fort Funston with my black Labrador Retriever. He needs daily exercise as do I. We run on the paths at the Fort and he chases the ball. Off-leash exercise for dogs is extremely important to keep them happy & well-socialized with people and other dogs.

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

I see many children, elderly, and racial/cultural minorities at the Fort. In fact, I have seen many people in wheelchairs walking their dogs. All kinds of people have dogs - with this common bond - we all come together at the Fort.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

Whenever my family or friends are in the City visiting, I take them to Fort Funston to meet my dog-walking friends and to get some exercise. I have met many people at the Fort. If there was no off-leash recreation, a major social outlet for both me and my dogs would be gone.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

Off-leash recreation must continue within the GGNRA. It is vital to dogs and dog-owners to utilize this outlet. My suggestion is to rotate areas within the Fort so as to prevent erosion. With this statement, I do not mean to say land should be restricted - we need lots of it to run - But portions can be rotated to allow for vegetation to grow - and rotate again.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

NO! GGNRA should NOT Rescind this policy!!!!

Signed: Nancy Junsch Date 2/10/02 (optional: Age: 31 Sex M F Ethnicity)

1364-02-1A

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I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: Deborah Wald (optional: Age: 40 Sex M Ethnicity)
Address: 96 Dellbrook Avenue San Francisco CA 94131
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

- 1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why. I visit the GGNRA weekly, often several times a week, I regularly hike at Ft. Funston with my dog (a labrador retriever), and I take my kids and my dog to either Ft. Funston or Muir Beach on weekends. Hiking at Ft. Funston is one of my main forms of exercise, and is how I clear my head of its daily urban clutter. Ft. Funston & Muir Beach are 2 of the ONLY places I can take my kids AND my dog, where they can all run and play and enjoy the outdoors. We run in the waves, throw balls, hunt for...
2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? I usually meet up with friends at Ft. Funston at least twice a week to have a visit, get some exercise, and walk our dogs. Because the dogs are off-leash, they can run and play while my friends and I walk at our own pace and enjoy each other's company and conversation. This was especially critical when my kids still were in a stroller - I couldn't have walked with them and an on-leash dog at the same time. Since I usually go weekdays, many (if not most) of the familiar faces are stay-at-home moms with young kids and seniors, all revelling in the chance to get out with their pets. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations. I believe off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA. It meets a critical need of the community, and so MANY COMPROMISES ARE AVAILABLE to ensure that others' needs are met as well. Examples: even days, dogs off leash; odd days, dogs on leash - instead of using rangers to harass people caring for the area and their dogs, use rangers to actively enforce poop clean-up and digging rules - keep dogs on leash in the bluffs, but allow them off-leash on the beach where there are many fewer concerns for other wildlife & vegetation (this is my least favorite bec. seniors & people w/ strollers often can't make it down to the beach) - limit # of dogs per person - etc. etc. etc.
4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA? I would lose a critical source of exercise and my primary way of relieving stress in my daily life. I also would lose the enormous pleasure of hiking with my dog and experiencing her joy as she runs across the bluffs chasing balls (not birds) and dodges the waves. Finally, I would have NO PLACE to take my kids and dog - all together - for a good family romp.
5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence? I feel much safer with off-leash dogs. I have twice been approached by unsavory characters while hiking in the dunes at Ft. Funston. Both times my dog (who is extremely gentle and great w/ kids) sensed my fear and held them off. (I reported one of these incidents to the rangers.) I have young kids, and I do not like it at all when out-of-control dogs jump on them. But this happens rarely and can be dealt with in...

Signed: Deborah Wald Date 2/10/02

much less restrictive ways than by requiring that all dogs go on leash. If the "voice of control" could be enforced, there would help. Many responsible dog owners keep their dogs on leash.

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Attn: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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leash at Ft. Funston as is, because they know their dogs can't be trusted off-leash because they're aggressive or not sufficiently under voice control. Given how many people and dogs are at Ft. Funston on a daily basis, there are impressively few incidents. Overall, the dog owners are incredibly conscientious about preventing their dogs from digging or chasing birds, curbing aggression in their own and others' dogs, policing for poop, etc. There is a very strong sense of community at Ft. Funston, which embraces our senior citizens, parents w/ young kids, etc. PLEASE DON'T RUIN IT!

GGNRA002222

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1365-01-1A

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: Melissa Curry (printed)
Address: 155 Colon Avenue SF, CA
(street) (city) (state)

94112 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I visit Fort Funston four to six times a week. The main reason we visit is to exercise my dog. My dog gets to run and I get to enjoy the views. We both enjoy the fresh air and benefit from the socialization (both human and doggie).

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

I see lots of elderly, children racial and cultural minorities in off leash areas. Especially if they have dogs or are dog lovers. Dogs are actually good for the mental health of these groups. It brings them out socially. In an off leash area most people care about their animals and want them to be social.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

Both myself and my dog (Maggie) have met new people through the dog park. We would both be deprived socially if off leash areas were taken away. Dogs in off leash areas are better socialized than animals who aren't allowed to run.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

Yes I do think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of the area. The GGNRA can stop harassing dog owners.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

No!!!

Signed: Melissa Curry Date 2/11/02 (optional: Age: 32 Sex M Ethnicity W)

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1366-01-1C

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Date: 2-11-02

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: VIRGINIA MARSHALL (optional: Age: Sex M (F) Ethnicity CAUC)

Address: 1555 B MARINA CT SAN MATEO CA 94403 (street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I take my dogs to Fort Funston about 6 times a year. I used to go weekly when the dogs were younger & needed more exercise. Both the dogs & I get needed exercise on our visits.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

It is enjoyable to socialize with other dog people and meet friends with their dogs.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

In the whole San Francisco peninsula there is no other place to hike with dogs. I am willing to stay in designated areas but I love (off leash) to get out & walk with my dogs.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

It would remove a great source of fun & exercise for me & my dogs.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

There is an occasional bad tempered dog who should not be out in public, but the majority of owners are responsible and do not bring aggressive dogs to Fort Funston.

Signed: Virginia Marshall

Date 2-11-02 GGNRA002224

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1367-01-1A

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: Kim Harrington / Gregg Fass (printed)

Address: 314 28th Street S.F. CA
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

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1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I go there specifically to be able to let my Dog Run Free - otherwise he is not typically in his natural environment. We love the access to the beach and the beauty of the scenery.

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

I find that most elderly people as children love to run up to my dog to say hello and play with the dog.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I have only owned my Dog for three months. We have made more friends in that period than in the last three years. I am a native San Franciscan and appreciate knowing so many neighbors in my Area.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

When visiting the Park, I find that ninety percent of the people there are with dogs. I fear that if they banned off-leash activities there would be no one in the Park. There is a possibility that we can restrict usage by time of the day.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

Absolutely!!

Signed: Kim Harrington Date 2/11/02 (optional: Age: 41 Sex M F Ethnicity Wh)

Dear Superintendent O'Neill: 1368-01-1c

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Date: 2/11/02

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I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: SUSAN J. LUM (optional: Age: _____ Sex M F Ethnicity _____)

Address: 3210 SWEATH LN. SAN BRUNO CA. 94066
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I usually visit on weekends in the main area where most dogs & their owners walk. My dog loves socializing with other canines.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Bring to the GGNRA is definitely a social outlet. Occasionally, I bring a friend or family member along and we have met and made new friends.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Yes. Dogs on leash are more aggressive. Dogs are social animals and love to interact and play with each other. Fencing off sections of GGNRA is an alternative if you wish to preserve areas.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

My dog and I would be very unhappy. Dogs get exercise by playing and running.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

off lease dogs are fine as long as they are friendly. I am not afraid of canines that are unleashed.

Signed: Susan J. Lum

Date: 2/11/02

1369-01-1C

Name: Helen Lee (optional: Age: _____ Sex M F Ethnicity Asian)

Address: 25 Berta Circle Daly City CA 94015
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I visit Fort Funston approximately once a week. I would love to visit more often but I don't have the time. The reason ~~that~~ I enjoy Fort Funston is that my dogs are able to run about freely as they meet and play with other dogs. The area is enclosed so they do not run into the street. **RECEIVED**

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? **FEB 13 2002**

Off-leash recreation is a social outlet for me, **SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE** I meet other owners who have the same breeds as my dogs. I've brought my sister-in-law along several times and she also enjoys walking along the path while the dogs run and play. She also believes that Fort Funston is a very enjoyable place to come to take a stroll while allowing the dogs to exercise.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

I believe ~~the~~ how Fort Funston is currently set-up is working well. Certain areas ^{that are to be preserved} are fenced to prevent dogs and people from entering and destroying the land.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

It'll be very sad for me to know that my dogs do ~~not~~ not have an area where they can freely play and "socialize". I wouldn't be able to exercise my large dog on-leash. Walking my large dog on-leash is not enough.

5. Do you feel ^{safe} safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I already feel comfortable with off-leash dogs. I enjoy watching the dogs "socialize" and play with each other in the park.

Signature: Helen Lee Date 2/4/02

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1370-01-1A

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about **RECEIVED** that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Michael Meyers FEB 13 2002 (optional: Age: 29 Sex M F Ethnicity)
Address: 430 Scott St #7 SF. CA 94117
(street) SUPERINTENDENT (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I visit 2-3 times a month and I almost always bring my dog, a Husky / Border Collie mix. In all of my time here in the Bay Area, I have never seen any problems between dogs and people. Usually, both are running + playing happily.

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

This is outrageous! I am a member of a cultural minority myself, and I feel more secure in off-leash areas. Dog people are usually courteous + friendly, especially those who take their dogs to play at a park. If a few people have an irrational fear of dogs, they need therapy.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I usually go with my friends who also have dogs. Other people go and meet, even strangers. That's because dogs are usually more friendly than people. Please don't restrict dog access to any part of the park. All parts at least on-leash, some parts off-leash.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

Off-leash recreation is ~~not~~ essential. Don't make a rule that good ~~part~~ people will have to break. Good signs signalling that the ~~area~~ area is a dog play area, and little containers for plastic bags conveniently placed around trash cans, etc.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

NO WAY!

Signed: Michael Meyers Date 2/9/02

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that is relevant to this issue.

FEB 13 2002

Name: Anne Furlong (printed)
Address: 13929 Vista Regina Rd. Saratoga CA 95070
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

And we frequent City Museums + restaurants

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1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

We visit the GGNRA on average 2x/month. In winter, we frequent Fort Funston, in summer we are often @ the beach btwn Crissy Field & the G.G. Bridge (as we sail to S.F., dock our boat + walk our dog after a day on the bay.) Summer outings are usually over an entire weekend as we stay overnight in the City.

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

We have visited the off-leash areas under consideration for nearly 10 years. I have never witnessed any sort of problem behavior w/ a dog. We have always hiked the trails or beach w/ our son since he could walk (is now 5). Today, he speed around on his scooter as our dog played with all the others. Our son loves to pet the pet the

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

The GGNRA is the only place we know of to truly have a family outing as our family includes our dog. We drive up on weekends from Saratoga or sail over from Alameda. We bring all our out of town guests + the grandparents on a regular basis + it is a much-loved excursion. We lunch @ The Beach House, hike + tour the City +

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

This area for off leash dog recreation is so special + deserves to be protected. People without animals enjoy their antics + are entertained. Dogs get the type of activity that I believe is required for a truly well-cared for animal. For those who do not enjoy dogs, I believe there is a far larger percentage of open space available to them. have dinner in the City afterwards.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

Absolutely NOT.

Signed: Anne Furlong Date 2/10/02 (optional: Age: 44 Sex M F Ethnicity)

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1372-01-1C

Date: 2/11/02

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Teresa Giacata (optional: Age: 39 Sex M F Ethnicity W)
Address: PO Box 1787 El Granada CA 94018
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I go to Ft. Funston every weekend with my dog. I started when I got my dog 1 1/2 years ago and look forward every weekend to my outing with him where he runs free and gets the best exercise.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Definitely a social outlet. I've met many new friends and have introduced friends of mine to Ft. Funston.

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3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Off-leash is essential to happy, healthy, socialized dogs. If there are no areas where owners can socialize their dogs, then the issues only get worse. The parks have successfully survived for generations past and there is no reason to think it won't in the future if properly maintained by the park service.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I would no longer use or support (financially) GGNRA. I feel discriminated against as a dog owner these days and it is unfair to blame all dog owners for a few incidents by bad dog owners. What is really needed is better public education on dogs.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

Off-leash dogs are much safer than on-leash. They do not feel that they have territorial boundaries they have to protect as they do when on a leash.

Signed: Teresa Giacata

Date: 2/11/02 GGNRA002230

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1373-01-1A

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I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). I am providing my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: Sabrina Treguboff (printed)

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Address: 479 Marietta Drive San Francisco CA 94118
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

3 times a month. I sometimes take my dog there. I enjoy seeing dogs being themselves. Energetic bundles of joy. I also like the atmosphere. I like the scenery.

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

Every since I was young I loved dogs at any age. I think the dogs that go there are trained. Why would they other dogs then? And the owners are responsible.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I always think this place is the best place to go on warm days. The dogs are friendly and the owners love talking about their dogs. And like having my friends enjoy the dogs & scene.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

I always thought this place was enjoyable. I love dogs and I love the beach. I also think they put enough trash cans and benches for people to sit on & throw their stuff away. I have strong feelings towards the promise.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

I strongly agree. How can dogs be their energetic self then?

Signed: Sabrina M. Treguboff Date 2-10-2002 (optional: Age: 22 Sex M Ethnicity _____

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I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: Andrea + David Ammerman (printed) FEB 13 2002
Address: 729 Fairlands Ave. Campbell CA SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

Our family visits Fort Funston regularly all the way from Campbell in the South Bay expressly to give our energetic Border Collie the only kind of exercise that will truly calm his boisterous nature. Our neighbours thank us for this!

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

We have ~~to~~ Fort Funston with our dog, three sons + grandparents as a family outing. My father is an amputee + Fort Funston is one of the few places he can participate with his grandchildren + our dog on a family hike. He uses his motorized wheelchair.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

This is definitely a family + social outlet. We arrange to meet other families + their dogs at times + are able to spend beach days w/ picnics - or we hike a bit + then all run up to China town for a quick kid-friendly dinner!

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

Yes, I think dog owners should be allowed to have some sort of exercise area + this is wonderful!

Why should its use change? In the years + years our boys have run free to visit the playing dogs, I have never witnessed any misbehavior. (At least not on the part of the dogs.)

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

No Way

Signed: Andrea Ammerman Date 2/10/02 (optional: Age: 42 Sex M Ethnicity Jewish)

Dear Superintendent O'Neil:

1375-01-1A

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: ALAN J. ADAMS (printed)
Address: 820 ANGELO BL. S.F. CA. (street) (city) (state)
94118
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
FEB 13 2002

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I have your (G.G.N.R.A.), SET PRECEDENT, OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, ALLOWING USE OF FT. FUNSTON AND CRISSY FIELD, AS AN OFF LEASH AREA. I HAVE USED THESE AREAS, AS SUCH, FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

G.G. PARK HAS OFF LEASH AREAS FOR HANDICAPPED DOG OWNERS, WHO NEED MORE AREAS FOR OFF LEASH. I HAVE FOUND IT SAFER TO HAVE ALL DOGS OFF LEASH IN THESE AREAS. DOGS ARE HAPPY OFF LEASH

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

OFF LEASH RECREATION FOR WALKING WITH YOUR DOG IS SOME PEOPLES ONLY EXERCISE AND THEIR ONLY SOCIAL OUTLET.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
OFF LEASH DOG WALKING ACCOUNTS FOR A LARGE AMOUNT OF (GGNRA) PARK USE.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

NO!

Signed: Alan J. Adams Date 2-10-02 (optional: Age: 55 Sex: (M) F Ethnicity: (W))

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1376-01-1A

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Date: 2-11-02

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: MARJORIE M^C SWEENEY (optional: Age: 82 Sex M Ethnicity CAUCAS)
Address: 106 JUSTIN DR SAN FRANCISCO CA 94118
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I use GGNRA about 3 times a week. I have a Jack Russell terrier that I walk. This activity is fulfilling socially and physically, especially at my age.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

It definitely is a social recreation for both myself and my dog. I use the East Funsider facility.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Yes, I do. 99% of the people and animals are really responsible. The joy of freedom and friendliness is wonderful.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

It would greatly inhibit my recreation, both physically and socially. I enjoy the companionship of the dog and their owners.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I feel safer with off-leash dogs.

Signed:

Marjorie M^C Sweeney

Date 2/11/02 GGNRA 002234

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support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Age: 32 Sex M Ethnicity C

Address:

0435 California StSFCa94121

(street)

(city)

(state)

(zip)

Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

We visit The GGNRA Daily and on weekends spend many hours enjoying the Parks + Beaches with our Dog. We enjoy walking our dog off-leash for him to run and play. Having the GGNRA allows us to live in the city and enjoy as if it were our own backyard.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

We meet friends on the weekends, many come into the city with their dog to enjoy the off-leash benefits. We have had several picnics and game sports with large groups. We have made several friends through our dog's playfulness.

Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Off-leash recreation needs to remain a benefit of the GGNRA, with the current enforcement of picking up after your dog, there is no harm to the preservation. The homeless people are destroying it more than the owner occupied animals playing.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

We would move out of the city to provide our pet with better living circumstances and an area to roam.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

It is the responsibility of the pet owner to ensure their animal has the obedience to play off-leash. Place accountability to the owner. Similar to children playing in the community sandbox, when one child hits the other, the parents contract.

Signed:

Klemm Date 2/7/2002

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1378-01-1A

Date: 2/11/02

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Amie Bailey (optional: Age: 30 Sex M F Ethnicity Wto.
Address: 501 1/2 Grove Street San Francisco CA 94102
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

- I visit GGNRA 2-3 times per month because it makes my dog happy and healthier.

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2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

I have met many friends at GGNRA, and so has my dog.

Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

I believe that portions of GGNRA should be allowed for off-leash. I fully respect the wishes of those who do not want off-leash dogs & the preservation of the areas, as well.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I would be greatly impacted. I worry more about the socialization & aggression that would arise from dogs I meet in the city. That could be dangerous when not exercised.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I feel safer around dogs that are able to socialize & exercise off-leash.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 2/11/02
GGNRA002236

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

Date: 2/9/02

1379-01-1A

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: CROSS, JEFFREY A (optional: Age: 43 Sex: M Ethnicity:)

Address: 600 SHIELDS ST SAN FRAN CA 94132
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

FORT FUNSTON, WALKING MY DOGS & GETTING EXERCISE IN A BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT. THE BENEFITS ARE EXERCISE & QUALITY TIME WITH MY PETS, MORE TREPIDATION DUE TO GGNRA'S LEASH ENFORCEMENT POLICIES

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

YES & YES

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3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

YES. WHEN I SEE A STORE WITH A FULL PARKING LOT I KNOW IT HAS A THRIVING BUSINESS. FORT FUNSTON ALWAYS HAS A LOT OF CARS IN ITS PARKING LOT & ITS FULL ON WEEKENDS. MANY USERS ARE DOG OWNERS. A FULL PARKING LOT MEANS THE FORT FUNSTON SITE IS BENEFITTING TAXPAYERS. I THINK EFFORTS SHOULD BE AIMED AT OWNERS THAT DO NOT CLEAN-UP AFTER THEIR PET OR BRING MEAN ANIMALS TO THE PARK.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA? I WOULD NO LONGER USE THE FACILITY

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence? NEITHER. AN ANTI-SOCIAL ANIMAL ON A LEASH IS STILL A THREAT. RESPONSIBLE OWNERS NOT UNLEASH, OR BRING TO THE PARK, DANGEROUS ANIMALS.

Signed: [Signature]

Date 2/9/02 GGNRA002237

1380-02-1A

JUNE R. LILIENTHAL
3903 WASHINGTON STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94118

February 11, 2002

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

GGNRA
Fort Mason , Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

ATTENTION: ANPR

Gentlemen:

Please, please understand that all dogs – large and small – benefit from off-leash walking, running and playing. It is the best form of exercise and our family agrees that dog owners must be responsible for their behaviour and make sure their dogs respond to command and do not endanger children, people or other dogs and animals.

When we take our golden retriever to public parks and beaches we have provided him with an electronic collar which controls him immediately in case he did not hear the voice command, which sometimes happens when ^{he is} ~~they are~~ too close to the ocean and the sound of the waves sometimes overpowers the voice. He is walked on leash at Crissy Field and not taken off it until he has crossed the bridge and rounded over to the beach. And this beach is used almost exclusively by dogs and owners, not children. And everyone is very careful and all owners carry "poop bags" with them and keep the beach scrupulously clean as we all wish to keep our privileges.

And these dogs all seem to be beautifully socialized in that they get on well with other dogs and people. And everyone is having great time.

1380-02-1A

Please keep an open mind about keeping pets off leash in the GGRNA. It is such a beautiful place and the dogs really have such a small percentage of it that they use. And we are all trying to hard to keep it a viable option. I'm sure you realize how much Crissy Field in particular means to all of us. And all the rest of GGNRA as well. If any of you have owned a dog or grown up with one, I am sure you know how we feel.

Sincerely,

June R. Lilienthal

Mrs. John G. Lilienthal
FAX 415-221-5173

To GGNRA

1381-01-1A

For dog off-leash Crissy Field

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Sir / Madame:

I understand that you are considering leaving the off-leash dog law for Crissy Field. This would be a travesty. Why?

- 1) My dog looks forward to running and swimming on the beach so much that he shivers with excitement when we drive to the beach!
- 2) Off leash! He cannot run or swim on leash.
- 3) With all the restricted areas this is the only place in miles where he can run off leash.
- 4) I pay tons of taxes. ~~That my tax fund~~ ^{help} the GGNRA is one of the few. This is one of the few services I truly cherish.
- 5) The Field is used by all - joggers, cyclists, dogs, dog owners, birds, seals, windsurfers. It's one of the few city beaches where everyone can run free.

~~It is~~
My strong vote. Keep this an off-leash area for dogs.

Peter de Castro

1274 Filbert

SP 9/1/09

Sincerely,

Peter de Castro

1382-01-1A

Matthew & Christine Holmes
455 Frederick Street
San Francisco, CA 94117
415-731-5738

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

GGNRA
Attn: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

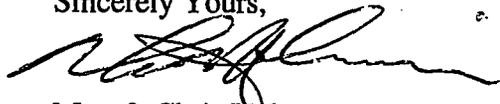
Via Fax & Mail: 415-561-4355

To whom it may concern,

I realize that you are being inundated with letters reiterating the same thing. 75,000 acres as part of this land and off leash pet owners and pets only want to preserve our inherit right to use only .5% of the land. However, the facts are grossly obvious that the rights of people are being ignored. There are thousands of acres of pristine coastline in California that is off limits to humans and their pets. It is there that wildlife truly flourishes. To restrict this little sliver of our coast seems unconscionable to us. If the federal government wants to make broad steps to preserve our environment we'd suggest a greater focus on more important issues such as waste management, over fishing & global warming.

If the GGNRA wants to suggest fines for unruly dogs or owners that don't pick up their animals waste, we could support that. However to strip thousands of us that enjoy this freedom and respect the privileges of the environment is wrong.

Sincerely Yours,



Matt & Chris Holmes
Talula, Bongo & Inbetween

Cc: SFDOG Via Facsimile 978-477-7757

Feb 11, 2002

1383-01-1A

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Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
S.F. CA, 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

To Superintendent O'Neil:

I am a regular park user in S.F. and I support making Fort Funston and other parks in the GGNRA system accessible for off-leash recreation with my dog.

Keep my dog on a leash when I walk on city sidewalks. When I visit the trails and beaches of Fort Funston, the point of having my dog there is so we can hike and run and play together. To require these activities to be on-leash is to completely eliminate this form of recreation for me and my dog. If there are complaints that some dogs are causing problems, the solution is not to leash every dog. Owners who let their dogs dig in planted areas, or get aggressive with other dogs or people, do not have their dogs under "voice control".

Dogs under "voice control" have been allowed at Fort Fun for nearly 30 years, and I urge you to take steps to ensure that this practice continues.

Sincerely,
Renee Brittell

Renee Brittell
138 Frederick St #5
S.F. CA. 94107
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GGNRA; Attention: ANPR;
FORT MASON, Building 201;
San Francisco, CA 94123
FAX: 415-561-4355
February 11, 2002

Re: DOG POLICY, SUGGESTIONS

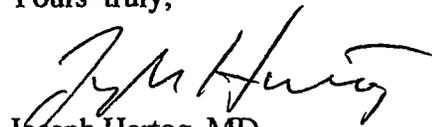
Dear Sirs/Madams:

The following are some suggestions as how to amicably resolve some of the issues related to off-leash dog walking/running at Crissy Field and other Presidio sites:

- 1. Off-leash dog walking/running should be allowed and limited to designated times of the day, e.g. 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 2. At Crissy Field, off-leash dog activity should be prohibited on the beach near the parking area, where most small children tend to play. Off-leash should be permitted on the beach area west of the lagoon bridge (at the designated hours).
- 3. Dog walkers should be limited to 6 dogs per walker, including their own, to assure maximum control and monitoring.
- 4. Fines should be imposed on dog owners/walkers who do not clean up their dog's poop.

Cc: San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Yours truly,


Joseph Hartog, MD
PO Box 29210
San Francisco, CA 94129-0210

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

To whom it may concern,

I have two dogs.

I really need this kind place
for my dogs.

Dogs are our important
pal.

please keep this park unleashed
for my dogs & for us.

Thank you

Mieko Saito
4150-24th St.
S.F. Ca 94114

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Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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To Superintendent O'Neill:

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I am a regular GGNRA park user, and I support making Fort Funston and the other parks in the GGNRA system accessible for off-leash recreation with my dog.

I keep my dog on a leash when I walk on city sidewalks. When I visit the trails and beaches of Fort Funston, the whole point of having my dog there is so we can hike and run and play together. To require these activities to be on-leash is to completely eliminate this form of recreation for me.

If there are complaints that some dogs are causing problems, the solution is not to leash every dog. Owners who let their dogs dig in planted areas, or get aggressive with other dogs or people, do not have their dogs under "voice control".

Dogs under "voice control" have been allowed at Fort Funston for nearly 30 years, and I urge you to take steps to ensure that this practice continues.

Sincerely,

[Your name]
[Your address]



CASS Hamann
119 Shawnee Ave
San Francisco, CA
94112



February 12, 2002

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
ATTN: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter in response to the GGNPA's Advance Notice of Rulemaking Process regarding the current off-leash dog issue at Chrissy Field. As a new and first time dog owner, this issue has become important me.

As you probably know, San Francisco has one of the largest dog/pet populations in the country and has been called the most dog friendly city in the country. In fact, there are more dogs living in the city than children. In spite of this, there are fewer and fewer places for dogs to run free and "be dogs". Where else could a professional dog walker make more money than a public school teacher (sad, but true)?

As I could not access the actual text of the notice (and I am a new dog owner), I am not completely familiar with the reasons why the current off-leash status is sighted to be reversed. What I do know is that Chrissy Field is a great place for dogs, children and adults to co-exist and enjoy nature...and each other.

This weekend was the perfect example of this. As the weather was unseasonably gorgeous, I took my dog to Chrissy Field both Saturday and Sunday mornings. It was so crowded that people were parking their cars on the grass. Not only did dog owners and parents bring their children and/or dogs to enjoy, but there were many people who came just to watch. It was apparent that everyone was having a good time and that the dogs were a large part of the positive experience.

I honestly feel that the fewer places that dogs have to run free and socialize, the more we will hear of aggressive and ill-behaved dogs. The fact is, these dogs are here and if the other dog owners are like me, they're here to stay. It's disturbing to think that the rights and freedom of good dog owners are being taken away because of some bad dog owners and the bad press that they're lack of responsibility has gotten.

I urge you to reconsider this issue...it is definitely an "issue". Please punish the guilty, not the innocent. Thank you for your time.

Magna Elmendorf
San Francisco, CA

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

GGNRA

1388-01-1A

I find the fact you are trying to
leash dog completely unfair. I am not
a dog owner but believe that the
GGNRA should retain and expand
off leash areas. It is a recreation area
not a nature preserve. Free the dogs and
keep government intervention away

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To: GGNRA
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Re: Saving off leash in the GGNRA

February 10, 2002

I am a Noe Valley home owner and for the past three years I have had a black labrador retriever named Maya. Although never a dog owner previously, I became more and more drawn to dogs for their outgoing personalities, outdoorish natures and the joy and love that they exude. They seem the perfect antidote to a city that has gotten colder and smaller. They bring people together and get us outdoors to enjoy parks, beaches and streets. Although there are those who do not understand dogs or who have had experiences with untrained dogs, in my 3 year experience of being with my dog I have seen more unexpected smiles and open hearts from strangers than I have in my entire 15 years in this city. Dogs open people up.

I believe that this connection with nature and to our animal nature should be nurtured, not repressed. How we treat and respect animals is a telling sign of how we expect ourselves to be treated. Do we allow ourselves to be caged, leashed, devoid of choice?

How can we realistically live in a place where dogs can never be off leash? How can they swim, for example? How can they play and interact? How can they catch a ball or frisbee? Are dogs really the threat people feel in their lives? I don't think so. I think they are the scapegoat for peoples frustration and fears. Rules against dogs who are trained and have responsible owners just cause further division and anger in our society. Aren't we stressed enough with out these rules that serve to dumb us down even further. Isn't there already enough Government control over our lives? Why are we being treated as irrational and irresponsible?

Why not post "life guards" like they do for swimming at the beaches. If there is an offensive dog and owner they should be fined or have the dog sent to training. To take all rights away because of a few is destroying the integrity of our lives.

Even though I have a successful business and home in San Francisco, I think often about leaving the city for good over this issue. When I think that I will be punished for letting Maya run free at the beach. When I do not have the right to throw her ball outside of a small, smelly tightly fenced area. When I see how unfriendly and closed this place is becoming I get so depressed and angry. Fortunately though ,she doesn't understand the unfounded fears of people who are trying to take her world away.

May the dogs run and play in the parks and at the beaches! This city is named after the patron saint of animals, St. Francis of Assisi who lived to teach us that we will only find our deepest humanity through our respect and love for all living beings.

Sincerely,

Amy K Faust

Amy Faust
237 30th St
San Francisco, CA 94131

1390-01-1A

Gloria May

2/11/02

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Sirs:

I enthusiastically endorse
the continuation of the longstanding
tradition of off-leash recreation in the
GGNRA. There is room for everyone
on 75,000 acres.

Respectfully

Gloria May
41 Lagunitas Drive
San Francisco, Ca 94132

February 11, 2002

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

GGNRA
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Re: Dogs at Crissy Field – Beach Access

To whom it may concern:

I am a fourth generation San Franciscan and my son makes it five generations born and raised in San Francisco. As a proud and responsible dog owner for over 20 years I would like to express my hopes for continued dog access at the Crissy Field area (and Fort Funston for the matter).

I generally separate the beach along Chrissy Field into three areas: 1) the rock break south of Fort Point to the rock break south of the historical buildings and museum (currently listed as NO PETS), 2) the middle section from the north of the water inlet bridge walkway to the rock break before the NO PETS sign, and 3) the last section is the beach north of the Yacht Club to the bridge walkway.

In the past I use to take my dog (Springer Spaniel) to the north section because it less crowded and easier parking (prior to current expanded parking in south area). It was quiet and with little or no waves my dog could swim to her hearts content. Now that section was changed to NO PETS and it's desolate. Families don't use it because it's too far from parking, considering how much stuff they need to bring, i.e. kids, lunch, toys, etc. It's not a bird gathering place, so why did it become off limits to PETS?

Now I take my dog and son to the center beach section. On any given weekend, I find mostly people walking with their dog(s) and zero to two people lying on the beach. The first beach section is very impacted. There are always lots of people, families with dogs and families without dogs. Since I enjoy walking versus standing there watching my dog swim, I prefer the center beach because it's longer.

I am afraid the GGNRA is going to 1) disallow any off leash activities, thus anger the hundreds of people who have been walking their dogs there for years, or 2) restrict more areas of beach to just people, thus increase the quantity of dogs into a smaller area, or 3) only allow dogs on leash, thus no more swimming for dogs.

Carmel Beach in Carmel, California has been an off-leash beach and a tourist attraction for decades. Why can't San Francisco emulate their policy? My sincere hope is that the GGNRA accommodate dog owners to the same extent that other "special interest" groups are accommodated. (Dog owners certainly outnumber the windsurfers.) By and large, the people who walk their dogs at Crissy Field, or even Fort Funston for that matter, have socialized dogs. We don't have "dog maulings" at the off-leash parks.

1391-02-1A

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Re: Dogs at Crissy Field - Beach Access

In my experience as a dog owner (and a mother), I find that the dogs at Crissy Field are better behaved and supervised than a lot of children. I also realize that dog owners, in general, must be ten times the "responsible citizens" as parents. I live across the street from Aptos Middle School and Aptos Park. I am constantly picking up the garbage left by careless children from the school and children and parents who use the ball field. Many times, my dog has even shared the field with the baseball and softball players.

I would be more than willing to keep my dog on a leash on the walking paths if it appeased some of the forces wanting to restrict dogs, as long as she could still be off leash to swim or run on the beach. Personally I find the toddlers on bikes more of a hazard than the off leash dogs on the paths, but that is the parents fault, not the kids.

Another issue that constantly gets thrown into the mix is the birds who gather in the estuary. As an avid nature lover who goes backpacking every year (with my dog), the fencing around the estuary is also needed to keep humans from walking all over the plants too. I used to walk my previous dog on the upper portion of the Sawyer Camp Trail in San Mateo County until the No PETS sign went up. The reason given for the change was that dogs scared the native animals. Well, I can cite many instances when walking with my dog we saw baby bunnies and deer. The fence on either side of the walkway kept them apart. Neither bothered the other, so the only result was that I lost a great place for a quiet walk with my dog on pavement.

Dogs have been man's best friend for hundreds of years. Let's make more of an effort to teach children and adults about dogs rather than alienate them due to human paranoia and the isolated incidents across the front pages of the newspapers. Again, there has never been any dog maulings at off-leash areas. Don't punish all the good dogs and good owners.

Sincerely,



Lisa Craib McMillan
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February 9, 2002

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Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Bldg. 201
San Francisco CA 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I have two pugs; both adopted from SF Animal Care and Control. We live where we do just so that we may stroll along the paths of Fort Funston with the other dogs and their people. I feel safe there and love the community of responsible dog guardians I meet.

Fort Funston may serve as the model dog recreation area for the nation! At Fort Funston, as at Point Isabel in the East Bay, dogs are relaxed and happy. When dogs are allowed to run and play and sniff, they are healthy both physically and emotionally. The poor dogs who are trapped by leashes have no way to exercise or be socialized properly and therefore develop more problems. Dogs who are trained and looked after properly are far better behaved off leash than on.

Beyond my personal enjoyment of the Fort, there are two important reasons, I believe, to leave Fort Funston off-leash. First, the Fort is kept monitored and safe for everyone through the stewardship that both dog people and GGNRA officers provide. Second, Fort Funston has become a unique attraction to visitors of the area. I continually meet people from other places walking and greeting the dogs, many who don't even have dogs themselves.

The regulars at the Fort care so much about it that we are vigilant about making sure people are being responsible. We are diligent stewards of the land and foliage and animals who live there because we care about it all, and well we should.

Thank you so much for your consideration of my comments. Please keep Fort Funston off leash and trust that as the regular walkers at the Fort, we want to help manage and care for this land as much as you do.

Sincerely,



Melissa Flower
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Daly City CA 94014
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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I am writing in favor of allowing dogs to be off leash on GGNRA lands.

I have been a Marin County resident since 1967, and as you are aware, dogs have traditionally been allowed off leash at beaches throughout the GGNRA. I have enjoyed having our dog off leash at Ft Baker many times, and at Rodeo Beach dozens and dozens of times.

The imposition of a blanket leash law is the most maddening bit of unnecessary restrictions on people that I have ever dealt with. I don't even feel like going to the beach anymore, since I must either limit the amount of play that my dog and I can engage in, or risk getting a ticket. This policy of requiring dogs to be on leash removes joy from peoples (and dogs) lives. A game of "fetch" does not work when a leash is involved.

I would encourage you to devise a policy that allows dogs to be off leash in some way shape or form. For example at Rodeo Beach in Marin, the long-standing rule about dogs off leash was to allow them to be off leash from the crest of the beach, down to the water; this allowed them to be off leash near the water, but not near the lagoon and areas where birds might be.

If there is behavior that requires some sort of regulation, I encourage you to regulate the behavior, but not implement a blanket leash law. I pick up and bag my dog's poop, he doesn't bark, he doesn't chase birds, he doesn't dig, he doesn't bother people or other dogs. There is no reason to implement a blanket leash law, and punish those of us who are not causing problems, and deny us a harmless recreational use of the public lands. Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



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1394-01-1B

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Mr. Brian O'Neill
Park Superintendent
Fort Mason
Building 201
San Francisco, California 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I am grateful for the opportunity to voice my strong opinion regarding leash laws and their enforcement in Marin County and San Francisco. I have written to others before regarding the critical importance of preserving our coastal habitats for native species. Opening them to off-leash dogs threatens endangered bird and other species in their own homes. Off-leash dogs scare birds away from native habitats and nesting grounds, and trample fragile ecosystems as well as the nests of some ground-nesting species.

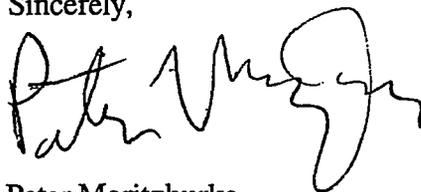
Please expand, strengthen, and enforce leash laws in Marin and San Francisco parks and coastal areas. Frequently I am disappointed at the lack of enforcement of existing leash laws. I do my part to remind people of these laws when I see them being violated, and I feel strongly that it is the duty of law enforcement agencies to do the same. Signs are always readily visible and fines should be issued on first violation.

I love dogs. I grew up with dogs and currently my family has a dog, Abby, that we adopted from a shelter. We live in Corte Madera and I regularly walk and jog on the paths in Marta's Marsh, an area covered by a leash law. Both of us get all the exercise we need *while Abby is on her leash.*

It may be fun for a dog frolic off-leash, but a dog's right to have fun is superceded absolutely by the rights of our native species—endangered or otherwise—to live unthreatened in their native habitats. Either walking or running, the argument that dogs need to be off leash to get exercise, or that dogs have any sort *right* to be off-leash in public spaces at all, is invalid. As keepers of these domesticated animals we are the ones with the *responsibility* to guarantee that our dogs do not infringe on the vital and legal rights of native species to thrive in our parks and coastal areas.

Thanks again for this opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,



Peter Moritzburke

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To whom it may concern,
Please find space for our
dogs at crissy field.

my dog is much happier after
running & playing at the
beach. Its healthy for dogs
& owners.

Thanks, Anne

1396-01-1A

February 11, 2002

Superintendent
Golden Gate Recreation Area
Building 201
Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

I object to any policy that would close down the parks to off leash dogs. These areas are vital to dogs and their owners. San Francisco has always had areas for off leash exercise and if you close them the dogs will go to other areas. You have a responsibility to the taxpayers of San Francisco to keep these areas open. If you must charge a fee to offset the costs of these areas try that first. Keep the off leash areas open.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Branscom

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Attention: ANPR
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San Francisco, CA 94123
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I walk my dog weekly at Crissy Field. I have for years.

It's very important to me to be able to exercise my dog in an open area. Living in a tight city like San Francisco, where there is a lot of activity (i.e. cars, crowds, cement, sirens) can be challenging for a well behaved dog. He was a street dog picked up by the pound when I adopted him. He's part greyhound so he needs to run. He needed to socialize with other dogs. The off leash policy at Crissy allowed him to accomplish all of these things with confidence. I don't know if I would have adopted him if I wasn't able to take him to such an open place, full of the type of activity a dog needs. He's come a long way.

I think a compromise can be made between the "birders", dog owners, and people with children. We all live here. We all should be able to enjoy the one or two open spaces left here in the city.

In my opinion, forcing the dogs to be on leash is not a compromise. Having a dog on leash on a beach is like bringing a double fudge cake to a Jenny Craig meeting. It's torture. If an acceptable agreement cannot be made between the groups, a vote should be taken in the city. On the ballot. There are far more people in this city with dogs than children or "birders" we would win if it came to a vote.

That's my 2 cents.

Thank you for your time,

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE



To Whom It May Concern:

As a 28-year old native of San Francisco, I currently own a business, a home, and a dog in this great city.

This letter is to serve as a reminder to you that my dog is an integral part of my life. I choose to live and work in San Francisco because the quality of my life is significantly enriched by the ability to exercise my dog off leash on GGNRA property. I specifically enjoy walking my dog and socializing with fellow dog owners in the Fort Funston and Crissy Field areas. My dog requires exercise that, unfortunately, my urban home cannot provide. I am dismayed by the GGNRA's proposed on-leash laws and question the logic behind such a knee-jerk reaction. While our society urges its members to own dogs because of positive emotional benefits, why would the GGNRA enact regulations which would prevent urban residents from owning dogs?

Though I recognize the need to leash dogs in designated areas of our community, I feel strongly that my rights as a pet owner should be honored equally and believe that the GGNRA should focus its attention on responsible park use, rather than denying the rights of a specific community group.

Once again, I strongly urge the GGNRA to protect the rights of all park users by allowing dogs off-leash.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "P. Calfee".

Patricia Calfee

Cc: Crissy Field Dog Group

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Roddy Simpson
San Francisco, CA

Superintendent
Golden Gate Recreation Area
Building 201
Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Superintendent

I am writing because I am disturbed to hear about the ANPR and the fact you guys are considering making all of the GGNRA off leash.

I am writing to say how thoroughly against it I am and I firmly believe that all the GGNRA should be off leash everywhere. I can't fully express how upset I am with your recent actions as guardians of our local recreation area. Stop all this nonsense...I will never lease my dog in GGNRA and will go to court every day to fight it. The actions of your park rangers are rude and I because of this mess my opinion of them is lower than ever. There are far more important issues to concentrate on that off leash pets. I would like to say I think that

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Sincerely,

Roddy Simpson

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February 9, 2002

GGNRA
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Bldg. 201
San Francisco CA 94123

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I don't have a dog, but am a regular GGNRA park user and SUPPORT making Fort Funston and the other GGNRA parks accessible for off-leash recreation. Each time I come to San Francisco I go walking with friends at Fort Funston and thoroughly enjoy seeing the dogs.

Dogs under voice control have been allowed at Fort Funston for nearly 30 years, and it is now a tradition. I urge you to take steps to ensure that this practice continues.

Sincerely,



Nikki Bluestein
7791 East Osborn Rd. #242
Scottsdale AZ 85251

1401-01-1A

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I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Name: ERIC ARONS (optional: Age: Sex M F Ethnicity)
Address: 410 ELIZABETH ST #4 SF CA 94114
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I VISIT AT LEAST 2X/WK IN WINTER AND 6X/WK IN SUMMER.
MAINLY I VISIT TO HIKE WITH MY DOG OFF-LEASH.

IT IS A WONDERFULLY PEACEFUL EXPERIENCE. I THANK GOD EVERYTIME I GO AND I AM AMAZED THAT I HAVE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO GO TO BE WITH MY DOG AND TO WATCH HER TRULY BE ALIVE.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

I BRING FRIENDS ALONG OFTEN, AND HAVE MET MANY NEW FRIENDS AT FUNSTON AND OTHER DOG PARKS.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

I BELIEVE IT IS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE. EROSION AT FUNSTON IS CAUSED BY REMOVAL OF ICE PLANT PREDOMINATELY, NOT BY DOGS.
THE BIRDS CAN BE PROTECTED SEASONALLY.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I WOULD STRONGLY CONSIDER LEAVING THE BAY AREA.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

HONESTLY, NEITHER. I FEEL AS THOUGH ALL DOGS THAT ARE OFF-LEASH ARE SAFE, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY I'D FEEL "SAFER", OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT SOMETIMES LEASHED DOGS ARE AGGRESSIVE.

Signed: [Signature]

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Date: February 12, 2002
To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

As a response to the National park Service ANPR intended to solicit comments from the public regarding pet management within the GGNRA:

I ask for the analysis of any alternative to the current restrictive regulation be measured from the baseline of the former policy that allowed off leash dog walking in certain areas.

I ask that the current regulation be changed to designate former "voice control" areas for off leash dog walking at Fort Funston, Ocean Beach and Lands End at the very least.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Parish Burns (signature)

Ms. Parish Burns (name)

508 E. Santa Inez Ave (address)

San Mateo, CA 94401

Comments accepted Jan. 11, 2002 through March 12, 2002

1403-01-1A

I am writing to save off-leash dog walking in the GGNRA. I see no reason why our dogs cannot have off-leash recreation and still respect the rights of park users as well as protect the important natural resources of the GGNRA.

I know many people have written and attended meetings regarding this issue, so you don't need me to tell you the details. I am one of thousands of pet owners living in the Bay Area concerned about the new policies. When the National Park Service took over the GGNRA we were assured that those lands would be preserved for recreational use by all citizens. What we are asking for is the right to walk our dogs off-leash in a very small portion of the GGNRA, as we have for years. There is room for everyone to enjoy these parks. We need a policy that is fair for everyone that wants to utilize our recreation areas. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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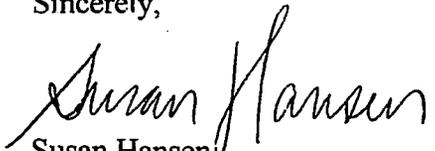
Dear GGNRA,

My name is Susan Hansen and I moved to the Glen Park neighborhood of San Francisco in November 2001. I have 2 "older" dogs, Sally is 10 and Pippen is 9. Since taking my dogs to Fort Funston regularly for exercise, they have literally received a "new leash on life". They get far more exercise being off the leash, prancing just ahead, behind and running back to me on the trails as they meet and greet other dogs. Pippen has lost about 5 pounds (from 25 to 20) in these 15 months, thus prolonging her life and happiness. I hope that Fort Funston and other areas of the GGNRA can continue to have designated off-leash areas.

I have noticed many dogs are more assertive when they are on-leashes. I fear that if San Francisco dog owners have to keep their pets on-leash we will have more assertive dogs and biting incidents. Please don't let this happen.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Susan Hansen
50 Natick St.
San Francisco, CA 94131-3074

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[Date] Feb 12-02

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Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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To Superintendent O'Neill:

I am a regular GGNRA park user, and I support making Fort Funston and the other parks in the GGNRA system accessible for off-leash recreation with my dog.

I keep my dog on a leash when I walk on city sidewalks. When I visit the trails and beaches of Fort Funston, the whole point of having my dog there is so we can hike and run and play together. To require these activities to be on-leash is to completely eliminate this form of recreation for me.

If there are complaints that some dogs are causing problems, the solution is not to leash every dog. Owners who let their dogs dig in planted areas, or get aggressive with other dogs or people, do not have their dogs under "voice control".

Dogs under "voice control" have been allowed at Fort Funston for nearly 30 years, and I urge you to take steps to ensure that this practice continues.

Sincerely,



[Your name]

[Your address]

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Superintendent BianO'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco CA 94123

Re Golden Gate National Recreation Area: Off-leash dog-walking

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

In 1973 when my husband and I voted in favor of Proposition F, giving the National Park Service jurisdiction over Ft. Funston, it was with the understanding that **nothing would change**, that we would continue to have a close-by scenic hiking area where we could continue to hike with our dog and without restrictions. This situation did continue for about ten years. The same was true of Ocean Beach, Crissy Field, and other areas the City ceded to the National Park Service.

It is important to note that the name of the areas in question is Golden Gate National RECREATION Area--NOT National PARK! It was set aside for recreation, not because of unique natural features or significant historical significance. However, the Park Service has distorted this purpose, worrying about all sorts of things that have nothing to do with recreation--bank swallows, "natural" vegetation, and restrictions on use.

The dog-walking community has been very good for the Recreation Area, making it safer and cleaner than if they were not heavy users. Many non-dog-owners go to Ft. Funston just to see the dogs, especially parents of young children and elderly people who have previously had dogs and love them but are no longer able to care for a full-time pet. (I am one of the latter.)

The controversy has gone on long enough. It is time for the Park Service to recognize its responsibility to administer the Area in the way it was intended when administration was transferred to you. Off-leash dog-walking is a legitimate form of recreation--certainly as much so as horse-back riding, hang gliding, and just walking to enjoy the view.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,


Betty C. Carman

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I am writing to save off-leash dog walking in the GGNRA. I see no reason why our dogs cannot have off-leash recreation and still respect the rights of park users as well as protect the important natural resources of the GGNRA.

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Sincerely,

Mark Lee

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To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Attention: ANPR

Re: Off-Leash Dog Walking

I am writing to voice my opinion in support of off-leash dog walking in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Dogs absolutely need to be able to run free and exercise and socialize with other dogs. If dogs have to socialize while on leash, they will be frustrated; therefore it is healthier and safer to keep them off-leash.

San Francisco dog owners are also responsible for their pets. For example at Fort Funston, there are even "poop bags" for the taking where people can both leave bags for others and take them if they need them.

Additionally, these areas are not pristine wilderness preserves. They are supposed to provide a variety of recreational opportunities for the community. There is room in the GGNRA to protect sensitive habitat and still provide space for off-leash dogs. Traditional off-leash areas account for 0.5 percent of the 75,000 acres in the park. With proper management, the GGNRA can accommodate wildlife and human activity. Bicycling, hiking, hang-gliding, dog walking and other pursuits can co-exist with birds and plants.

I know that many many people, dog-owners and non-dog-owners alike, would be saddened by a ban on off-leash dog walking. What a joy it is to see dogs running and having fun, playing with other dogs, fetching balls and rolling in the grass. Please allow this to continue.

I urge you to make an exception to the off-leash ban. This City is known for its tolerance. Let's not become another Orange County.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



Michael Berke
1511 22nd Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122

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February 10, 2002

James Linnehan
733 Loring Avenue
Crockett, CA. 94525

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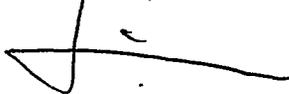
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GGNRA
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, BLDG. 201
SF, CA. 94123

As a long-time resident of the Bay Area, I have lived in Sausalito, San Francisco, and Crockett, making extensive use of GGNRA lands in many of its sites. During all of this time, in all of these places, I have been in the company of my dog. It is true that without my dog, and without my dog off-leash, I would have been 95% less likely to make use of these incredible sites. While my permanent residence is in Crockett, I spend my weekdays in San Francisco, where I take my dog to Crissy Field each day, rain or shine. I am also a bird-watcher and native-plant enthusiast, and this makes my pleasure in Crissy Field that much greater, and my willingness to respect the boundaries and habitats for birds and plants guaranteed. I would venture to say that the use of this area by bicyclists and joggers is more limited in terms of levels of enjoyment, than my use as dog-owner, birder and native-plant lover. If off-leash areas are not included in GGNRA lands, as seems mandated in their original description, I will no longer have the time to visit them, as I cannot afford the luxury of several different outings to accomodate each of my interests. My dog is a daily responsibility, and so is efficiency and limited use of my car in the urban landscape. Multi-use parks enable me to make one trip to satisfy many levels of enjoyment, and off-leash use is my main requirement.

Thank You,



James Linnehan

cc: Crissy Field Dog Group

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January 30, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Re: Pet Policy in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing to support off-leash policies at Fort Funston, Crissy Field and other Golden Gate National Recreation Areas that have traditionally been off leash areas until recently. It is my understanding that the 1979 Pet Policy stated that all dogs should remain off leash after the GGNRA inherited it. Now, when I walk my dog out at Fort Funston, I am constantly afraid of getting a ticket for having my dog off leash. I was under the assumption that Brian O'Neill stated that there would be no tickets given unless dogs were unruly, aggressive or out of control. This seems reasonable to me, but apparently he is not a man of his word.

When dogs are left off leash and are able to play with other dogs, they are friendlier, more playful and less aggressive. I truly believe that dogs off leash make for a healthier dog, physically and mentally. Just like humans, dogs need social interaction with other dogs. Dogs that are more socialized with other dogs are more well adjusted and, because they are less restricted, more socially interactive.

If dogs are made to walk on leash, I am sure that they will become more aggressive. San Francisco is home to 100,000 dogs. We need to have an area for them (like children) to run and play. Please give some of the land to the dogs. They deserve it.

Sincerely,



Janice Evans
2817 Lincoln Way
San Francisco, CA 94122

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(415) 561-4355

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Dear GGNRA.

I have a dog who is thirteen years old. She is very active and energetic - full of life. Living in the city it does our dog and ourselves so much good to get out to the beach and walk, run and be free. We respect the land, clean up our dog feces and enjoy ourselves. It would not be the same if our dog had to be on a leash. The feeling of freedom would be gone. On the days we can't take our dog to the beach she goes with a dog walker and loves it. It keeps us all energized and full of life. Youthful and happy. Please allow us to continue to enjoy this freedom. We do no harm

Thanks - Janice Salaman
Emily Salaman

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Date: 2/11/02

To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
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As a response to the National park Service ANPR intended to solicit comments from the public regarding pet management within the GGNRA:

I ask for the analysis of any alternative to the current restrictive regulation be measured from the baseline of the former policy that allowed off leash dog walking in certain areas.

I ask that the current regulation be changed to designate former "leash control" areas for off leash dog walking at Fort Funston, Ocean Beach and Lands End at the very least.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Spalding (signature)

MARY SPALDING (name)

2260 Cecilia Ave (address)

San Francisco, CA 94116

Comments accepted Jan. 11, 2002 through March 12, 2002

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any comments or questions
feel free to contact me at
the above information

Is Whom this may concerns,

I am writing in response to a
letter that I saw posted regarding
off leash dog walking. I do not own
a dog myself but I do love animals.
I have found that dog owners in
San Francisco are it seem to be a very
responsible group and more than respect
others. For me it is a pleasure to see
dogs running. Playing & making others
happy and I have noticed many others
finding it enjoyable. There is plenty of open
space in this city & I am sure that there
is a solution that will make every one
happy.
Thank you
Joseph Vernieri

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: Vicki Naso (printed)
Address: 2288 Richland Ave San Jose Ca (street) (city) (state) (zip) FEB 18 2002

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

My only reason is to be able to take my dog to Fort Funston to socialize with all the other wonderful dogs off-leash.

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

If they do, it's their personal problem. The dogs that go to this area are well-behaved. It's cleaner than any park where children are allowed to go. I feel safer when all dogs are off-leash because there is no territorial behavior.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

It's a social outlet for me and my dog. I meet lots of people there who I have something in common with. My dog, as well as the other dogs, learns to socialize, which is very important for good behavior. I would be devastated.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

It's the best use for sake of our animals. Everyone who goes there couldn't get any more enjoyment. Being able to see your dog and all the others, run and play together and be free is wonderful. Children should come just to see this. They need to see that dogs are very friendly and happy.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

NO !!! An agreement was made in good faith.

Signed: Vicki Naso Date 2/12/02 (optional: Age: 57 Sex M Ethnicity W)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. I LIVE IN SAN JOSE AND VISITED FORT FUNSTON FOR THE FIRST TIME ON FEBRUARY 10, 2002. IT WAS THE MOST HEAR-WARMING SCENE I HAVE EXPERIENCED IN A LONG TIME. TO SEE ALL THE DIFFERENT KINDS AND SIZES OF DOGS THAT WERE RUNNING AND PLAYING OFF-LEASH WAS A THRILL. IN THE TWO HOURS WE WERE THERE, THERE WAS NOT ONE FIGHT OR ALTERCATION. I PLAN ON MAKING THAT A PLACE TO VISIT, AT LEAST EVERY TWO WEEKS, FOR ME AND MY DOG. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL AREA THAT IS CLEAN, AND IS A HAPPY PLACE TO GO.

2. I DO NOT BELIEVE, FOR ONE MINUTE, WHAT THE PARK SERVICE STATES. THE ELDERLY, RACIAL AND CUTURAL MINORITIES AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES DO NOT "AVOID" AREAS WITH OFF-LEASH DOGS AND, IF THEY DO, THEN THERE ARE MANY, MANY, MANY OTHER PLACES THEY CAN GO THAT ARE WITHOUT DOGS. THERE ARE SO FEW PLACES THAT DOGS CAN GO. I FEEL MUCH, MUCH SAFER BEING IN AN AREA WHERE ALL DOGS ARE OFF-LEASH RATHER THAN ON-LEASH. I FEEL THAT OFF-LEASH PLACES ARE A NECESSITY FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE DOG. WHEN A DOG IS ON A LEASH, IT IS TERRITORIAL WITH OTHER PEOPLE AND DOGS. OFF-LEASH, THERE IS NONE OF THAT. ALL DOGS AND PEOPLE ARE EQUAL. IT MAKES FOR A VERY WELL BEHAVED DOG, WHICH IS WHAT EVERYONE WHO DOESN'T HAVE A DOG, COMPLAINS ABOUT. IF DOGS AREN'T ALLOWED THE FREEDOM THEY NEED SO DESPARATELY TO RUN, PLAY AND SOCIALIZE WITH OTHER DOGS, THEY DO NOT MAKE FOR A GOOD DOG. DOGS, BE THEY SMALL OR LARGE, NEED EXERCISE. WALKING THEM ON A LEASH IS NOT EXERCISE. IT IS CONFINING AND VERY FRUSTRATING FOR THE DOG. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO STRETCH THEIR LEGS AND HAVE THE FREEDOM OF RUNNING AND SMELLING ALL THE WONDERFUL SMELLS THAT DOGS HAVE THE CAPACITY OF DOING. THEY GO HOME AND TEAR UP THE FURNITURE. I WILL BET THAT THE PERCENTAGE OF DOGS THAT TEAR UP THE FURNITURE, DIGS HOLES IN THE YARD AND RUN OFF, IS FAR, FAR LESS IF THEY ARE ALLOWED TO RUN FREE, THAN THOSE WHO AREN'T, *NOT to mention less vicious.*

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CHILDREN SHOULD BE MADE BY THEIR PARENTS TO COME TO A PLACE SUCH AS FORT FUNSTON AND EXPERIENCE THE FRIENDLINESS OF DOGS ... TO SEE THAT MOST DOGS ARE GOOD AND HAPPY ANIMALS, ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE ALLOWED THE FREEDOM SUCH AS FORT FUNSTON ALLOWS. FOR CHILDREN TO EXPERIENCE FORT FUNSTON WOULD BE AN EDUCATION. SO MANY CHILDREN ARE AFRAID OF DOGS, AND THIS IS THE FAULT OF THEIR PARENTS. THIS IS A BAD FEELING TO GROW UP WITH.

IT IS NOT JUST A "PERSONAL EXPERIENCE", BUT A KNOWN FACT THAT THE ELDERLY LOVE DOGS. MANY NURSING HOMES HAVE DOGS COME IN TO VISIT WITH THE ELDERLY AND THEY LOVE IT. IT IS KNOWN TO BRING THEIR BLOOD PRESSURE DOWN AND IT GIVES THEM SOMETHING TO LOVE, IF ONLY FOR A FEW MINUTES.

3. IT IS DEFINITELY A SOCIALY OUTLET FOR BOTH ME AND MY DOG. I MET MANY PEOPLE, SOME OF WHOM I WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH AGAIN. IT'S A WONDERFUL PLACE TO SOCIALIZE. EVERYONE THERE HAS SOMETHING IN COMMON ... THEIR DOG AND LOVE FOR THEIR DOG. I WOULD BE DEVASTATED IF THIS WAS TAKEN AWAY. IT IS PROBABLY THE HAPPIEST FEELING PLACE I HAVE BEEN IN A LONG TIME.

4. IT IS THE BEST USE FOR THE SAKE OF OUR ANIMALS AND OUR OWN WELL-BEING. THERE ARE NO SUGGESTIONS, AT LEAST FOR FORT FUNSTON, TO MAKE IT MORE ENJOYABLE. THE ENJOYMENT COMES FROM THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE AREA AND BEING ABLE TO SEE YOUR DOG RUN AND PLAY WITH OTHER DOGS, AND MEETING MANY FRIENDLY PEOPLE. PEOPLE MAKE THEIR OWN ENJOYMENT, NO MATTER WHERE IT IS.

5. NO, I DO NOT. AN AGREEMENT WAS MADE IN GOOD FAITH, AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE RENEGED ON. I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THE HEAD OF THE GGNRA IS A DOG HATER.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear GGNRA,

I am writing to save off-leash recreation in the GGNRA.

It's wrong to have dogs running around in *rural* national recreation areas. The GGNRA, however, is an urban park. San Franciscans visit the GGNRA for a tiny taste of the great outdoors in the company of their friends, family and loved ones, including pets. Having an off-leash area in an urban park is a reasonable and customary use of any large urban parks in any American city.

Off-leash use occurs in a tiny, tiny area (less than 1%) of the GGNRA. When the City of San Francisco gave its beaches to the GGNRA, it was understood that you would preserve this area for the enjoyment of all, including those with pets. Please respect this tradition.

As you know, living in the Bay Area is a high-stress occupation. A dog provides many of us with a nucleus of sanity. Please don't take that away.

Again, please save off-leash recreation.

Sincerely,

Remi Barbier

Remi Barbier
1345 Douglass Street
San Francisco, CA 94131

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February 14, 2002

Evelyn Lenz

1436 NE 56th Court , ♦ Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334-6114

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Subject: Comments on ANPR for pet policy

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Finally, this proposal is bad for the low-income and disadvantaged users of the park. The most magnanimous aspect of urban parks is that they bring the natural world to individuals who otherwise would be denied access to nature because they can't or won't travel to remote areas to enjoy our Nation's natural heritage. The GGNRA exemplifies this, providing free access to a remnant of our native ecosystems within minutes of over 7 million people. The urban national parks should be treasured for bringing natural wonder to people, not degraded for it.

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Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to the continued implementation of a policy that protects our threatened wildlife and appropriately accommodates domestic pets.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Lenz

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

FROM: rey nichols
320 harmony dr
sedona, AZ 86336

SUBJECT: Comments on ANPR for pet policy

DATE: February 13, 2002

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Sincerely,

rey nichols

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February 14, 2002
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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Yours truly,

Kathleen Carolan
105 Sunset Way
Sausalito, CA 94965-9755

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

FROM: Richard & Gail Potts
PO Box 28
Overgaard, AZ 85933-0028

SUBJECT: Comments on ANPR for pet policy

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Sincerely,

Richard & Gail Potts

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Jeanne Schieferstein

15 Jerome Street , Smithtown, NY 11787-5736

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Sincerely,

Jeanne Schieferstein

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February 14, 2002

Robin Colna

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BRETT PENDERGRASS

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Sincerely,

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FROM : MGS

FAX NO. : 4312690

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MARY G. SOUZA
64 DEMING STREET

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114-1869

TELEPHONE AND FAX NO: 415-431-8340

Memo

TO: Golden Gate Re -
Creational Area
Attn: ANPR
Fort Mason, Bldg, 201
S.F., CA 94123

DATE: 2-14-02
SUBJECT: OFF-LEASH
DOG - WALKING
FAX 415-561-4355

In a city as congested as SF, compact as it is, any policy toward the health & maintenance of people's pets should be liberally applied. It is not too much to ask that dogs be allowed to run free for a few minutes a day, even up to an hour or so, in an area that is supposed to be as civilized as SF indicates, it is. Not found

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Ron Agam

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To: GGNRA, Attention: ANPR; Fort Mason. 415 5614355
Cc: SFDOG, 978 4777757

From: Sharon Tikotzky, 26 Joice St. San Francisco, CA 94108

Subject: Off-Leash Recreation in Crissy Field is a necessity

I am sorry to hear that you are considering to eliminate the just right of dogs and dog owners in the City of San Francisco to have designated locations where their dogs can enjoy off-leash recreation.

I am especially worried that under the flag of preservation of nature a harsh and inhumane action is even considered against dogs. Forty National Parks allow off-leash recreation for dogs; not to mention that many areas of the GGNRA where horses and bicycles are allowed and dogs are not. I am yet to understand how dogs impact the environment more than horses or bicycles, especially in an urban area such as Crissy Field.

In a city where almost no off-leash areas exist and dogs are subjected to on-leash recreation, a place such as Crissy Field should not be considered a luxury but a necessity. I advise you to take example in the East Bay where many of it's parks permit dogs and off-leash recreation.

I must add that, usually, I am not the one to take action and protest actively against such injustices. This time I feel this is the last straw! I am not about to give up my dog who needs regular exercise and I am not about to move out of the city. My fellow dog owners feel the same and will not let this proposal become a reality.

I am anticipating your just and humane action on this matter,

Sharon Tikotzky
26 Joice St.
San Francisco, CA 94108

Sharon Tikotzky

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Ron Agam

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To: GGNRA, Attention: ANPR; Fort Mason. 415 5614355
Cc: SFD OG, 978 4777757

From: Ronny Agam, 26 Joice St. San Francisco, CA 94108

Subject: The Fate of Off-Leash Recreation

I am sorry to hear that you are considering to eliminate the just right of dogs and dog owners in the City of San Francisco to have designated locations where their dogs can enjoy off-leash recreation.

I am appalled at the idea that a body such as the GGNRA which should promote humane conditions to all animals and all that is natural is neglecting to think of San Francisco Dogs. Are they not animals? Do they not deserve the right to run, exercise and be healthy?

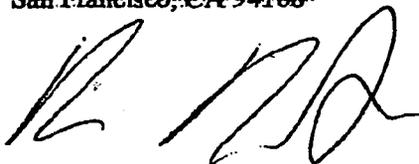
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I have a well trained dog that is obedient yet lively. There are no misbehaved dogs only misbehaved owners. By all means impose strict behavioral codes with fines on intrusion to protected fauna and flora and on non-collection of "poop" but leave off-leash recreation areas intact.

A final word on priorities! It seems that the problems that are easiest to solve are tackled before those who inflict the citizens with most pain! Are we dealing with Homeless? Are we dealing with theft and crime in the city? I see more damage being done by these than any damage posed by Dogs who are off-leash.

I am anticipating your just and humane action on this matter,

Ronny Agam
26 Joice St.
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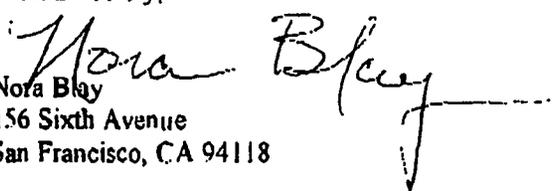
I am writing this letter to support the value of off leash dog walking in the GGNRA.

In 1979 the GGNRA Citizen's Advisory Commission implemented a pet policy allowing people to walk off leash dogs in certain areas of the park. The GGNRA should abide by that policy. Here are the reasons why:

- As an urban park the GGNRA is different from most national parks. Urban parks are not pristine wilderness preserves. *They are supposed to provide a variety of recreational opportunities for people living in urban areas.*
- There are exceptions to the off leash ban in more than 40 national parks, where hunting dogs are allowed to run free. Why can't urban dwellers be allowed to run their dogs in certain areas of the GGNRA?
- There is room for in the GGNRA to protect sensitive habitat and still provide space for off leash dogs. Traditional off leash areas account for 0.5 percent of the 75,000 acres in the park.
- With proper management the GGNRA can accommodate wildlife and human activity. Bicycling, hiking, hang-gliding, and dog walking and other pursuits can co-exist with birds and plants.
- Off leash areas are essential to the well being of dogs. Regular off leash exercise burns off pent up energy, builds confidence, improves a dog's social skills and helps prevent aggression. Conversely, limiting dog play results in under socialized, under exercised, under stimulated dogs and often leads to behavior problems.
- Off leash recreation is an under served need in San Francisco. The State of California recently recognized that fact with plans to test an off leash area at Candlestick Park Recreation area in San Francisco.

I urge you to initiate off leash dog walking in areas of the GGNRA. Allow the city to remain livable for all its' inhabitants and coexist as a neighbor of the GGNRA. Thank you.

Most Sincerely,


Nora Blay
156 Sixth Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94118

cc: San Francisco SPCA; 2500 16th St., San Francisco, CA 94103

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From : Lisa Alfieri <tahara_star@yahoo.com>
To : fortfunston@hotmail.com
Subject : GGNRA: Please Save the Off-Leash Recreation Area
Date : Wed, 13 Feb 2002 11:28:27 -0800 (PST)

Attention: ANPR
Dear Sir or Madam,

Please don't further restrict the Off-Leash Recreation Area of Fort Funston. I live in the Bay Area and there are very few areas that I can take my dog for exercise off of her leash.

I regularly take my dog, Zoe, to Fort Funston on the weekends. Many dog lovers and responsible pet owners take their dogs to Fort Funston every day. It is a beautiful area that should be shared by all animals -- and people.

Wasn't the GGNRA established to maintain "needed recreational open space necessary for urban environment and planning" (16 USC 460bb)?

Many, many others share my beliefs. Please don't take this away. There should be more than enough room -- within 75,000 acres in the GGNRA for the off-leash area in Fort Funston.

Thank you for your continued support.
Best regards,

Lisa A. Alfieri

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From : Kendra L Langer <kendrahaha@juno.com>
To : fortfunston@hotmail.com
Subject : Re: Dogs Off Leash Pleas!!!!!!
Date : Thu, 14 Feb 2002 01:05:12 -0800

Dear people at Fort Funston,
Please send this on to the powers that be. What else can I do?? I am really concerned that my dog will have to walk and play ball and frisbee illegally!!!! I am not ready to have her be a criminal!!!! There is a huge difference between justice and legality. I want justice, and there seems to be less and less of it available! Let me know what to do to stop unwarranted legalities!

<kendrahaha@juno.com> writes:

- > Dear Person in Power,
- > I am deeply concerned by the recent hype used regarding
- > dogs. Just because people raised two dogs to be killers...a HUMAN
- > act, not an act basic to the nature of well cared for dogs, this is
- > being used to scare people regarding dogs everywhere.
- > Now when it is very important to take a stand on dogs being
- > ALLOWED to be OFF LEASH at Fort Funston, so that they are not cooped
- > up and made to be neurotic or ill due to lack of exercise, the
- > newspaper dogs are taking precedence. Please use your influence to
- > bring rationality to this issue.
- > You MUST use common sense instead of sensationalism to make
- > your decisions. PLEASE visit Fort Funston and see how beautifully
- > behaved dogs are.
- > Puppies are not criminals!!!
- > If you give way to every whining fearful person who has a
- > complaint, and there are multitudes of them, then soon there will be
- > nothing left of value. Please do not let fear decide!!!!
- > I am very sure you are capable of seeing how well Fort
- > Funston works and how important it is to play ball and frisbee with
- > happy puppies. People need a dog park as much as dogs do! I hope
- > you will champion the cause of well behaved dogs and well behaved
- > people!!!! There are so
- > many of us...we need you to represent us!!!!
- > Sincerely,
- > Kendra Langer
- >

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Michael Anonymous
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San Francisco, CA 94116

GGNRA
Fort Mason Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Attn: ANPR

February 14, 2002

To Whom It May Concern,

What kind of lame brain came up with the idea of forcing dog owners to leash their pets IN A PARK, AFTER they've been cooped up in a house/apartment ALL DAY? Because I would really like to shake his/her hand after I've spat on it.

Don't you know what it's like to be a dog? You need to run around, sniff ass/balls, romp, explore, fight and play. How do you expect animals to do that with a leash around their neck?

What concerns you most? Dogs attacking humans or other dogs? Dog dumping their leftovers on walkways? Or are you most concerned about dogs actually enjoying themselves? Why are you afraid that a dog may actually enjoy him/herself?

DON'T YOU KNOW THAT DOG SPELLED BACKWARDS IS "GOD"?

There is enough "public will" to continue the longstanding tradition of off-leash pet recreation at Fort Funston. Let the people who want to leash-unleash their dogs have the option. Don't spoil our fun with your silly rules and corrupt logic.

Sincerely,

~~Michael Anonymous~~
Michael Anonymous

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February 14, 2002

Curtis Ryan

341 Manhattan Avenue #1, ♦ Brooklyn, NY 11211-2403

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Sincerely,

Curtis Ryan

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I sympathize with dog owners who love to see their pets run free. There still are places in the country where this is possible. However in the city, we share space with unseen wildlife which is likely hanging on tenuously. There are several reasons why the leash law should be enforced throughout the entire GGNRA. First, over 100 rare and sensitive species use the GGNRA during various times of the year, including several bird species. Off-leash dogs can harm these species by chasing and killing individuals and destroying their habitat. Furthermore, if individuals are encouraged to walk their dogs off-leash in the GGNRA, the individuals could be held liable for 'take' of these species under the federal and California Endangered Species Acts if their dogs harm or chase imperiled wildlife. An exemption from National Park Service regulations would unwittingly encourage individuals to violated federal and state law, imperiling our natural heritage and subjecting dog owners to heavy federal and state finds, and in egregious cases, jail time.

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Yours truly,

anne whitefield
2330 woolyshot branch rd.
hot springs, NC 28743

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
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FROM: Susan Vigil
211A Chattanooga St.
San Francisco, CA 94114-3411

SUBJECT: Comments on ANPR for pet policy

DATE: February 14, 2002

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Susan Vigil

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Phyl Morello

HC 2 , ♦ Albrightsville, PA 18210

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Sincerely,

Phyl Morello

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Teri Dillion

30 Ridgecrest Dr #2 , Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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Sincerely,

Teri Dillion

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GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
ATTN: ANPR

I SUPPORT OFF- LEASH DOG WALKING. THE BAN YOU ARE INFORCING IS
A VERY BAD IDEA AND GOES AGAINST COMMON SENSE.

SANDRA NAKAMURA
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SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94122

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February 14, 2002

Bonnie Miller

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Superintendent Brian O'Neill
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I live in Seattle and I live very near a large "natural" park where there are acres of meadows and shrub. I have seen the degradation that has happened when dogs run through the area during nesting season.

Keep the dogs on leash.

Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to the continued implementation of a policy that protects our threatened wildlife and appropriately accommodates domestic pets.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Miller

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Craig Wiesner
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Daly City, CA 94014-1414

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Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

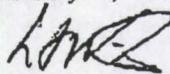
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing to implore you to come up with some kind of compromise plan that will allow continued off-leash dog walking at Fort Funston. There must be some way we can share this wonderful treasure so that people and dogs can enjoy their freedom, birds can nest safely, and portions of the park can be cultivated towards a more pristine environment.

Our lives will be very different without the incredibly wonderful walks we take each and every day with our dog. We clean up after her, keep her out of the fenced-off places, and don't allow her to dig or do anything else that is destructive.

You have the authority to recommend that the park remain off-leash. We are asking you please tell the National Parks Service that a compromise can be reached where everyone's needs are met. The dog-walkers will work with you if you will work with us. The City of San Francisco's government will work with you if you will work with us.

Please don't take away this life-giving and joyous way of starting each day.

Thank you,

Craig Wiesner

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February 15, 2002**Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123****To Whom It May Concern:**

Please, do not take the privilege of walking our dogs off leash away from the Tax Paying People of this area...and other areas who visit are beautiful City. Sadly the events of 2001 have left a chill over many citizens of the Bay Area. But we cannot judge all People and their Dogs by these sad incidents. Dog owners in general are law-abiding peoples who Pay taxes for the Parks and Beaches. Why should we have this privilege taken away? There has to be a way in which responsible Dog owners can walk their dogs off leash with out the hassle of a warning or ticket. This is an issue, which needs to be researched before certain laws come into play.

Thank you,**Martha Jean Farrelly
San Francisco, CA 94112****E-mail Micfarrelly @ earthlink.net**

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Date: 2-15-02

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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Scott Ferrara
Address: 2161 Menzies Ave (street) Menlo Park (city) CA (state) 94025 (zip)
(optional: Age: 49 Sex: M F Ethnicity: _____)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.
Every Sat socializing with other dogs & people

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?
yes yes yes

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.
yes Keep restricted Areas
some

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?
Move to Another City Area

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?
Either way

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 2-15-02

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2/15/02

GGNRA
ATT: ANPR; FORT MASON

Every morning I, along with a friend, walk our dogs at Crissy Field Beach or Fort Mason. We arrive at approximately 7:00 am. At this hour both Fort Mason and Crissy Field Beach are being utilized by pet owners along with a few walkers, tai chi exercisers, etc. After looking at the use and pleasure derived from these parks the least one would expect from the GGNRA is that between the hours of 5:00 pm and 10:00 am that these parks would be designated as "off leash". It is true that at times dogs can be a nuisance but the vast majority of pet owners are very considerate and careful to maintain a clean and safe environment. People (especially teenagers) do far more damage and pose a far greater danger than pets ever could yet we never talk of banning them from using the parks.

In light of the horrible recent events involving irresponsible pet owners it seems that there has been some pressure put on government agencies to react to the hysteria. It is understandable that people would be upset but once the issue is looked at a little more reasonably I am hopeful that a just solution will be found.

Thank You,


Mitchell Bearg

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Dear Golden Gate
Recreation Area

atten: ANPR

Fort Mason Building 201

S.F. CA. 94123.

Dear Sirs,

Please, Please keep the
off leash recreation in the
GGNRA.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Heintz

 Charlotte Heintz
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San Francisco, CA 94118-2518
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Karen Wash

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Sincerely,

Karen Wash

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FROM :

FAX NO. : 415 661 6680

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FAX from E. Penny Salanave
Herb Runyon
@ (415) 661-6680

To Golden Gate NRA

Attn: ANPR

FAX 561-4355

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Date February 15, 2002

Message

Apologize for a long letter,
but perhaps some of my
points might be useful.

E.P. Salanave



FROM :

FAX NO. : 415 661 6680

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*Eleanora P. Salanave**255 Edgehill Way
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(415) 681-9079 Fax (415) 661-6680*

February 15, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, California 94123

Via FAX 415-561-4355

Re: Off Leash Dog Walking

To whom it may concern:

I have followed the brouhaha in the San Francisco Chronicle regarding the issue of permitting dogs off leash in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Yesterday I received a flyer from the San Francisco SPCA (I have supported the organization for years) and I think it is time to speak up.

I totally support the GGNRA position that dogs should be walked on a leash. This is coming from a lady who has owned dogs since age 8. With the exception of my first two dogs purchased by my parents, the others (approximately ten through all the years) have all been adopted from the SPCA, the local dog pound, or other organizations. I have had Great Danes, German Shepherd, Afghan Hound, English Staffordshire Terrier, German Shorthair Pointer, and some mixed breeds. My current pet is a Standard Poodle adopted from CARE over 5 years ago and who, at age 10, is now facing death in the coming months from Melanoma.

People who want to let their dogs run loose are frequently inconsiderate. Many of them treat their dogs like substitute children and forget that it is their responsibility to protect their four legged "child". We walk our dog three times daily - always on a leash - at the park, on the beach, or in our neighborhood, that is a popular dog walking area. Edgehill Way is on a hill with some open space. We keep the dog on a leash for two reasons -- first he is within easy reach to clean up his bowel movement, but of more importance he is more easily protected from another dog who might become aggressive.

Many people do not realize that if their dog is off leash and is attacked by another dog 1) it is more difficult to separate the two dogs and 2) in case of a lawsuit the owner of the unleashed dog would be liable for the injuries of the leashed dog. They do not have their pet under control.

FROM :

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There are enclosed areas in some San Francisco parks for dogs to socialize, etc. An open space like GGNRA is for all the people who live or visit our area. An opportunity to enjoy open space with the natural plants and creatures that inhabit the area (i.e. birds, squirrels, chipmunks, skunks, raccoons, and even rodents).

The dog owners forget that there are people who enjoy the outdoors, but are either afraid of dogs or simply do not care for them. There are many instances where small children approach a dog without having been taught by their parents how to socialize with a dog (i.e. you approach slowly with you hand out stretched and speak softly) and the dog may become aggressive. After all, the dog sees eye to eye "another animal" approaching and may not recognize it as a human being because it isn't exposed to small children on a regular basis. Also the dog may be older and have cataracts hindering its vision or simply be deaf. The result is many children become frightened by large dogs, who suddenly move forward to smell "the unfamiliar being".

It is unfortunate that many dog owners do not put themselves in other peoples shoes and understand that not everyone like dogs, may have had a unpleasant experience with a dog, (I dislike a particular small breed - an aunt and uncle had three of them who always yapped and snapped at me as a small child) or wishes to see them use the public area as a "Toilet".

Sincerely,



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February 15th, 2002**To Whom It May Concern:**

I would like to voice my SUPPORT for safe and responsible off-leash dog recreation in the GGNRA. This is something I value highly as a tax-payer and responsible dog-owner in San Francisco. I sincerely hope we can find a way to preserve this privilege and not become a totalitarian society.

Sincerely,

**Maxi Lilley
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1445-02-3A

February 15, 2002

John Smith

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Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Subject: Comments on ANPR for pet policy

Dear Superintendent Brian O'Neill:

I am writing you to express my support for maintaining the National Park Service's leash law throughout the GGNRA where dogs are allowed. The leash law represents a reasonable compromise between preserving endangered species and habitats and allowing people to recreate with their dogs in the GGNRA. This will protect our environment and strike an appropriate balance between recreational impacts and urban wildlife protection.

There are several reasons why the leash law should be enforced throughout the entire GGNRA. First, over 100 rare and sensitive species use the GGNRA during various times of the year, including several bird species. Off-leash dogs can harm these species by chasing and killing individuals and destroying their habitat. Furthermore, if individuals are encouraged to walk their dogs off-leash in the GGNRA, the individuals could be held liable for 'take' of these species under the federal and California Endangered Species Acts if their dogs harm or chase imperiled wildlife. An exemption from National Park Service regulations would unwittingly encourage individuals to violated federal and state law, imperiling our natural heritage and subjecting dog owners to heavy federal and state finds, and in egregious cases, jail time.

Second, the proposal would set a bad precedent for parks, including urban parks, throughout the National Park System. If this resolution were to pass and the Park Service were to agree to end enforcement of the leash laws, other user groups in parks across the country could use this as precedent to gain access for other recreational activities, including off-road vehicle use and recreational mining.

Finally, this proposal is bad for the low-income and disadvantaged users of the park. The most magnanimous aspect of urban parks is that they bring the natural world to individuals who otherwise would be denied access to nature because they can't or won't travel to remote areas to enjoy our Nation's natural heritage. The GGNRA exemplifies this, providing free access to a remnant of our native ecosystems within minutes of over 7 million people. The urban national parks should be treasured for bringing natural wonder to people, not degraded for it.

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Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to the continued implementation of a policy that protects our threatened wildlife and appropriately accommodates domestic pets.

Sincerely,

John Smith

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February 14, 2002

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FROM : ANNA Brown

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February 15, 2002

Golden Gate Nat'l Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
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Please allow "off-leash" dog walking to continue. I support both wild life and domestic animals' rights. There are so many ways in which we can compromise and let our wonderful animals share in harmony a precious part of our land.

Several years ago my family and I adopted two dogs, one from the Peninsula Humane Society and the other from the SF SPCA. We were cautioned that these two dogs had the ability to be difficult with inexperienced owners. We started out by slowly socializing them at neighborhood dog parks. This was fantastic for our dogs! We soon knew they were ready for Fort Funston where not just the dogs could run and enjoy themselves, but we could too. I can't tell you how much it means to me to be able to bring my family and my dogs together to a place where we can be a family and all appreciate our park. We are grateful for this opportunity and have the highest regards for our parks.

Please allow "off-leash" to continue at Fort Funston.

Thank You,



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February 15, 2002

To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR

We value off-leash dog walking in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and in state parks.

Marjorie, Robert, and Lilli (our dachshund)