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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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RE: Proposed Year-Round Closure at Fort Funston

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Year-Round Closure at Fort Funston. The California Native Plant Society has over 10,000 members, nearly 500 of which live in San Francisco and northern San Mateo County. Founded 35 years ago, CNPS seeks to protect California's native plants through science and education.

CNPS strongly supports the proposed action to protect the bank swallow colony, enhance native plant communities, and reduce human-caused impacts to the coastal bluffs and dunes. To do so is entirely within the rights and obligations of the National Park Service as it seeks to carry out its mission as set forth in the Organic Act of 1916.

We note with approval the other legislation and master plans cited in the comment letter submitted by the National Parks and Conservation Association and the Natural Resources Defense Council as further evidence of the park's obligation to protect natural resources in decline. We also note that the Code of Federal Regulations, like the codes governing all California state parks and San Mateo County parks, states that all pets must be on a leash. Why is this regulation (36 CFR 2.15) not being enforced at Fort Funston and other units?

Years ago, when the park decided to designate all of Fort Funston as an area where dogs could roam off-leash, it created the conditions that led inevitably to the current crisis. The park could have fulfilled its obligation to protect natural resources, even if it decided to ignore 36 CFR 2.15, by designating sections of Fort Funston for intensive recreational use. Allowing such activities throughout the entire unit left precious few areas where its significant natural resources weren't damaged by heavy use. Hence, when it became apparent around 1990 that natural resources--particularly the threatened colony of bank swallows--were deteriorating at an unacceptable rate, the park had to use fences to protect 23 acres from intensive recreational use. The current proposal to protect an additional 12 acres is a further statement by the park that it erred decades ago in allowing off-leash dog use on all of Fort Funston's 230 acres.

There is ample evidence that allowing large numbers of recreational users--whether adults, pet owners, or off-leash dogs themselves--to trample dune vegetation is not sustainable. Trampling has eliminated even iceplant (*Carpobrotus edulis*), one of the most durable plants around! The closure notice properly points out that native dune vegetation must survive in a harsh environment characterized by scouring sands, high solar radiation, extreme fluctuations in temperature, low nutrient conditions, salt spray, and low water retention. Despite their impressive abilities to survive in such an environment, very few dune species are able to withstand repeated trampling. For that reason, many heavily visited parks along the California coast provide designated trails across their dunes. These include the Presidio's Crissy Field and Lobos Creek dunes, Asilomar State Park, Marina State Beach, Pescadero State Beach, and others. We know of no other dune system with



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significant natural resources where visitors and their dogs are encouraged to roam throughout the dune vegetation.

It is not too late to correct the damage caused by two decades of unregulated visitor use. Although hammered by decades of Army construction activities and extensive plantings of iceplant and other weeds, Fort Funston harbors a critical remnant of the San Francisco dune complex, once the fourth largest system in California and a hotspot of dune plant and animal diversity. As the park's notable efforts at Lobos Creek dunes and Crissy Field demonstrate, even thoroughly damaged dune plant communities can be nursed back to ecological health if there are suitable remnant populations of native species nearby. At Fort Funston the park has had remarkable success in restoring dune communities.

But despite such efforts we're still losing ground. In the mid-1970s botanists found 21 native plant species that have not been located since (data compiled from enclosed plant list). Other species, including the endangered San Francisco lessingia (*Lessingia germanorum*), disappeared before botanists were able to survey the former military base. (Peter Raven, co-author of the 1958 flora of San Francisco, told me that they were unable to gain access to Fort Funston during their field research.) Of the remaining 96 native plant species, several are holding on by a slender thread. Some have the misfortune of making their last stand outside the two closed areas. Is the park willing to stand by and watch them disappear under the feet of its visitors?

The remnant dune flora and the wildlife it supports deserves greater protection than it now receives. Heavy recreational use--of whatever kind--distributed widely across the landscape is incompatible with resource protection. Providing sufficient protection for natural resources on only 15% of Fort Funston's land base--35 out of 230 acres--is clearly not in line with the park's commitment in the 1980 Master Plan and other documents to minimize impacts to natural resources. Even the Presidio, with a far more complicated matrix of development and users, will return nearly 30% of its area (ca. 400 acres out of 1,440) to a natural state. The amount of land dedicated to natural resource protection at Fort Funston should be even higher.

Doing so won't spell the demise of Fort Funston as a place that welcomes diverse types of recreation. It simply requires situating the most intensive recreational uses in areas where they will do the least amount of damage. If the park closes additional areas--as it must do in order to protect declining natural resources and fulfill its obligations under the Organic Act and other guiding documents--without a major planning effort, the park will be visited by another unnecessary head-on collision. One of the purposes of planning, after all, is to avoid train wrecks. It is time to create a master plan for Fort Funston.

We will close by celebrating the well-deserved accomplishments of the Fort Funston Green Team in their efforts to restore vibrant dune communities along its bluffs. There is no better way to educate the public about the marvelous natural resources in this national park than through the magic of hands-on activities in the nursery and in the field. Leading stewardship activities is the highest form of interpretation since it enables the public to connect in a powerful and emotional way with the land itself. The park ought to expand its interpretive and resource management activities at Fort Funston in ways that provide opportunities for diverse communities to become involved.

Sincerely,



Pete Holloran  
President

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### Fort Funston Plant List

Compiled by sight from the following visits: 21 March 1996 by Pete Holloran, Jake Sigg, and Randy Zebell; 20 May 1997 by Ingrid Cabada, Pete Holloran, Marck Menke, Jake Sigg, and Randy Zebell; 13 March 1998 by Ingrid Cabada, Sharon Farrell, Pete Holloran, and Mary Petrilli; 20 April 2000 by Ingrid Cabada and Pete Holloran; 29 April 2000 by Pete Holloran; and 8 July 2000 by Pete Holloran. Additional species from other plant lists, including one from 1975 by Dennis Breedlove, are marked with an asterisk if they have not been seen during recent visits.

*Abronia latifolia*  
*Abronia umbellata*\*  
*Acacia longifolia*  
*Acaena pinnatifida* var. *californica*  
*Achillea millefolium*  
*Agoseris apargioides* var. *apargioides*  
*Agoseris apargioides* var. *eastwoodiae*  
*Albizia lophantha*  
*Ambrosia chamissonis*  
*Ammophila arenaria*  
*Amsinckia* sp.  
*Anagallis arvensis*  
*Anaphalis margaritacea*  
*Angelica hendersonii*\*  
*Anthriscus caucalis*  
*Aphanes occidentalis*\*  
*Argyranthemum foeniculaceum* (? ~ horticultural *Chrysanthemum* sp.)  
*Armeria maritima* ssp. *californica*  
*Artemisia californica*  
*Artemisia pycnocephala*  
*Astragalus nuttalli* var. *virgatus*  
*Atriplex leucophylla*  
*Avena barbata*  
*Avena fatua*  
*Baccharis pilularis*  
*Brassica rapa*  
*Bromus carinatus* var. *maritimus*  
*Bromus diandrus*  
*Bromus hordeaceus*  
*Cakile maritima*  
*Calandrinia ciliata*  
*Calystegia purpurata* ssp. *purpurata*  
*Canissonia cheiranthifolia* ssp. *cheiranthifolia*  
*Canissonia cheiranthifolia* ssp. *suffruticosa* (introduced)  
*Canissonia contorta*  
*Canissonia micrantha*

Capsella bursa-pastoris  
Cardamine oligosperma  
Cardionema ramossissimum  
Carduus pycnocephala  
Carpobrotus chilensis\*  
Carpobrotus edulis  
Castilleja latifolia\* (?)  
Castilleja subinclusa ssp. franciscana\* (?)  
Castilleja wightii (=Castilleja affinis ssp. affinis according to Peter Baye's analysis of SF  
Castilleja specimens)  
Centaurea melitensis  
Cerastium glomeratum  
Chamomilla suaveolens  
Chenopodium album  
Chenopodium multifidum  
Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. divaricatum  
Chorizanthe cuspidata var. cuspidata  
Cirsium occidentale var. occidentale  
Cirsium vulgare  
Clarkia rubicunda (keyed by Pete to this species several times using Jepson Manual,  
although the lack of a red spot at base of petals is troubling)  
Claytonia perfoliata ssp. perfoliata  
Conicosia pugioniformis  
Conium maculatum  
Conyza sp.  
Coreula australis  
Crassula conata  
Croton californicus\*  
Crypstantha leiocarpa  
Cupressus macrocarpa  
Daucus pusillus  
Delairea odorata = Senecio mikanioides  
Dichelostemma capitatum ssp. capitatum  
Drosanthemum floribundum  
Dudleya farinosa  
Ehrharta erecta  
Elytrigia juncea ssp. boreali-atlantica (acc. to Peter Baye)  
Epilobium brachycarpum  
Epilobium ciliatum ssp. watsonii  
Equisetum telmateia ssp. braunii\*  
Ericameria ericoides  
Erigeron glaucus  
Eriogonum fasciculatum var. ?  
Eriogonum latifolium  
Eriophyllum staechadifolium

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Erodium botrys  
Erodium cicutarium  
Erodium sp.  
Erysimum franciscanum  
Eschscholzia californica  
Eucalyptus globulus  
Festuca rubra  
Foeniculum vulgare  
Fragaria chiloensis  
Fumaria parviflora  
Galium aparine  
Geranium dissectum  
Gilia capitata ssp. chamissonis\*  
Gnaphalium luteo-album  
Gnaphalium ramosissimum (noted by Ingrid Cabada and Asha Setty near Skyline Blvd. in mid-July 2000)  
Gnaphalium purpureum  
Gnaphalium stramineum  
Gnaphalium sp.  
Grindelia hirsutula var. maritima\*  
Grindelia sp.  
Hedypnois cretica  
Heracleum lanatum (4 plants in Eucalyptus woodland on 20 April 2000)  
Hesperocnide tenella  
Heteromeles arbutifolia  
Hordeum murinum ssp. murinum  
Hypochaeris glabra  
Juncus balticus/lesueurii  
Koeleria macrantha  
Lactuca sp.  
Lathyrus littoralis  
Lavatera cretica  
Leptospermum laevigatum  
Leymus mollis  
Leymus pacificus  
Linaria canadensis  
Lonicera hispidula var. vacillans  
Lotus corniculatus  
Lotus heermannii var. orbiculatus (?)  
Lotus humistratus\* (seen in June 1999 by Ingrid Cabada)  
Lotus scoparius (prostrate coastal form, presumed native)  
Lotus scoparius (erect inland form, presumed introduced)  
Lotus strigosus  
Lupinus arboreus  
Lupinus arboreus x variicolor

Lupinus bicolor/nanus  
Lupinus chamissonis  
Lupinus variicolor\*  
Madia sativa  
Malva parviflora  
Marah fabaceus  
Medicago polymorpha  
Melica imperfecta  
Melilotus indica  
Microseris bigelovii  
Mimulus aurantiacus  
Monardella villosa ssp. franciscana\*  
Myoporum laetum  
Myrica californica\*  
Navarretia squarrosa\*  
Oenleria cerasiformis  
Oenothera elata ssp. hookeri  
Orobanche sp. (seen at the "Boy Scout Bowl" in June 1999 by Ingrid Cabada)  
Oxalis corniculata\*  
Oxalis pes-caprae  
Paronychia franciscana\*  
Pelargonium xdomesticum\*  
Phacelia californica\*  
Phacelia distans\*  
Pinus radiata\*  
Piperia elegans  
Plantago coronopus  
Plantago erecta\*  
Plantago maritima  
Poa annua  
Poa douglasii  
Poa secunda ssp. secunda (?)  
Polycarpon tetraphyllum  
Polygonum paronychia  
Polypodium californicum  
Polypogon sp.  
Pteridium aquilinum var. pubescens  
Pterostegia drymarioides  
Ranunculus californicus  
Raphanus sativus  
Rhamnus californica ssp. californica  
Rosa californica  
Rubus ursinus  
Rumex acetosella  
Rumex salicifolius var. crassus (?)

Salix lasiolepis (?)  
Sanicula crassicaulis  
Satureja douglasii\*  
Scrophularia californica ssp. californica  
Senecio elegans  
Senecio vulgaris  
Sidalcea malvaeflora ssp.?  
Silene gallica  
Solanum furcatum  
Solanum nodiflorum=Solanum americanum (?)  
Solanum rostratum (keyed by Ingrid Cabada and Asha Setty in mid-July 2000)  
Solidago spathulata\*  
Sonchus oleraceus  
Spergularia macrotheca (seen on cliffs on 29 April 2000)  
Spergularia rubra (?)  
Stellaria media  
Tanacetum camphoratum  
Tetragonia tetragonoides  
Toxicodendron diversilobum  
Trifolium willdenovii  
Triteleia laxa  
Uropappus lindleyii  
Vicia sativa  
Vicia villosa (?)  
Vinca major  
Vulpia sp.  
Yabea microcarpa (keyed by Pete on 29 April 2000)  
Zantedeschia aethiopica

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VIA FAX & U.S. MAIL

RE: Proposed Year-Round Closure at Fort Funston

**Dear Superintendent O'Neill:**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-captioned Proposed Year-Round Closure at Fort Funston in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) is America's only private, nonprofit citizen organization dedicated solely to protecting, preserving, and enhancing the U.S. National Park System. Founded in 1919, NPCA has over 400,000 members, 65,000 of whom live in California. Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) is one of the nation's leading environmental advocacy organizations. Founded more than 30 years ago, NRDC has over 400,000 members, approximately 80,000 of whom live in this State. The Sierra Club, with over 600,000 members nationwide, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots environmental organization. The Sierra Club San Francisco Group has over 10,000 members. Founded in 1935, The Wilderness Society works to protect America's wilderness and to develop a nation-wide network of wild lands through public education, scientific analysis and advocacy. The Wilderness Society has over 35,000 members in California.

NPCA, NRDC, Sierra Club and The Wilderness Society strongly support the proposed action to protect the bank swallow colony, enhance native plant communities and reduce human-caused impacts to the coastal bluffs and dunes. This is an entirely reasonable proposal; indeed, the proposed closure would still leave over 80% of Fort Funston available for recreational activities. Equally important, an objective assessment of the situation suggests that this is the minimum action necessary under applicable legal mandates to protect these resources.

As you are well aware, the Park Service's general mandate, enacted in the Organic Act, defines the purpose of the National Park Service as being

...to promote and regulate the use of the...national parks...which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

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This mandate applies to every unit of the park system, whether it is designated park, monument, recreation area or seashore. The enabling legislation for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Public Law 92-589, further states in Section 1:

In the management of the area, the Secretary of the Interior...shall utilize the resources in a manner which will provide for recreational and educational opportunities consistent with sound principles of land use planning and management. In carrying out the provisions of this Act, the Secretary shall **preserve the recreation area, as far as possible, in its natural setting, and protect it from development and uses which would destroy the scenic beauty and natural character of the area.** (emphasis added)

Following this mandate, the Park Service, in the General Management Plan adopted in 1980, states:

The natural appearance of Ocean Beach, Fort Funston, East and West Fort Miley, Lands End, and Baker Beach will be maintained. Wooded areas from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Cliff House will be protected, and wherever possible along the ocean shoreline the dune environment will be restored.

NPCA, NRDC, Sierra Club and The Wilderness Society believe that these various sections set forth a clear charge for the Park Service's management of this area. Similarly, it is clear from staff and scientific assessments of the situation at Fort Funston that the proposed closure is absolutely warranted and necessary. In fact, we are concerned that this action may still not be adequate to fully protect the resources. The record indicates a number of previous attempts of smaller scale have failed to adequately protect the resources, in particular the colony of threatened bank swallows.

According to the closure notice, the Funston bank swallow colony is one of only two remaining on the California coast, and that they are a listed threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. Due to their location in this increasingly visited area of the park, the colony is under particular stress. The species in general has been in decline in California due to loss of habitat and other human caused interference.

Fort Funston's dunes are but a small remnant of what was one of the most extensive dune systems in the West. The replanting of native dune plants, which has involved the efforts of many hundreds of volunteers putting in thousands of hours of work, has restored a sense of the beauty that once blanketed western San Francisco. This restored habitat has helped reestablish populations of California quail, burrowing owls, brush rabbits and other native wildlife as well as a much broader array of other native life forms, including the insects upon which the bank swallows depend for food. Along with native habitat areas, the restored habitat will also help prevent the spread of introduced and invasive species - a major cause of species extinction around the globe.

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The closure notice also correctly documents that, while native dune species have adapted over the eons to a wide array of stressful conditions, such as nutrient-poor soils, salt spray and high winds, most are not tolerant of heavy foot traffic by humans or medium- and large-sized dogs. We believe the closure will support the establishment of a larger reservoir of healthy native habitat than currently exists and that, as a result of the increased stabilizing influence on the bluffs, swallow protection will be enhanced in addition to its other benefits.

The closure notice also documents the alarming increases in cliff rescues of dog and human visitors in the Fort Funston area. It is understandable that visitors are drawn to the views of the Pacific Ocean from the bluffs, especially when so many social trails have been created by off-trail users. While the rescues have no doubt used a great deal of the Park Service's financial and human resources, we assume that an even greater expenditure would be required to adequately patrol the park and enforce existing regulations against off trail use and off-leash dog walking. While we would support stronger enforcement measures, we also support the proposed area closure as a prophylactic means to address this problem. The cliff climbing and cliff rescues clearly are a direct threat to the swallow colony and every measure must be taken to eliminate this situation.

As indicated above, however, our outstanding concern regarding the closure notice is not the closure itself, but whether the closure will be adequate to protect the threatened swallow colony. It is unclear how the Park Service intends to protect the swallows from harassment and activities on the beach beneath the colony, for example. It is also questionable whether the continued allowance of off-leash dog running and social trail construction will not lead to a general disrespect for the resources of Fort Funston.

In conclusion, we wish to reiterate our strong support for the proposed closure, and our belief that additional measures may be necessary to adequately protect the many valuable resources at Fort Funston. At the very least, additional measures should be considered.

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am writing in support of habitat and ecosystem protection at Fort Funston, and against attempts by some area dog-owners to subvert Park Service policy and monopolize this public land for their own particular type of recreation.

As one of the last remnants of land that approximates San Francisco's natural pre-settlement landscape, the Fort Funston dunes have tremendous importance both historically and ecologically. For this reason, policies of preservation and ecological restoration are especially appropriate here. Native plant restoration, prevention of artificial dune erosion, protection of threatened bird species dependent on the dunes, and encouragement of non-destructive recreation are laudable goals for the Park Service in this area.

The current reality of Fort-Funston-as-dog-playground prevents accomplishment of any of these goals. As a trained biologist, having recently moved to the city, it took me no more than a brief visit to Fort Funston to see the astonishing impact free-running dogs have had on this ecosystem. As a birder and now-frequent user of the area, I am of course concerned about the impact on bank swallows and on Neotropical migrant birds that use this area as a migratory stopover — but the issues extend far beyond simply the protection of birds. As a host to out-of-town visitors, I can report universal surprise and dismay from them that a unit of the National Park System (especially here in supposedly progressive San Francisco!) is allowed to undergo such environmental decay.

The core issues, however, have nothing to do with progressivism; rather, they are if anything conservative. Simply put, Fort Funston should be run as other units of the Park Service are run: in line with the letter and spirit of the Service's mandate. This means guaranteeing protection for important species, habitats, and ecosystems, and providing for public recreation such that certain users do not interfere with the recreation of other users. Currently the heavy use by one special-interest group, dog-

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walkers, violates Park Service mandates, prevents effective preservation policies, and interferes with other recreational uses.

Certainly, there should be some localities in San Francisco where dog-owners are allowed to walk their dogs. But in all the cities I've lived, the municipality has taken up that responsibility. It should not be on the shoulders of federal government employees to feel pressured to bend to demands that contradict the regulations and guidelines they are employed to enforce — especially when those demands favor one particular minority over the welfare of the land and of the public at large.

Thank you for your consideration of the views of those of us who may in the past not have been as vocal and activist as those GGNRA users with dogs.

Sincerely,

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**RE: SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED HABITAT RESTORATION CLOSURE AT  
FORT FUNSTON (65 Fed. Reg. 44546, July 18, 2000)**

Dear Commission:

**The Advisory Commission Should Support the Proposed Closure and Dune  
Restoration Project**

We request that the the GGNRA Advisory Commission adopt a resolution supporting the National Park Service (NPS) proposal to close approximately 12 acres of dunes at Fort Funston to off-trail recreational use, as proposed at 65 Federal Register 44546 (July 18, 2000) and to restore native plants to the closed area. The area is currently covered in part with "iceplant" an invasive, non-native plant. The SF Chronicle recently quoted a Native Plant Society officer who described iceplant as a species that is "actively smothering native California wildflowers while converting pristine coastal dune, cliff and prairie habitats into desolate biological wastelands that our native flora and fauna cannot survive in." (SF Chronicle, Sept. 4, 2000).

The NPS' proposal to remove iceplant and restore the dunes with native plants will undoubtedly provide a vast improvement to the habitat. It will create habitat for native wildlife, such as California quail. I have seen California quail and rabbits in the restored areas of Fort Funston; however, you do not see quail or rabbits in any areas of the dunes where dogs are allowed to run off-leash and off-trail. The proposed closure will keep people and dogs on the trail, and therefore make the 12 acre area available for native wildlife. The proposal is consistent with the recent policy directive issued by the Director of the NPS, indicating that protection of natural resources is the priority in national parks and recreation areas. (See, Director's Order #55, dated September 8, 2000, copy attached). There can be no doubt that removal of iceplant and planting native vegetation will protect the natural resources of Fort Funston.

The NPS is in a unique position to have the experience, resources and opportunity to conduct the proposed habitat restoration project. This opportunity should not be squandered to maintain the area for use as a dog play and exercise area. Past habitat restoration on the Fort Funston dunes has been incredibly successful at establishing thriving, diverse plant communities. The restored areas of the dunes are much more attractive, interesting, colorful and scenic than the areas where iceplant predominates. In addition, the closure and restoration project will increase the future stock of native plants for cuttings and seed collection and natural plant dispersal; will allow native plants that naturally sprout from the seedbank to survive without being trampled by people or dogs or being overcome by iceplant; and will increase the insect population.

Additionally, the NPS has determined that the closure and restoration project will benefit the threatened bank swallows that nest in the cliffs. I have observed that bank swallows flying around above the cliffs cease their activity and stop flying when people approach near the top of the bluff. The closure will provide the bank swallows with a "buffer" area where people and dogs who might disturb the swallows are not allowed. The concept of a "buffer" to separate wildlife from potential human impacts is well accepted by wildlife biologists. The bank swallows returning in the spring must select locations for new burrows, if their old burrows have eroded away. The presence of people and dogs near the top of the bluff may deter the swallows from using the area for new burrows. The closure will ensure that human/dog activity does not prevent the swallows from establishing new burrows and will allow the swallows to conduct their activity without interruptions. The closure and restoration may also benefit the swallows by providing an additional source of insects. The determination by the NPS, the agency charged with protecting Fort Funston's wildlife, that this project will benefit the bank swallows should be endorsed by the Advisory Commission. Accordingly, the Advisory Commission should support the proposed regulation because it will improve the habitat for native plants and wildlife.

**The Advisory Commission Should Request that the NPS Comply With and Enforce the Federal Regulation Requiring That Dogs Must Be On a Leash**

We also request that the GGNRA Advisory Commission adopt a resolution requesting that GGNRA manage Fort Funston in compliance with 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 2.15(a)(5), which requires dogs to be on a leash in national parks and recreation areas. The GGNRA and NPS recently, in documents filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of CA, in *Fort Funston Dog Walkers v. Babbit* (Case No. C 00 877 WHA), stated that this regulation prohibits dogs off leash at Fort Funston.

We have been informed that, more than 20 years ago, the GGNRA Advisory Commission adopted a resolution endorsing off-leash dog walking at Fort Funston, including on the dunes. We believe it is time for the Advisory Commission to revise its position and adopt a new resolution directing GGNRA to comply with the federal regulation requiring that dogs at Fort Funston must be on a leash. Off-leash dog walking is degrading the resources and limiting the use of Fort Funston by other visitors. The Advisory Commission should not be endorsing a policy under which GGNRA allows activities at Fort Funston that violate federal regulations and degrade the Park's resources.

I love dogs and have a 110 pound dog and fully support dog walking at Fort Funston – however, it is perfectly appropriate to enjoy walking at Fort Funston with your dog on a leash and on a designated trail. This is a common requirement at State and County Parks, and other national parks and recreation areas. Why should Fort Funston receive less protection for its resources? Why should dogs run all over the dunes, trampling the native plants that are widely distributed and interspersed with the iceplant? My ability to enjoy walking at Fort Funston is impaired because of the large number of off-leash, off-trail dogs that are present. A visit to Fort Funston involves off-leash dogs running up to you, sniffing you, and nudging you. I have often seen dogs roaming at Fort Funston, with no owner in sight. This makes many people nervous and uncomfortable and therefore they will not return to Fort Funston. I saw a dog digging a 3-foot diameter hole

in the dunes, where native plants were growing. When I asked the owner to tell the dog to stop, he said that he did not have to listen to me.

On several occasions, I have seen off-leash dogs run into a fenced off area that was restored with native plants and run over the plants. The dogs' owners were, understandably, unable to control their dogs. It is impossible to control an off-leash dog in an environment with dozens of other off-leash dogs and their owners and the odors of hundreds more animals all around you. The dogs are simply too excited and stimulated.

A long-time volunteer at Fort Funston was pulling weeds in a fenced restoration area and a dog ran in and grabbed his leg in its mouth. I have heard about numerous incidents where people were bitten by dogs at Fort Funston. I have heard about a woman who was walking at Fort Funston who was knocked over by a dog and was knocked unconscious. You also do not often see families with small children or babies in strollers at Fort Funston. Due to all the dogs that run up and sniff the kids, and the fact that many children are frightened by off-leash dogs approaching them, it is not surprising that there are not many people who bring their children to Fort Funston.

None of these user conflicts would exist if GGNRA followed the existing federal regulation and required people to walk their dogs on leash at Fort Funston. Although there are many people who currently use Fort Funston for walking their dogs off-leash and off-trail, they should not be allowed to use the Park in a way that impairs the ability of other users to enjoy the Park. The interests of the broader public must be protected.

I work in the native plant nursery at Fort Funston several times a month and many members of the Habitat Restoration Support Group work at the nursery every week, year after year. The work is fun and rewarding, even when you are out in the rain and mud and poison oak. However, it is very disheartening to me and many other GGNRA volunteers to find out (as we recently did through the dogwalkers' lawsuit) that the NPS is not doing everything it can to protect the resources and habitat at Fort Funston. The fact that the NPS is allowing off-leash dog walking, in clear violation of a federal regulation, is a failure to protect and prevent impairment of Fort Funston's resources. Maintaining Fort Funston as a "dog run" is not consistent with federal regulations and the NPS Director's recent policy directive that states that protection of natural resources is the Park Service's priority and that impairment of resources should not be allowed.

I urge the Advisory Commission not to compromise the mission of the NPS in response to one angry and vocal special interest group. Please request that GGNRA begin enforcing existing NPS policies and the federal leash requirement to prevent further degradation of the unique resources of Fort Funston.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
SANDY GOLDBERG and  
HABITAT RESTORATION SUPPORT GROUP

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Sincerely,

Stephen J. Davies, veterinarian

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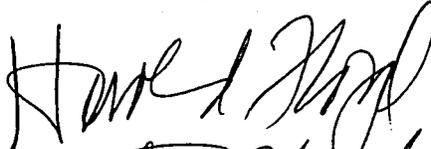
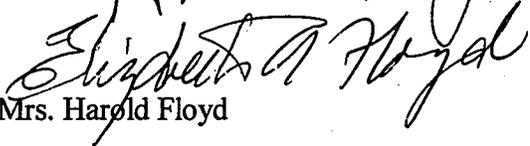
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Dear Superintendent,

The coastal nesting bank swallows are locally endangered and greatly disturbed by free running dogs. At least during their nesting season (April, May, June) dogs should be confined to leash and owners confined to pathways.

Our son lives out in Sunnyvale, so we are greatly concerned with preserving wildlife in the Bay Area.

Sincerely,

Dr. & Mrs. Harold Floyd

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> *dogs on leash only in the parks or no dogs at all!*  
> Sincerely,

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Bay and Franklin Streets  
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Re: Proposed Closure at Fort Funston

Dear Brian:

Attached is a copy of an e-mail I received today from William Shields, a biology professor at State University of New York. We had asked Mr. Shields to review the Park Service's justification for the proposed closure at Fort Funston and comment on it. After reviewing the materials, Mr. Shields concluded that the purpose for the proposed closure was to create habitat and that the bank swallows were merely a pretext. Mr. Shields agreed to give us a written opinion which could be submitted in our binder, which we already have submitted today.

Today, we learned that Mr. Shields misunderstood the due date, and believed that the comment period ended on October 20. He is not in his office today, but agreed to send me his opinion via e-mail, with a document attached which bears his signature. I did receive his e-mail, which I forwarded to Roger Scott. I have printed the e-mail I received from Mr. Shields, as well as the document attached to it. Those two documents are attached to his letter.

Mr. Shields concludes that the proposed closure is not required to protect or even benefit the bank swallow colony. He continues, "The poor arguments presented . . . make little sense to me." Mr. Shields finds no merit to the Park Service's position that greater plant diversity will benefit the bank swallows. He concludes that only protecting the cliff top and cliff face is necessary to protect the colony. This is consistent with the advice of Ron Schlorff.

Please include this letter and the attachments in the notice and comment record. I also will mail this to you today by first-class mail. If you would like to contact Mr. Shields, his e-mail address at work is wms1@syr.edu and his telephone number is (315) 470-6771. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

*Lydia Boesch*

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Attachments (2)

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Sorry I thought it was Oct 20th. I'm an airhead. Hope the attached letter is useful. It expresses my opinion in short form.

Bill Shields

October 6, 2000

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Sincerely yours,

*William M. Shields*

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October 3, 2000

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
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Building 201, Fort Mason  
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**RE: SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED HABITAT PROTECTION CLOSURE AT  
FORT FUNSTON (65 Fed. Reg. 44546, July 18, 2000)**

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

The Proposed Closure and Habitat Restoration Will Improve the Habitat for Native  
Plants and Animals

These comments on the Proposed Habitat Protection Closure, Fort Funston, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, are submitted by Sandy Goldberg and the Habitat Restoration Support Group, a group of volunteers in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area ("GGNRA") habitat restoration programs. We fully support the National Park Service ("NPS") proposal to close approximately 12 acres of dunes at Fort Funston to off-trail recreational use and to restore native plants to the area, as proposed at 65 Federal Register 44546 (July 18, 2000). We agree with and hereby incorporate all of the information and reasons supporting the proposed closure regulation set forth by the NPS in Section III, p. 6-10 of the statement supporting the Notice of Proposed Year-Round Closure.

The area affected by the proposed closure is currently covered in part with iceplant an invasive, non-native plant. A California Native Plant Society officer recently described iceplant as a species that is "actively smothering native California wildflowers while converting pristine coastal dune, cliff and prairie habitats into desolate biological wastelands that our native flora and fauna cannot survive in." (San Francisco Chronicle, Sept. 4, 2000). The NPS' proposal to remove iceplant and restore 12 acres of the dunes with native plants will undoubtedly provide a vast improvement to the habitat. It will create habitat for native wildlife, such as California quail and brush rabbits. California quail and rabbits are found in the area at Fort Funston that was previously restored with native plants; however, they are not found in the areas of the dunes where dogs are allowed to run off-leash and off-trail. The proposed closure will keep people and dogs on the trail, and therefore provide 12 acres of habitat that can be used by native wildlife.

The proposed habitat protection closure is consistent with the recent order issued by the Director of the NPS, indicating that protection of natural resources is the priority in national parks and recreation areas. (See, Director's Order #55, dated September 8, 2000, copy attached). This order indicates "that when there is a conflict between conserving resources and values and providing for enjoyment of them, conservation is to be predominant." (Id., para. 3.3). Removal of iceplant and planting native vegetation will

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protect the natural resources of Fort Funston by creating habitat for native birds, mammals and insects. On the other hand, allowing off-trail use of this area by people and off-leash dogs is incompatible with maintaining habitat for native plants and wildlife because these activities scare native species away and deter them from using an area. Off-trail use of the area also precludes establishment of native vegetation that would provide habitat for native wildlife species because the plants are trampled and cannot survive to grow and reproduce.

Past habitat restoration on the Fort Funston dunes has been incredibly successful at establishing thriving, diverse plant communities. The restored areas of the dunes are much more biologically diverse and productive, and more colorful and scenic, than the areas where iceplant predominates. In addition, the closure and restoration project will increase the future stock of native plants for cuttings and seed collection and natural plant dispersal; will allow native plants that naturally sprout from the seedbank to survive without being trampled by people or dogs or being overcome by iceplant; and will increase the insect population.

In order to allow native plant communities to grow and reproduce naturally in the 12-acre area, the area must be permanently closed to off-trail recreational use. If people and dogs are allowed off-trail in the area during part of every year, the tiny seedlings that naturally sprout up in the native dune community will be destroyed and larger native plants will also be trampled and damaged. Therefore, closure during only part of each year would not protect the native plant community from being trampled and damaged and also would not protect native wildlife from disturbance by off-leash, off-trail dogs.

Additionally, the NPS has determined that the closure and restoration project will benefit the threatened bank swallows that nest in the cliffs. Bank swallows flying around above the cliffs cease their activity and stop flying when people and/or dogs approach near the top of the bluff. The closure will provide the bank swallows with a "buffer" area where people and dogs who might disturb the swallows are not allowed. The concept of a "buffer" to separate wildlife from potential human impacts is well accepted by wildlife biologists. The bank swallows returning in the spring must select locations for new burrows, if their old burrows have eroded away. The presence of people and dogs near the top of the bluff may deter the swallows from using the area for new burrows. The closure will ensure that human/dog activity does not prevent the swallows from establishing new burrows and will allow the swallows to conduct their activity without interruptions. The closure and restoration may also benefit the swallows by providing an additional source of insects. Based on this, and the additional information provided in the NPS statement in support of the proposed regulation, it is reasonable to determine that this project will benefit the bank swallow colony.

The NPS should adopt a final rule implementing the proposed closure and restoration project because it will improve the habitat at Fort Funston for native plants and wildlife.

#### Response to Objections By Dog-Walkers

At the public hearing on this proposal, numerous dog-walkers objected to the proposed closure because they want the area to remain open for their dogs to run and play on the dunes. However, a federal regulation requires that all dogs in a national recreation area (such as GGNRA) must be on a leash. The regulation is found at 36 Code of Federal

Regulations, Section 2.15(a)(5). The GGNRA and NPS recently, in documents filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of CA, in *Fort Funston Dog Walkers v. Babbitt* (Case No. C 00 877 WHA), stated that this regulation prohibits dogs off leash at Fort Funston. Accordingly, objections to the proposed closure because it will prevent off-leash dog walking in the area should not be a factor in the NPS' decision. Federal law already prohibits this activity.

The dog-walkers who object to the proposed closure also have not shown that they cannot enjoy walking with their dogs in the rest of Fort Funston, where no fences will restrict off-trail access. This proposed closure only affects 12 acres out of a total of 230 acres at Fort Funston. The dog walkers have not shown that they would not be able to enjoy walking with their dogs in the vast majority of Fort Funston (probably over 175 acres out of 230) where there still will be unrestricted off-trail access.

In response to the dog walkers' objections, we also point out that walking at Fort Funston with your dog on a leash and on a designated trail provides an appropriate and enjoyable recreational use of Fort Funston. Walking with a dog on a leash and on a designated trail is a common requirement at State and County Parks, and other national parks and recreation areas. The resources at Fort Funston should not receive less protection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
SANDY GOLDBERG and  
HABITAT RESTORATION SUPPORT GROUP

Enclosure

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1a-1). During the process of updating the 1988 edition of *NPS Management Policies*, the Service decided to incorporate into *Management Policies* a detailed interpretation of those provisions. The purpose in doing so was to help NPS managers understand their legal duties in managing the national park system, and to establish policies and procedures that would help ensure the law is properly and consistently applied throughout the national park system.

The draft of proposed revisions to *NPS Management Policies* was issued for a 60-day public review and comment period, beginning January 19, 2000 [65 FR 2984]. The Service subsequently considered all the comments received, and will adopt the year 2000 edition of *Management Policies* in the near future. However, due to the importance of instituting as soon as possible a Service-wide interpretation of the most salient provisions of the Organic Act and General Authorities Act, the Service is issuing this Director's Order as a means of adopting section 1.4 of *Management Policies*.

## **2.0 AUTHORITY TO ISSUE THIS DIRECTOR'S ORDER**

The authority to issue this Director's Order is found in the NPS Organic Act, and Part 245 of the Department of the Interior Manual, which delegates to the Director of the National Park Service the Secretary of the Interior's authority to supervise, manage, and operate the national park system.

## **3.0 INTERPRETATION OF THE NPS ORGANIC ACT**

The following wording is adopted for publication in *NPS Management Policies* as the agency's interpretation of the meaning of the NPS Organic Act and the General Authorities Act of 1970, as amended. All NPS personnel will conduct their work activities and make decisions affecting the national park system in conformance with this interpretation.

### **3.1 The Laws Generally Governing Park Management**

The most important statutory directive for the National Park Service (NPS) is provided by interrelated provisions of the NPS Organic Act of 1916, and the NPS General Authorities Act of 1970, including amendments to the latter law enacted in 1978.

The key management-related provision of the Organic Act is:

[The National Park Service] shall promote and regulate the use of the Federal areas known as national parks, monuments, and reservations hereinafter specified . . . by such means and measures as conform to the fundamental purpose of the said parks, monuments, and reservations, which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. (16 USC 1)

Congress supplemented and clarified these provisions through enactment of the General Authorities Act in 1970, and again through enactment of a 1978 amendment to that law (the "Redwood amendment," contained in a bill expanding Redwood National Park, which added the



and so applies all the time, with respect to all park resources and values, even when there is no risk that any park resources or values may be impaired. NPS managers must always seek ways to avoid, or to minimize to the greatest degree practicable, adverse impacts on park resources and values. However, the laws do give the Service the management discretion to allow impacts to park resources and values when necessary and appropriate to fulfill the purposes of a park, so long as the impact does not constitute impairment of the affected resources and values.

The fundamental purpose of all parks also includes providing for the enjoyment of park resources and values by the people of the United States. The "enjoyment" that is contemplated by the statute is broad: it is the enjoyment of all the people of the United States, not just those who visit parks, and so includes enjoyment of park resources and values by all the people of the United States, including people who directly experience parks and those who appreciate them from afar. It also includes deriving benefit (including scientific knowledge) and inspiration from parks, as well as other forms of enjoyment.

Congress, recognizing that the enjoyment by future generations of the national parks can be assured only if the superb quality of park resources and values is left unimpaired, has provided that when there is a conflict between conserving resources and values and providing for enjoyment of them, conservation is to be predominant. This is how courts have consistently interpreted the Organic Act, in decisions that variously describe it as making "resource protection the primary goal" or "resource protection the overarching concern," or as establishing a "primary mission of resource conservation," a "conservation mandate," "an overriding preservation mandate," "an overarching goal of resource protection," or "but a single purpose, namely, conservation."

### **3.4 The Prohibition on Impairment**

While Congress has given the Service the management discretion to allow certain impacts within parks, that discretion is limited by the statutory requirement (enforceable by the federal courts) that the Park Service must leave park resources and values unimpaired, unless a particular law directly and specifically provides otherwise. This, the cornerstone of the Organic Act, establishes the primary responsibility of the National Park Service. It assures that park resources and values will continue to exist in a condition that will allow the American people to have present and future opportunities for enjoyment of them.

The General Authorities Act provides that exceptions to the impairment prohibition must be directly and specifically provided by Congress. These statutory exceptions must be found in the express terms of legislation, not inferred from it. In these cases, of course, the NPS must faithfully follow the specific legislative provisions.

### **3.5 What Constitutes Impairment of Park Resources and Values**

The impairment that is prohibited by the Organic Act and the General Authorities Act is an impact that, in the professional judgment of the responsible NPS manager, would harm the integrity of park resources or values, including the opportunities that otherwise would be present for the enjoyment of those resources or values. Whether an impact meets this definition depends

on the particular resources and values that would be affected; the severity, duration, and timing of the impact; the direct and indirect effects of the impact; and the cumulative effects of the impact in question and other impacts. An impact from an activity that is directly and specifically authorized by Congress does not constitute an impairment.

An impact to any park resource or value may constitute an impairment. An impact would be more likely to constitute an impairment to the extent that it affects a resource or value whose conservation is:

- necessary to fulfill specific purposes identified in the establishing legislation or proclamation of the park;
- key to the natural or cultural integrity of the park or to opportunities for enjoyment of the park; or
- identified as a goal in the park's general management plan or other relevant NPS planning documents.

An impact would be less likely to constitute an impairment to the extent that it is an unavoidable result, which cannot reasonably be further mitigated, of an action necessary to preserve or restore the integrity of park resources or values.

Impairment may occur from visitor activities, NPS activities in managing a park, or activities undertaken by concessioners, contractors, and others operating in the park.

### 3.6 What Constitutes Park Resources and Values

The "park resources and values" that are subject to the no-impairment standard include:

- the park's scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife, including, to the extent present in the park: the ecological, biological and physical processes that created the park and continue to act upon it; scenic features; natural visibility, both in daytime and at night; natural landscapes; natural soundscapes and smells; water and air resources; soils; geological resources; paleontological resources; archeological resources; cultural landscapes; ethnographic resources; historic and prehistoric sites, structures, and objects; museum collections; and native plants and animals;
- the park's role in contributing to the national dignity, the high public value and integrity, and the superlative environmental quality of the national park system, and the benefit and inspiration provided to the American people by the national park system; and
- any additional specific values and purposes for which a particular park was established.

Park resources and values do not include any attributes of a park whose conservation is not

among the purposes for which a park was included in the national park system or is being managed. For example, the term generally does not include non-native species or man-made structures that are not historic or prehistoric, unless their conservation is a specific additional purpose for which an individual park was established.

### 3.7 Decision-Making Requirements to Avoid Impairments

Before approving a proposed action that could lead to an impairment of park resources and values, an NPS decision-maker must consider the impacts of the proposed action and determine, in writing, that the activity will not lead to an impairment of park resources and values. If there would be an impairment, the action may not be approved.

When an NPS decision-maker becomes aware that an ongoing activity might have led or might be leading to an impairment of park resources or values, the decision-maker must investigate and determine if there is, or will be, an impairment. If so, the decision-maker must take appropriate action, to the extent possible within NPS authorities and available resources, to eliminate the impairment. Whenever practicable, such an investigation and determination shall be made as part of an appropriate park planning process undertaken for other purposes.

In making a determination of whether there would be, or is, an impairment, an NPS decision-maker must use his or her professional judgment. The decision-maker must be guided by the values expressed in the Organic Act and the General Authorities Act to assure the preservation of the high public value and integrity of the national park system, the national dignity of parks, the superlative environmental quality of parks, and the important role of parks in providing benefit and inspiration for all the people of the United States. In making such a determination, the decision-maker also must consider any environmental assessments or environmental impact statements required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; relevant scientific studies of the park resources that could be affected, including those required by Title II of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998; and public comments.

----- *End of Director's Order* -----

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Date: 10/4/00 9:52 AM

October 4, 2000

Fort Funston  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
National Park Service

Dear Park Service folks,

I am writing on behalf of the Oregon Natural Resources Council (ONRC). While we are primarily a statewide organization, it has come to our attention that 12 acres of sand bluffs are being proposed to be closed to off trail use, and unleashed dogs. We strongly support the proposed closure to protect Fort Funston's dunes along the park's marine terrace. As a National Recreation Area, it is in Oregon's interest too that this area and the sensitive bank swallow colony and other area resources be protected from unnecessary disturbance. As you know, in California, bank swallows are a sensitive species, and thus deserve the Park Service's particular respect and extra consideration.

In particular we especially encourage the Park Service to prohibit the running of unleashed dogs in any area of the park-but particularly in dune areas where off trail use in general has clearly degraded the area's natural values. We are especially concerned that such unregulated uses in the park disrupts bluffs used seasonally by nesting bank swallows.

In other National Parks and National Monuments dogs are not allowed on any trails. In other park areas dogs are only allow on leashes. This is not only to avoid the chasing and harassment of area wildlife, but also to avoid disrupting other park visitors who do not appreciate having their outdoor experience spoiled by having to be confronted by unleashed dogs.

Please advise us of your decision and how you intend to protect the area's natural resources values, and how you will limit inappropriate recreational use in these sensitive areas.

Sincerely,

Wendell Wood, ONRC  
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**Superintendent  
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**Dear Superintendent:**

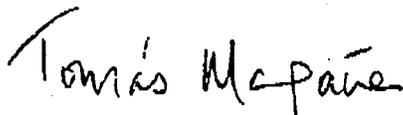
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Preservation of the colony of threatened banks swallows must be a top priority in the management of Fort Funston, and the park service should do whatever necessary to protect their survival. Moreover, native plant restoration on the dunes, as called for in the park's management plan, should also be a high priority to both enhance wildlife habitat and stabilize the sand dunes, which are significantly eroding. I can not understand why the NPS has failed to ensure that the integrity of native wild and plant life is protected in this area.

Priorities should focus on visitor safety and preservation of native plants and wildlife. This will ensure that EVERY visitor to this beautiful area has the unchallenged opportunity to enjoy this area now and in the future. The NPS continues to allow visitors to ignore existing laws, which require that all dogs be leashed in national parks and which require visitors and dogs to remain on designated trails. It's clear that this blatant disregard for these laws has resulted in significant threat to the preservation of both wild and plant life in this area. Given this, there should be no argument as to what the NPS's responsibility is in this situation- protect our parks and their native inhabitants.

Thank you for allowing me to submit comments. I look forward to your written response.

Sincerely,



**Tomás A. Magaña, M.D.**

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**SAVE SWALLOW HABITAT**

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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Sincerely,

Charles Fox  
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Sincerely,

*Janet Harrison*  
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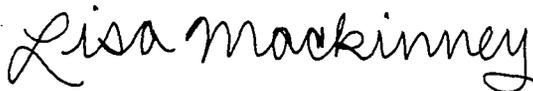
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Sincerely,



Lisa Mackinney  
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Thank you for allowing me to submit comments. I look forward to your written response.

Brad Adams  
1709 Trosper Rd  
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INTERPRETER'S OFFICE

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Laura Connors  
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Oct. 2, 2000

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent  
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Sincerely,

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P.S. Dear Mr. O'Neill,

The thing that amazes me - is just how SMALL the area in question is. It is ludicrous NOT to close off this area. Please do your best to permanently close the 12 acres. Thank you. Janet Harrison

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The following is a form letter, but quite simply if the rule is dogs must be on a leash, then follow the rule.

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HERBERT MOORE  
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Sincerely,



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Superintendent  
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

The National Parks and Conservation Association has followed for some time the Park Service's problems in the management of pet dogs at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Dog walking has become a flash point for controversy at numerous locations in the park, in particular Crissy Field and Fort Funston. In both these locations, the your staff has documented significant adverse impacts to resources due to off-leash dogs, as well as conflicts between dogs and other park users – including instances resulting in injuries to visitors.

As we have often reminded you and your staff, the Code of Federal Regulations is abundantly clear with respect to the tolerance of dogs in national parks. Owing to the potential for unrestrained dogs to harm or disturb wildlife, cause other resource impacts, and conflict with other park users, Section 2.15 (a) (2) prohibits "failing to crate, cage, restrain on a leash which shall not exceed six feet in length, or otherwise physically confine a pet at all times."

Unfortunately, GGNRA has curried the favor of the small off-leash dog-user group, to the detriment of the park's resources and a vastly superior number of other park users, whose activities do not come in conflict with park regulations. The park has also expended scarce financial and staff resources responding to the problems created by off-leash dogs, money which would otherwise go to enhancing park values and provided visitor services.

We have now reached a point where the Park Service's failure to enforce its own policy has resulted in litigation, though not from the expected quarter. Should the off-leash litigants prevail, GGNRA will not only be responsible for setting a negative precedent that will affect the entire park system, it also will make the job of protecting endangered species in national parks more difficult and more expensive.

NPCA is astonished that it should fall to us to inform you that by failing to enforce one of its simplest regulations GGNRA has undermined not only the protection of park

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resources for which you are responsible, but also the trust the public has in its most revered institution. We fail to understand that while state, regional and local parks all have and enforce leash laws, this park seems unable to follow suit.

While we do not rule out the possibility of our own lawsuit, we hold fast to the belief that even the National Park Service will see such a suit as indefensible and, therefore, will do everything in its power to avoid it. To do otherwise will be yet another example of an inappropriate use of park funds.

We ask that you respond in writing as to if and when you the park will begin enforcing Section 2.15 of the CFR as soon as possible. We understand that education will be a necessary component, given the park's history, and encourage you to begin the process by issuing warning citations for the first three months following appropriate notice.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Brian Huse  
Senior Director

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Brian O'Neill, Superintendent  
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Fort Mason, Bldg. 201  
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Name Paul Marek  
Address Dept. of Entomology - California Academy of Sciences  
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Sincerely,



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Address: 2151 - 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue

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Ro LoBianco  
PO Box 295  
Kentfield, CA 94914

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Shirley Spas  
616 Waterford Circle East  
TARPON SPRINGS, FL 34689-7211

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Re: Support of Proposed Habitat Protection Closure at Fort Funston, GGNRA

Brian O'Neill  
Superintendent  
Fort Mason, Building 201  
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Dear Mr. O'Neill

I have read the plan, "Proposed Habitat Protection Closure", and heartily support the proposed closure of approximately 12 acres of Fort Funston to off-trail recreational use by the public, as part of the resource protection mission of the National Park Service.

I was born in a coastal California town in 1943 and have lived near the ocean for many years. I have seen firsthand how iceplant and other non-native plants have relentlessly spread over large areas, diminishing or extirpating not only the original native plant communities, but the diversity of native vertebrates and invertebrates that depended upon them. It is now well known that various native species are better adapted to use and thrive among native plants and the suite of insects they host, rather than non-native plants. The beauty and educational utility of restored native plant communities at Fort Funston will become treasures much valued both now, and by future generations.

I have also seen the compaction and erosion associated with habitual off-trail trampling by thoughtless people and pets, which defaces bluffs and other areas and makes it virtually impossible for remnant native vegetation to regain lost ground. It is important for foot traffic to be focussed onto designated access only, as you stated in the proposed plan.

I am not aware of any study demonstrating that the presence of numerous off-leash dogs is beneficial to the native wildlife of Fort Funston or elsewhere. Certainly, they are detrimental to local populations of vulnerable native species. Loose, unleashed dogs are not a form of "recreation" that is consistent with the preservation of park resources, nor is the presence of such dogs a welcome intrusion to many visitors, including visitors who might like to bring their own leashed pet with them.

It is not only the duty of the National Park Service to protect wildlife and plants that are officially listed as threatened or endangered, but ALL the local native species and the important natural features of the area as well. I applaud you for proposing to do so at Fort Funston, and for the diligent work you have already accomplished in this regard.

Sincerely,



Marilyn H. Davis  
P.O. Box 405  
Bodega Bay, CA 94923

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Sincerely,

*Don Hughes*  
*Ann Hughes*

Don Hughes and Ann Hughes  
3515 Citrus Avenue  
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Dylan Hayes  
2674 24<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
S.F., CA. 94116

Superintendent O'Neill,

I am writing you in support of any and all efforts to close the 12 acres and protect the Bank Swallow at Fort Funston. In 1995, under the direction of then South District Ranger Jim Milestone, I produced an official and unofficial trails map. It was adapted from up to date aerial photos. It shows the fragmentation of the Bank Swallow habitat by unofficial trails. The Bank Swallow Site has been delineated and includes the 12 acres they use to congregate above the nests and forage on. The dog walkers have asked for scientific basis for justification to close the site. The 12 acres is an obvious buffer zone. If you need a copy of the map for future meetings with dog walkers, I will be happy to supply it.

I appreciate and understand the National Park Service's mission, as did the City of San Francisco, when the property was turned over to the N.P.S. So much work in the form of native plant and habitat restoration by countless involved young citizens from dozens of schools has been accomplished. How can we let years of effort and transformations go undone? Please, continue your efforts to protect the bluff area and not fold in the wake of dog walkers' protests. It would seem obvious the impacts of off-leash dogs and the impacts ignored by their owners. The twelve acres are a small "sacrifice" for them as users of Ft. Funston. There is more than enough space set aside for the dogs to run adjacent to the proposed area of closure. If you need any further assistance with concerns to this issue, please contact me personally at (415) 759-0101 or my address above. Thank you kindly for your time.

Sincerely,

  
Dylan Hayes

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*Patricia A. Johnson*

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*7726 Terrace Dr*

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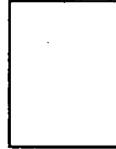
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204 S. Kenilworth Ave, #1S  
OAK PARK, IL 60302-3141

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SAN DIEGO, CA 92126-5732

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SARASOTA, FL 34238-2834

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SEASIDE, CA 93955-6711

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3062 SW Avalon Way  
SEATTLE, WA 98126-2662

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Sheila Penney  
556 County Highway 125  
GLOVERSVILLE, NY 12078-7418

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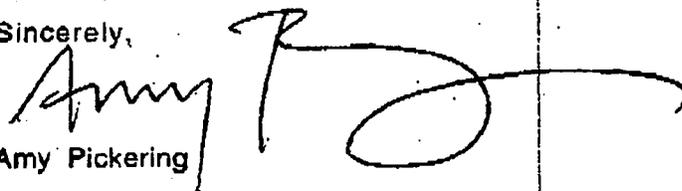
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Amy Pickering

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I am a frequent visitor to Fort Funston for the purpose of bird watching year round and wild flower viewing in the spring. At this time the number of dogs is quite overwhelming and certainly negatively impacts the bird population. I am a dog lover and former (and future) dog owner but I believe that this area requires protection from the masses of dogs which visit there.

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Sincerely,

Mary Pat Power  
35 Los Pamos Dr.  
San Francisco, CA 94127

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Sincerely,

Name Kevin Murphy

Address 2945 Union St

City, State, Zip San Francisco CA 94116

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To: Brian O'Neill

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

This letter is in support of habitat protection for the Bank Swallow at Fort Funsten, San Francisco.

Please take whatever measures are necessary to ensure the long-term survival of this threatened population.

Thanks for your concern in this matter.

Andrea Jesse  
Curatorial Assistant  
Dept. of Ornithology  
& Mammalogy  
California Academy  
of Sciences  
Golden Gate Park  
San Francisco  
94117

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Sincerely,

Name Adena Rosmarin (Adena Rosmarin)

Address 566 Gelett Drive

City, State, Zip San Francisco, CA 94132

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*I would like to add that I loved going to Fort Funston in the early 90's to walk and birdwatch. I stopped going two years ago due to being constantly jumped on by dogs.*

*An*  
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October 2, 2000

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

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Dear Superintendent;

I am writing to express my support for the habitat restoration efforts at Fort Funston, and specifically the expansion of the closed-off area at the north end of the park. I realize that this is politically difficult. In fact, I have just finished reading the postings on the San Francisco Dog Owners Group website, and I am struck by the level of vitriol they express. I believe the problem is in the way we are raised to look at the land around us. First, we look at how the land serves our needs. For example, most of the people I have talked to refer to the dunes that covered what is now the Sunset district as barren, as though they were a giant sandbox. Second, we judge the land by an aesthetic which is conditioned by the lawns and flower beds we are raised with. By this standard a field of iceplant looks just as nice, indeed nicer, than some scruffy dune scrub. The problem is that the land has its own standards, by which a field of ice plant is a profoundly degraded environment, only slightly less impoverished than a parking lot.

For me, the easiest way to see what the land needs to be is to look at the hawks. If you watch one skimming along the dune tops, or hear a pair calling out to each other as they circle, you experience a bit of that wilderness which can be destroyed but never controlled. Hawks are predators, the top of the food chain. Their presence implies game and the plants to support them. I have never seen hawks in the dog walker's areas. I see them frequently over the restored grounds.

The scrub is an incredibly rich environment, supporting a wealth of plant species, many endangered, butterflies, dune rabbits, field mice, and the hawks that hunt them, as well as many other parties who will never show up at an advisory board meeting. There is not a lot of dune habitat on the mountainous California coast. The habitat restoration at Fort Funston is an unusual opportunity to preserve a small portion of it, a portion that once stretched for miles. If this habitat is saved, I believe it will become a treasured resource, and future generations will consider destroying it as senseless as damming the Yosemite valley. I appreciate the political courage of the National Park Service in creating this resource.

Respectfully,



John Anderson

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Susan E. Masta  
Department of Biology  
1600 Holloway Avenue  
San Francisco State University  
San Francisco, California 94132

2 October, 2000

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

Dear Dr. O'Neill:

I wish to speak in favor of the proposed closure of areas on the GGNRA at Fort Funston to protect natural resources against threats from off-leash dogs.

In regard to the bank swallows, a colony has historically existed there, predates recent use of the area by off-leash pets, and thus deserves the protection stipulated by National Park policy.

Currently, the GGNRA in San Francisco contains no land that is off-limit to people to protect threatened or endangered species, and very little that is set aside for native habitat. All of the GGNRA is open to dogs on leashes, and much of it to dogs off leashes. Currently, dog-runners may make use of the entire GGNRA, and may run their dogs along miles of Ocean Beach.

The area under consideration for protection at Fort Funston is very small -- and arguably much MORE land should be set aside for native habitat restoration and protection of threatened species.

The present situation is such that people who appreciate nature, birds, and plants -- and whose recreation leaves the land undamaged -- are disenfranchised by a vocal minority of dog owners, whose activities mar the landscape and hinder implementation of proper National Park policy.

I urge that the Park Service follow through on initiatives to protect species and habitats deemed ecologically important by closing off areas to dogs at the present time and in the future as needed to safeguard the integrity of the Fort Funston dunes.

Cordially,

*Susan Masta*

Dr. Susan E. Masta,  
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City, State, Zip El Cerrito, CA 94530

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Jay Withgott  
174 Beverly St.  
San Francisco, CA 94132

October 3, 2000

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am writing in support of habitat and ecosystem protection at Fort Funston, and against attempts by some area dog-owners to subvert Park Service policy and monopolize this public land for their own particular type of recreation.

As one of the last remnants of land that approximates San Francisco's natural pre-settlement landscape, the Fort Funston dunes have tremendous importance both historically and ecologically. For this reason, policies of preservation and ecological restoration are especially appropriate here. Native plant restoration, prevention of artificial dune erosion, protection of threatened bird species dependent on the dunes, and encouragement of non-destructive recreation are laudable goals for the Park Service in this area.

The current reality of Fort-Funston-as-dog-playground prevents accomplishment of any of these goals. As a trained biologist, having recently moved to the city, it took me no more than a brief visit to Fort Funston to see the astonishing impact free-running dogs have had on this ecosystem. As a birder and now-frequent user of the area, I am of course concerned about the impact on bank swallows and on Neotropical migrant birds that use this area as a migratory stopover — but the issues extend far beyond simply the protection of birds. As a host to out-of-town visitors, I can report universal surprise and dismay from them that a unit of the National Park System (especially here in supposedly progressive San Francisco!) is allowed to undergo such environmental decay.

The core issues, however, have nothing to do with progressivism; rather, they are if anything conservative. Simply put, Fort Funston should be run as other units of the Park Service are run: in line with the letter and spirit of the Service's mandate. This means guaranteeing protection for important species, habitats, and ecosystems, and providing for public recreation such that certain users do not interfere with the recreation of other users. Currently the heavy use by one special-interest group, dog-walkers, violates Park Service mandates, prevents effective preservation policies, and interferes with other recreational uses.

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Certainly, there should be some localities in San Francisco where dog-owners are allowed to walk their dogs. But in all the cities I've lived, the municipality has taken up that responsibility. It should not be on the shoulders of federal government employees to feel pressured to bend to demands that contradict the regulations and guidelines they are employed to enforce — especially when those demands favor one particular minority over the welfare of the land and of the public at large.

Thank you for your consideration of the views of those of us who may in the past not have been as vocal and activist as those GGNRA users with dogs.

Sincerely,

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Jay Withgott  
Freelance science writer  
M.S. in Biology, Univ. of Arizona and Univ. of Arkansas

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231 Eureka Street  
San Francisco, CA 94114-2436  
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San Francisco, CA 94123-1304

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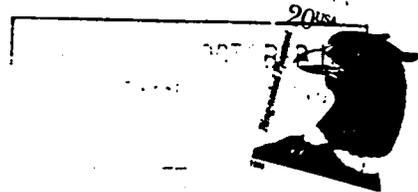
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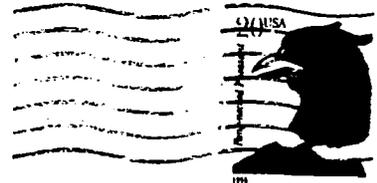
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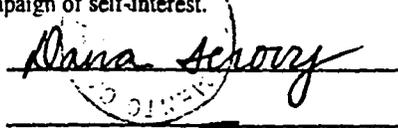
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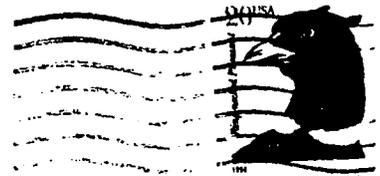
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Dana Acroff



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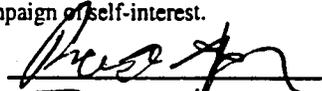
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Pres. Ajos

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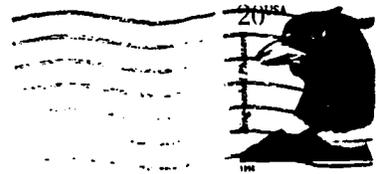
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Sincerely,

Tony Wilson

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OAKLAND, CA



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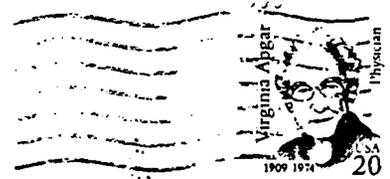
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Sincerely,

Jerry Eliot  
San Mateo, CA



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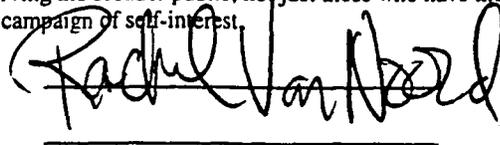
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*Virginia R. White*  
46 Prospect Av, SF 94110



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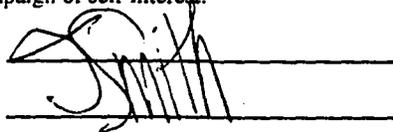
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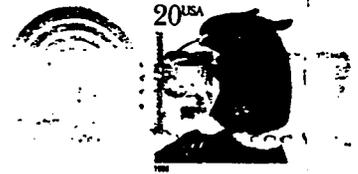
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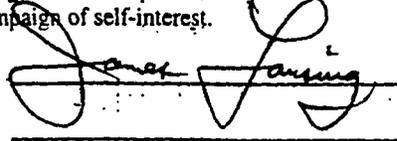
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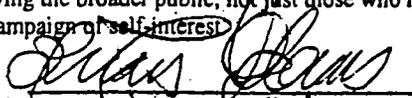
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Sincerely,

  
Brian Adams



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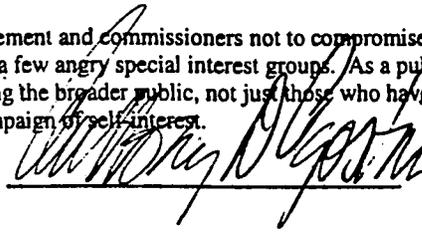
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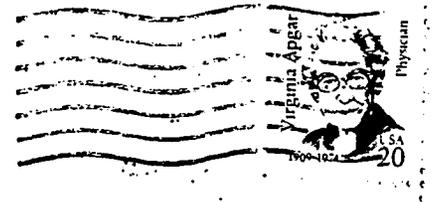
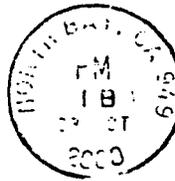
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*Robert Johnson* 9493  
*48 Robert Johnson*



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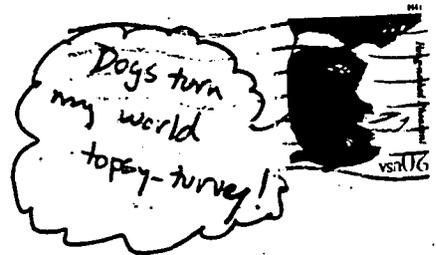
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Sara Russell  
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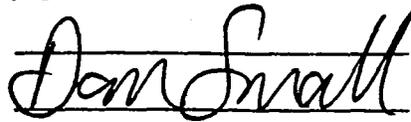
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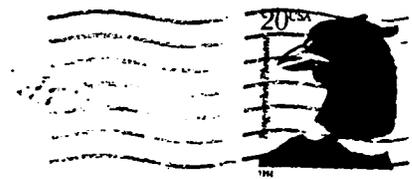
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Sincerely,

Alison Bernault  
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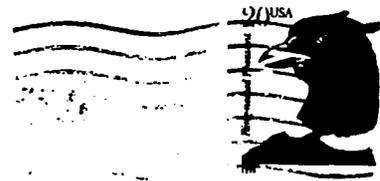
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*Rachel Niura Poffa*



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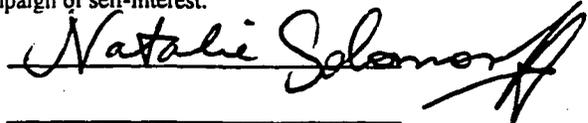
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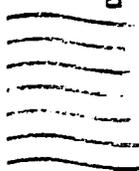
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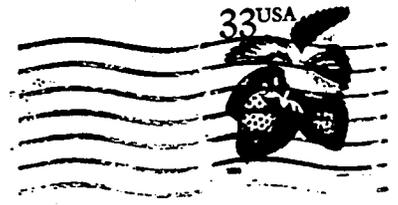
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Sincerely:

*A. J. [Signature]*



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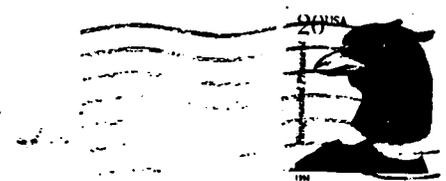
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Susan Fiering (SUSAN FIERING)  
Oakland, CA



Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Bldg. 201, Fort Mason  
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Sincerely,

  
Michael W. J. [unclear]



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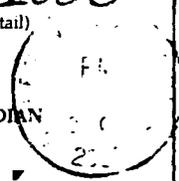
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Sincerely,

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*M. K. H.*  
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OCT. 1, 2000  
Colonial Inka manta, probably late 18th century (Detail)  
Bolivia  
Length 109.5 cm. (5.3773)

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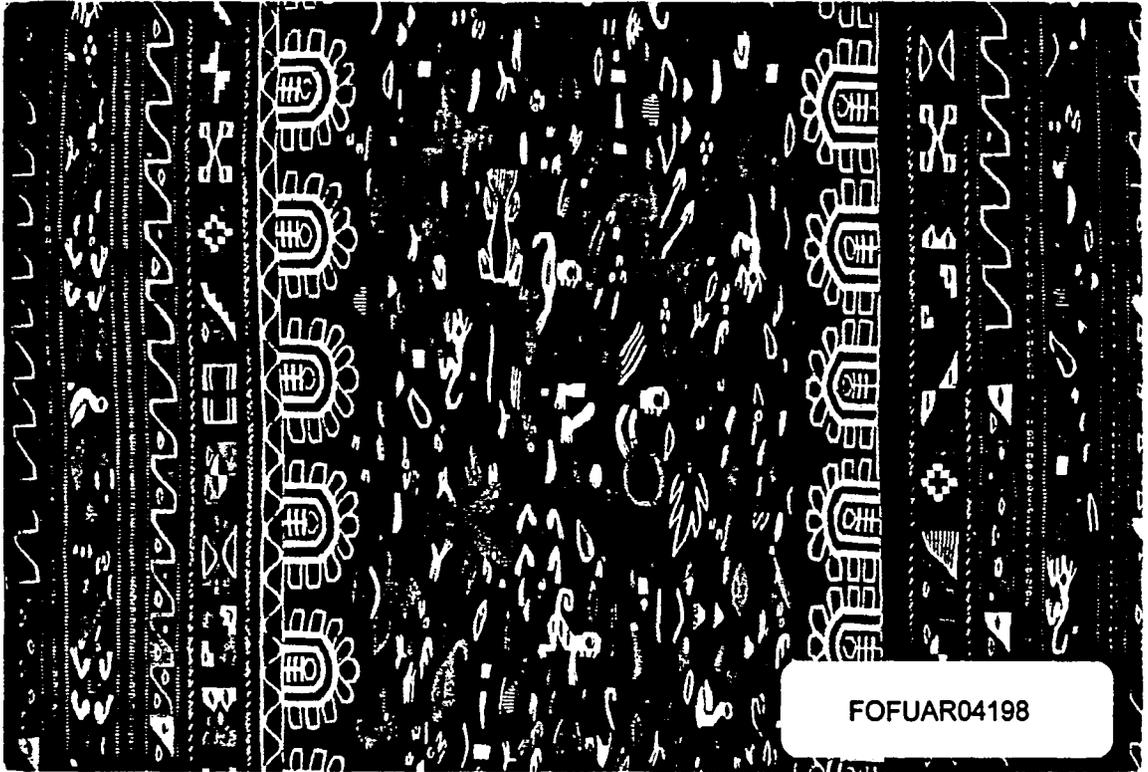
Yes, yes, yes!  
Protect the bank  
swallow and dunes  
at Fort Funston.  
Restore native plant  
community.

Jean Conner  
Fort Point Environmentalists

Brien O'Neill  
GGNRA  
Fort Mason  
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San Francisco CA  
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Sincerely,

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AMANDIEP JAWA  
225A DOLORES ST  
SF CA 94103

Superintendent  
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*James M. Hulse*  
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**JAMES M. HULSE**

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1609-A Stuart St  
Berkeley, CA 94703

**Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
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San Francisco, CA 94123**

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Fred WARREN  
Richmond, California

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San Francisco, CA 94123**

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Sincerely,

Wallace N. Wood  
326 - Kirkham St, 94122

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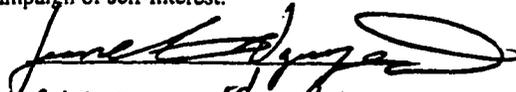
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Sincerely,

F. G. Anderson  
139 Bonita Ave  
Pacific CA 94044

*Hopefully, a solution  
acceptable to all parties  
can be found.*

*XX*

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Sincerely,

Greg Heber  
120 W. Mission St  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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Superintendent  
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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ROBERT PEREZ  
689 SPRUCE ST  
SF, CA 94118

Superintendent  
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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Sincerely,

Robert Sostek

[Signature]

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Sincerely,

Lauren Jahns  
145 Kipling Dr  
Mill Valley CA 94941

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Superintendent  
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Sincerely,

Steven Krafting

45 Montecala St.,

SF, CA 94110

FOFUAR04220

Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
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FOFUAR04222

*Jane Seligson*  
1200 Gough St #22F  
SF

Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
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Sincerely,

*Rubena Oman*  
1474 Sacramento  
SF 94109

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Superintendent  
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Bldg. 201, Fort Mason  
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Sincerely,

Bruce Babine  
170 W. W. F. BLVD ST  
S.F. CA 94110

FOFUAR04226

Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Sincerely,

Dave Snyder  
416A Schroder  
94117

FOFUAR04228

**Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
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San Francisco, CA 94123**

**FOFUAR04229**

PROTECT AND RESTORE THE UNIQUE DUNES AT FORT FUNSTON

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OCT 06 2009

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

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Sincerely,



John Holtzclaw

FOFUAR04230

1508 Taylor, SF 94133

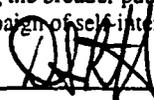
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DAVID PILPEL

FOFUAR04232

2151 27th Ave  
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94132-1320

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Sincerely,

Zach Nethercst  
584 Castro St. #731  
SF CA 94114

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Superintendent  
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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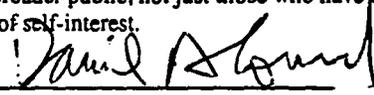
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DANIELA A. CONRAD

FOFUAR04236

Superintendent  
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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*Fiona McGowan*  
*Mike A. Carter*

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Superintendent  
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San Francisco, CA 94123

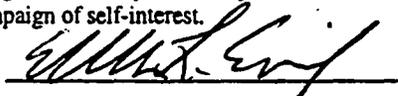
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OCT 06 2000  
SUPERVISOR

Sincerely,



Ellen L. Simms

1515 North St., Berkeley, CA

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Superintendent  
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Sincerely,

Carlyne Halder, Ph.D.  
63 Park Hill S.F. 94117

I urge you to instead take  
a collaborative approach, w/  
a skilled environmental facilitator  
and all stakeholders  
represented.

I believe

that, in the end, our goals are  
very similar, and a solution  
can be reached if all parties ~~participate~~  
cooperate.

Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Bldg. 201, Fort Mason FOFUAR04243  
San Francisco, CA 94123

To Brian O'Neil -

I am a member of the Native Plant Society. I do not support our lawsuit,

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Sincerely,

Jake Digg  
338 Ortega St  
S.F. 94122

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**Superintendent  
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FOFUAR04248

Jon Rainwater  
3103 Harrison  
SF, CA 94110

Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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Sincerely,

Lee Smith

1380 Greenwch #203

SF 94109

FOFUAR04250

Superintendent  
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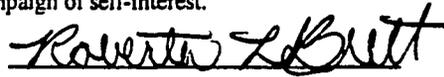
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Roberta L. Brett

FOFUAR04254

Superintendent  
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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Sincerely,

Andy Wilson  
1306 4th Ave  
S.F. CA 94122

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Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
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MEGAN QUENZER  
249 WILSON ST. SF 94112

Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
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Sincerely,

John R. Blair  
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FOFUAR04262

Superintendent  
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Sincerely,  
FOFUAR04264

Denise C. Gregory  
DENISE C. GREGORY

P.S. I AM A DOG OWNER!!

2414 Whitman Way  
San Bruno CA 94066

Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Bldg. 201, Fort Mason  
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Sincerely,

Susan O'Neil  
517A 14<sup>th</sup> Ave  
SF, CA 94118

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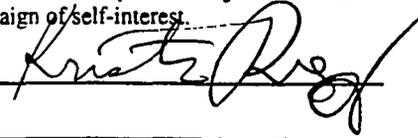
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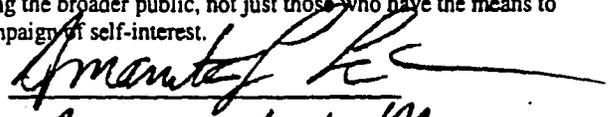
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1612 Lexington Ave #2 El Cerrito, CA  
94530

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Carrie J. Stewart  
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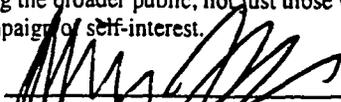
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SF, CA 94118

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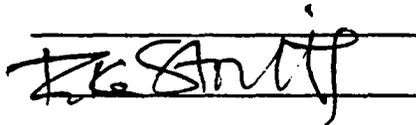
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205 Miramar Ave  
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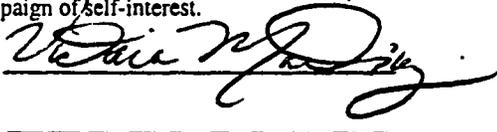
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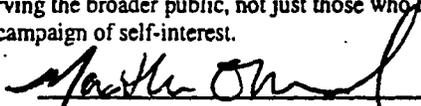
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19250 Stanton Ave.  
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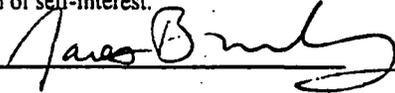


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# California Native Plant Society

Yerba Buena Chapter  
150 Haight Street #102  
San Francisco, Calif. 94102

cc: B. O'Neill  
J. M. Scott

Superintendent Brian O'Neill  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
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Fort Mason  
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RE: Proposed Year-Round Closure at Fort Funston

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Year-Round Closure at Fort Funston. The California Native Plant Society has over 10,000 members, nearly 500 of which live in San Francisco and northern San Mateo County. Founded 35 years ago, CNPS seeks to protect California's native plants through science and education.

CNPS strongly supports the proposed action to protect the bank swallow colony, enhance native plant communities, and reduce human-caused impacts to the coastal bluffs and dunes. To do so is entirely within the rights and obligations of the National Park Service as it seeks to carry out its mission as set forth in the Organic Act of 1916.

We note with approval the other legislation and master plans cited in the comment letter submitted by the National Parks and Conservation Association and the Natural Resources Defense Council as further evidence of the park's obligation to protect natural resources in decline. We also note that the Code of Federal Regulations, like the codes governing all California state parks and San Mateo County parks, states that all pets must be on a leash. Why is this regulation (36 CFR 2.15) not being enforced at Fort Funston and other units?

Years ago, when the park decided to designate all of Fort Funston as an area where dogs could roam off-leash, it created the conditions that led inevitably to the current crisis. The park could have fulfilled its obligation to protect natural resources, even if it decided to ignore 36 CFR 2.15, by designating sections of Fort Funston for intensive recreational use. Allowing such activities throughout the entire unit left precious few areas where its significant natural resources weren't damaged by heavy use. Hence, when it became apparent around 1990 that natural resources--particularly the threatened colony of bank swallows--were deteriorating at an unacceptable rate, the park had to use fences to protect 23 acres from intensive recreational use. The current proposal to protect an additional 12 acres is a further statement by the park that it erred decades ago in allowing off-leash dog use on all of Fort Funston's 230 acres.

There is ample evidence that allowing large numbers of recreational users--whether adults, pet owners, or off-leash dogs themselves--to trample dune vegetation is not sustainable. Trampling has eliminated even iceplant (*Carpobrotus edulis*), one of the most durable plants around! The closure notice properly points out that native dune vegetation must survive in a harsh environment characterized by scouring sands, high solar radiation, extreme fluctuations in temperature, low nutrient conditions, salt spray, and low water retention. Despite their impressive abilities to survive in such an environment, very few dune species are able to withstand repeated trampling. For that reason, many heavily visited parks along the California coast provide designated trails across their dunes. These include the Presidio's Crissy Field and Lobos Creek dunes, Asilomar State Park, Marina State Beach, Pescadero State Beach, and others. We know of no other dune system with

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significant natural resources where visitors and their dogs are encouraged to roam throughout the dune vegetation.

It is not too late to correct the damage caused by two decades of unregulated visitor use. Although hammered by decades of Army construction activities and extensive plantings of iceplant and other weeds, Fort Funston harbors a critical remnant of the San Francisco dune complex, once the fourth largest system in California and a hotspot of dune plant and animal diversity. As the park's notable efforts at Lobos Creek dunes and Crissy Field demonstrate, even thoroughly damaged dune plant communities can be nursed back to ecological health if there are suitable remnant populations of native species nearby. At Fort Funston the park has had remarkable success in restoring dune communities.

But despite such efforts we're still losing ground. In the mid-1970s botanists found 21 native plant species that have not been located since (data compiled from enclosed plant list). Other species, including the endangered San Francisco lessingia (*Lessingia germanorum*), disappeared before botanists were able to survey the former military base. (Peter Raven, co-author of the 1958 flora of San Francisco, told me that they were unable to gain access to Fort Funston during their field research.) Of the remaining 96 native plant species, several are holding on by a slender thread. Some have the misfortune of making their last stand outside the two closed areas. Is the park willing to stand by and watch them disappear under the feet of its visitors?

The remnant dune flora and the wildlife it supports deserves greater protection than it now receives. Heavy recreational use--of whatever kind--distributed widely across the landscape is incompatible with resource protection. Providing sufficient protection for natural resources on only 15% of Fort Funston's land base--35 out of 230 acres--is clearly not in line with the park's commitment in the 1980 Master Plan and other documents to minimize impacts to natural resources. Even the Presidio, with a far more complicated matrix of development and users, will return nearly 30% of its area (ca. 400 acres out of 1,440) to a natural state. The amount of land dedicated to natural resource protection at Fort Funston should be even higher.

Doing so won't spell the demise of Fort Funston as a place that welcomes diverse types of recreation. It simply requires situating the most intensive recreational uses in areas where they will do the least amount of damage. If the park closes additional areas--as it must do in order to protect declining natural resources and fulfill its obligations under the Organic Act and other guiding documents--without a major planning effort, the park will be visited by another unnecessary head-on collision. One of the purposes of planning, after all, is to avoid train wrecks. It is time to create a master plan for Fort Funston.

We will close by celebrating the well-deserved accomplishments of the Fort Funston Green Team in their efforts to restore vibrant dune communities along its bluffs. There is no better way to educate the public about the marvelous natural resources in this national park than through the magic of hands-on activities in the nursery and in the field. Leading stewardship activities is the highest form of interpretation since it enables the public to connect in a powerful and emotional way with the land itself. The park ought to expand its interpretive and resource management activities at Fort Funston in ways that provide opportunities for diverse communities to become involved.

Sincerely,



Pete Holloran  
President

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### Fort Funston Plant List

Compiled by sight from the following visits: 21 March 1996 by Pete Holloran, Jake Sigg, and Randy Zebell; 20 May 1997 by Ingrid Cabada, Pete Holloran, Marck Menke, Jake Sigg, and Randy Zebell; 13 March 1998 by Ingrid Cabada, Sharon Farrell, Pete Holloran, and Mary Petrilli; 20 April 2000 by Ingrid Cabada and Pete Holloran; 29 April 2000 by Pete Holloran; and 8 July 2000 by Pete Holloran. Additional species from other plant lists, including one from 1975 by Dennis Breedlove, are marked with an asterisk if they have not been seen during recent visits.

*Abronia latifolia*  
*Abronia umbellata*\*  
*Acacia longifolia*  
*Acaena pinnatifida* var. *californica*  
*Achillea millefolium*  
*Agoseris apargioides* var. *apargioides*  
*Agoseris apargioides* var. *eastwoodiae*  
*Albizia lophantha*  
*Ambrosia chamissonis*  
*Ammophila arenaria*  
*Amsinckia* sp.  
*Anagallis arvensis*  
*Anaphalis margaritacea*  
*Angelica hendersonii*\*  
*Anthriscus caucalis*  
*Aphanes occidentalis*\*  
*Argyranthemum foeniculaceum* (? ~ horticultural *Chrysanthemum* sp.)  
*Armeria maritima* ssp. *californica*  
*Artemisia californica*  
*Artemisia pycnocephala*  
*Astragalus nuttalli* var. *virgatus*  
*Atriplex leucophylla*  
*Avena barbata*  
*Avena fatua*  
*Baccharis pilularis*  
*Brassica rapa*  
*Bromus carinatus* var. *maritimus*  
*Bromus diandrus*  
*Bromus hordeaceus*  
*Cakile maritima*  
*Calandrinia ciliata*  
*Calystegia purpurata* ssp. *purpurata*  
*Camissonia cheiranthifolia* ssp. *cheiranthifolia*  
*Camissonia cheiranthifolia* ssp. *suffruticosa* (introduced)  
*Camissonia contorta*  
*Camissonia micrantha*

*Capsella bursa-pastoris*  
*Cardamine oligosperma*  
*Cardionema ramossissimum*  
*Carduus pycnocephala*  
*Carpobrotus chilensis\**  
*Carpobrotus edulis*  
*Castilleja latifolia\* (?)*  
*Castilleja subinclusa ssp. franciscana\* (?)*  
*Castilleja wightii* (= *Castilleja affinis ssp. affinis* according to Peter Baye's analysis of SF  
*Castilleja* specimens)  
*Centaurea melitensis*  
*Cerastium glomeratum*  
*Chamomilla suaveolens*  
*Chenopodium album*  
*Chenopodium multifidum*  
*Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. divaricatum*  
*Chorizanthe cuspidata var. cuspidata*  
*Cirsium occidentale var. occidentale*  
*Cirsium vulgare*  
*Clarkia rubicunda* (keyed by Pete to this species several times using Jepson Manual,  
although the lack of a red spot at base of petals is troubling)  
*Claytonia perfoliata ssp. perfoliata*  
*Conicosia pugioniformis*  
*Conium maculatum*  
*Conyza sp.*  
*Cotula australis*  
*Crassula conata*  
*Croton californicus\**  
*Cryptantha leiocarpa*  
*Cupressus macrocarpa*  
*Daucus pusillus*  
*Delairea odorata = Senecio mikanioides*  
*Dichelostemma capitatum ssp. capitatum*  
*Drosanthemum floribundum*  
*Dudleya farinosa*  
*Ehrharta erecta*  
*Elytrigia juncea ssp. boreali-atlantica* (acc. to Peter Baye)  
*Epilobium brachycarpum*  
*Epilobium ciliatum ssp. watsonii*  
*Equisetum telmateia ssp. braunii\**  
*Ericameria ericoides*  
*Erigeron glaucus*  
*Eriogonum fasciculatum var. ?*  
*Eriogonum latifolium*  
*Eriophyllum staechadifolium*

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Erodium botrys  
Erodium cicutarium  
Erodium sp.  
Erysimum franciscanum  
Eschscholzia californica  
Eucalyptus globulus  
Festuca rubra  
Foeniculum vulgare  
Fragaria chiloensis  
Fumaria parviflora  
Galium aparine  
Geranium dissectum  
Gilia capitata ssp. chamissonis\*  
Gnaphalium luteo-album  
Gnaphalium ramosissimum (noted by Ingrid Cabada and Asha Setty near Skyline Blvd. in mid-July 2000)  
Gnaphalium purpureum  
Gnaphalium stramineum  
Gnaphalium sp.  
Grindelia hirsutula var. maritima\*  
Grindelia sp.  
Hedypnois cretica  
Heracleum lanatum (4 plants in Eucalyptus woodland on 20 April 2000)  
Hesperocnide tenella  
Heteromeles arbutifolia  
Hordeum murinum ssp. murinum  
Hypochaeris glabra  
Juncus balticus/lesueurii  
Koeleria macrantha  
Lactuca sp.  
Lathyrus littoralis  
Lavatera cretica  
Leptospermum laevigatum  
Leymus mollis  
Leymus pacificus  
Linaria canadensis  
Lonicera hispidula var. vacillans  
Lotus corniculatus  
Lotus heermannii var. orbiculatus (?)  
Lotus humistratus\* (seen in June 1999 by Ingrid Cabada)  
Lotus scoparius (prostrate coastal form, presumed native)  
Lotus scoparius (erect inland form, presumed introduced)  
Lotus strigosus  
Lupinus arboreus  
Lupinus arboreus x variicolor

Lupinus bicolor/nanus  
Lupinus chamissonis  
Lupinus variicolor\*  
Madia sativa  
Malva parviflora  
Marah fabaceus  
Medicago polymorpha  
Melica imperfecta  
Melilotus indica  
Microseris bigelovii  
Mimulus aurantiacus  
Monardella villosa ssp. franciscana\*  
Myoporum laetum  
Myrica californica\*  
Navarretia squarrosa\*  
Oemleria cerasiformis  
Oenothera elata ssp. hookeri  
Orobanche sp. (seen at the "Boy Scout Bowl" in June 1999 by Ingrid Cabada)  
Oxalis corniculata\*  
Oxalis pes-caprae  
Paronychia franciscana\*  
Pelargonium x domesticum\*  
Phacelia californica\*  
Phacelia distans\*  
Pinus radiata\*  
Piperia elegans  
Plantago coronopus  
Plantago erecta\*  
Plantago maritima  
Poa annua  
Poa douglasii  
Poa secunda ssp. secunda (?)  
Polycarpon tetraphyllum  
Polygonum paronychia  
Polypodium californicum  
Polypogon sp.  
Pteridium aquilinum var. pubescens  
Pterostegia drymarioides  
Ranunculus californicus  
Raphanus sativus  
Rhamnus californica ssp. californica  
Rosa californica  
Rubus ursinus  
Rumex acetosella  
Rumex salicifolius var. crassus (?)

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Salix lasiolepis (?)  
Sanicula crassicaulis  
Satureja douglasii\*  
Scrophularia californica ssp. californica  
Senecio elegans  
Senecio vulgaris  
Sidalcea malvaeflora ssp.?  
Silene gallica  
Solanum furcatum  
Solanum nodiflorum=Solanum americanum (?)  
Solanum rostratum (keyed by Ingrid Cabada and Asha Setty in mid-July 2000)  
Solidago spathulata\*  
Sonchus oleraceus  
Spergularia macrotheca (seen on cliffs on 29 April 2000)  
Spergularia rubra (?)  
Stellaria media  
Tanacetum camphoratum  
Tetragonia tetragonoides  
Toxicodendron diversilobum  
Trifolium willdenovii  
Triteleia laxa  
Uropappus lindleyii  
Vicia sativa  
Vicia villosa (?)  
Vinca major  
Vulpia sp.  
Yabea microcarpa (keyed by Pete on 29 April 2000)  
Zantedeschia aethiopica

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September 28, 2000

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Brian O'Neill  
General Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Fort Mason  
San Francisco, California

Re: Proposed Closure at Fort Funston

Dear Brian:

Enclosed are the tapes of the September 20, 2000 meeting of the Finance and Labor Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. At this hearing, the Committee, which is chaired by Supervisor Leland Yee, addressed the ongoing closures at Fort Funston.

The entire meeting was recorded on two video tapes. The Fort Funston portion of the meeting begins on the first tape, and continues on the second. We have set up the first tape so that it, when you play it, it will begin with the Fort Funston closures.

Please include these tapes in the notice and comment record. Thank you.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

*Lydia Boesch*

Lydia Boesch

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August 30, 2000

Mr. Richard Bartke, Chair  
GGNRA Advisory Commission  
Fort Mason, Building 201  
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. Bartke,

I am writing to protest the closure of any part of Fort Funston. San Francisco gave Fort Funston to the National Park Service for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

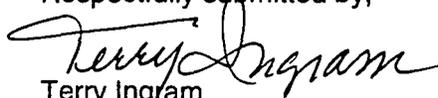
Fort Funston is an extraordinary San Francisco park that has been dedicated to recreational use since 1961. It's San Francisco open recreation at its finest, with shared use among hang gliders, dune sliders, nesting birds, romping kids and dogs...and the experience is now threatened for many who love it, as efforts are underway to close off some of the most popular areas of the Fort to recreational use.

38% of San Franciscans own dogs. In one of the most densely populated cities in the country, this space is vital to those of us who love our dogs, and contribute significantly to the maintenance of our local environment. The majority of visitors to Fort Funston are San Franciscans.

Please, keep Fort Funston open and free of fences. Let's put the "fun" back in Fort Funston.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted by,



Terry Ingram  
on behalf of  
Rafa & KoKo



Rafa & KoKo at Fort Funston c1998

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*Mr. Redmond F. Keruan*  
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August 31, 2000

Mr. Redmond F. Kernan  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Advisory Commission  
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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Sincerely,



Dr. Renée Ilene Pittin

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*Ms. Lennie Roberts*  
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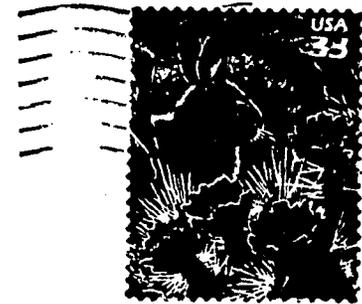
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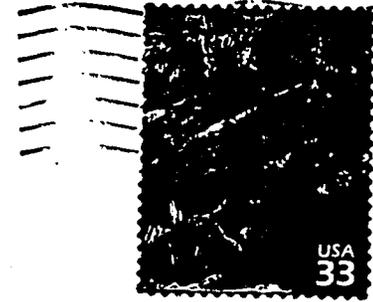
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