

IDENTIFYING THE WESTERN SNOWY PLOVER

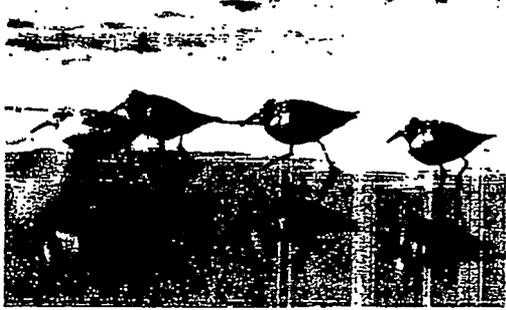
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Photos courtesy of Gary R. Nichols

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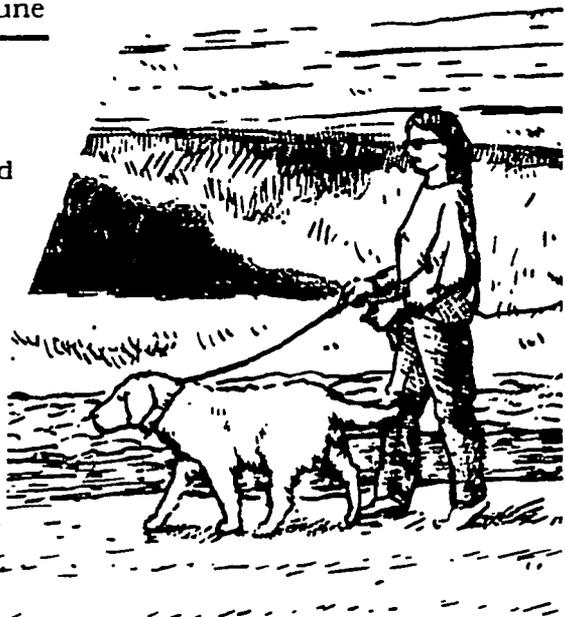
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Richard Weideman
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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GOLDEN GATE NRA
CHIEF RANGER

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Sincerely



Rochelle Santiago
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March 9, 1999

National Park Service Rangers
Fort Funston
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
San Francisco, CA.

Dear Rangers:

I have just finished my dinner and am sitting contentedly in the sunshine in my house—and I have you to thank for it! On Sunday, my human wanted to treat me to an outing, so she did some reading and found Fort Funston—dog heaven on earth, where I am free to stretch my legs and have a great time with other dogs. It was a beautiful day, although the wind was very strong and my human decided to walk on the interior paths to avoid the blowing sand.

Right before we were going to leave, my human decided to take a peek down to the beach. I don't recall exactly—I may have thought we were going that direction (down), or just planted my feet too close to the edge. Whichever, I ended up over the edge on the steep hill down to the beach, about 20 feet from the top. I could tell by the sound of my human's voice that she was VERY UPSET! I wasn't unduly concerned until I tried to go back up and slipped on the loose dirt. My human didn't want me to go down, so, after I wore myself out trying to get back up, I sat down and waited until you came to help me. Boy, was I glad to see you!

My human and I want to thank you so very much for helping us both this last Sunday (March 7). You were efficient, kind, and helpful, not chiding either of us for the predicament in which we found ourselves (we were very embarrassed). And, of course, you rescued me and delivered me safe and sound back to the top of the cliff to my extremely grateful human. My human was negligent in getting the names of all of the park service rangers who helped rescue me. She remembers Sam Eddy and hopes he will pass along our heartfelt thanks to all involved.

Sincerely,

Allie and Barbara Alexander

Allie Alexander and
Barbara Alexander (Mrs. Wayne, Allie's human)

P.S. My human tells me that while she wishes our "adventure" had never happened, she was glad she had joined the Golden Gate National Parks Association last December, never dreaming, of course, that she and I would be the recipients of the expertise of the park service rangers there.

Cc: Ms. Liz Scanlon

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Deidre Connor
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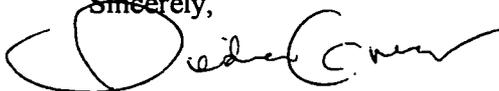
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Pelosi:

I am writing to express my alarm over recent closures of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area within San Francisco to off-leash dog walking. During the past two years, all of the Presidio and Land's End, a large portion of Ft. Miley, part of Ft. Funston and most of Ocean Beach have been closed to this form of recreation, all with little or no public notice and no public hearings. These areas have been used for off-leash dog walking for decades.

A loving relationship with a dog and the corresponding need to take care of it, including providing it with adequate exercise, is a very enjoyable experience witnessed by the fact that millions of people choose to do it. By arbitrarily disallowing dog owners to walk with their dogs off-leash in these parks, this class of people are being denied their chosen form of recreation. The closures within GGNRA are contrary to the legislation and statutes governing it and policies adopted in 1979 to allow off-leash dog walking within these parklands. I strongly urge you to do everything in your power to rescind these illegal closures and to require public notice and public hearings if any effort is made to reinstate them. Thank you for your help with this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Deidre Connor

cc: Amy Meyer, Chairperson, People for a Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Richard Bartke, Chair, GGNRA Advisory Commission

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HABITAT RESTORATION SUPPORT GROUP

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June 20, 2000

Brian O'Neill, General Superintendent
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Dear Gentlemen:

We request that the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) and the National Park Service (NPS) manage Fort Funston and GGNRA in compliance with 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 2.15(a)(2), which requires dogs to be on a leash in national parks and recreation areas. This regulation states:

"The following are prohibited: ... (2) 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."

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. NPS regulations do not provide authorities the discretion to disregard the regulation for a particular location in a national park or recreation area.

While some of the undersigned are dog owners and understand the desire to provide areas where dogs can be walked off leash, national parks and national recreation areas are not the appropriate locations for this activity.

GGNRA has had a policy allowing dogs off leash and off trail at Fort Funston (see enclosed brochures) and other areas in GGNRA. Until recently, there were signs at Fort Funston indicating that dogs could be off leash, or as it is sometimes referred to, "under voice control." As a result of this well-publicized, long-term policy a situation now exists where hundreds of off leash dogs are found at Fort Funston.

This results in the following adverse impacts:

- It prevents natural growth of native vegetation and forces out native wildlife (such as California quail).
- Off leash, off trail dog walking has denuded slopes of all vegetation.

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- The incredible diversity and beauty of the restored dunes, where dogs must be on a leash and stay on the trails, demonstrates the high habitat value of the rest of Fort Funston. It is expected that Fort Funston will be included in the recovery plan for the rare plant, San Francisco Lessingia. This further indicates that this is valuable habitat and off leash dogs should not be allowed to degrade it.
- The "voice control" policy simply does not work with the large number of dogs that visitors regularly bring to Fort Funston. Routinely, dogs are seen wandering without their owner anywhere in sight. Groups of dogs run and chase each other, ignoring voice commands by their owners. It is impossible to prevent dogs from running up to small children, who may be frightened. Numerous dog fights have occurred, and numerous people have been attacked or bitten by dogs.
- Frequently dogs run or are chased by other dogs over the steep coastal bluff and get trapped on the cliff. Park rangers lower themselves over the cliff to rescue the dog, risking serious injury. These risks are unreasonable and unnecessary.
- The extent of off leash dog use at Fort Funston degrades the experience of visitors who simply want a quiet, peaceful walk to appreciate nature.

GGNRA rangers routinely observe many dogs off leash, however they make no effort to inform people that they are required to put their dog on a leash or to enforce the leash requirement, except in limited areas closed for habitat restoration. This reflects an intentional policy of the GGNRA and NPS not to enforce the leash requirement found in NPS regulations, but rather to affirmatively allow hundreds of people to violate the federal regulations.

The GGNRA and NPS have the responsibility to take appropriate actions to educate visitors about the leash requirement and to enforce the regulation requiring that dogs must be on a leash. We request that the GGNRA and NPS immediately begin to do so.

As volunteers, we have each dedicated hundreds of hours working to restore and protect the GGNRA and we believe that it is equally important for the GGNRA and NPS to uphold their obligation to fully protect the Park resources. We are hopeful that the Park will do so. However, we also request that you consider this letter notice of our intent to file a legal action in federal court to require the GGNRA and NPS to manage the GGNRA and Fort Funston in compliance with 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 2.15(a)(2). ←

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Sandy Goldberg

Sandy Goldberg, Chris Vulpe, Joy Durighello, Jaime Cabada, Ingrid Cabada, Adele Fasick, Virginia Krasevac, Marianna Pieck, Peggy Van Diem, Shirley Suhrer, Charlie Starbuck, Lucy Stoffle-Anderson, James Dougherty, Dale Smith

Members, HABITAT RESTORATION SUPPORT GROUP

cc: Chuck O'Connor, U.S. Attorney's Office; Ralph Mihan, Field Solicitor, Dept. of Interior; GGNRA Advisory Commission

ENJOYING THE PARK WITH YOUR DOG



DOING YOUR PART

There are many opportunities to enjoy Golden Gate National Recreation Area with your dog. It is important to remember that national parks contain resources that can be seriously damaged by dogs that are not properly controlled. Rules pertaining to dogs are designed to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for you and your dog, as well as other visitors, while also protecting park resources.

Your cooperation is necessary if this is to remain one of the premier national park sites in the country. Please be mindful of restrictions on off-leash dog use and observe the rules of common courtesy and dog etiquette. You may be cited and fined for a violation of these rules. (36 CFR Part 2)

Leash Length

In areas requiring leashes, dogs must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet.



Dog etiquette

Always pick up your dog's litter. It is unhealthy, contaminates the environment, and affects the territorial behavior of some wild animals. It is inconsiderate to leave your dog's litter in public areas.

Many children (and adults) are frightened by dogs. Hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians may also be disturbed, and even endangered, by dogs that are not effectively controlled. Please show respect for others by closely managing your dog. Barking and aggressive dogs are not appreciated in any park area.

Service dogs

A service dog is one that assists someone who has a vision or hearing impairment. If you have a service dog, please inquire at one of the park visitor centers for assistance in planning a hike.

What is "Voice Control"?

In some areas, dogs are permitted off-leash under "voice control." This means the dog must respond immediately and obediently to single commands. In a voice-control area, a dog owner must ...

- be familiar with the boundary of the voice-control area
- carry a leash at all times
- leash the dog immediately if it displays aggressive behavior toward any person or other animal or is not responding to commands
- assure the dog does not dig holes, chase wildlife, destroy vegetation, or enter any fenced or closed areas, or disturb other visitors.

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WHERE CAN I TAKE MY DOG OFF LEASH?

You can allow your dog off leash under voice control in these areas. In most other areas of the Park, your dog must be on leash. In some areas, pets are prohibited entirely to protect sensitive resources.

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Ocean Beach

Dogs are allowed on Ocean Beach under voice control from Stairwell 1 south to Stairwell 21. Dogs must be on leash south of Stairwell 21 to Sloat Boulevard in order to protect the endangered Western Snowy Plover.

Fort Funston and Burton Beach

Dogs are permitted off leash under voice control in much of Fort Funston and on Phillip Burton Beach. However, dogs must be on leash in the Bank Swallow habitat area.

Baker Beach

Dogs are permitted, under voice control, on Baker Beach north of Lobos Creek. Dogs must be on leash south of Lobos Creek and in parking lots and picnic areas.

Crissy Field and Beach

Dogs may be off leash under voice control on Crissy Field east of the West Gate of the Golden Gate Promenade, and north of New Mason Street. Dogs must be on leash west of the West Gate of the Golden Gate Promenade and south of New Mason Street throughout the area. Dog owners must keep their dogs out of fenced dune areas.

West Pacific Avenue

Dogs may be off leash under voice control along the corridor adjoining West Pacific Avenue from the Broadway Street entrance to the 14th Avenue gate. Dogs must be on leash in the forest and fields east of Lovers Lane and north of the Ecology Trail.

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Rodeo Beach

Dogs are permitted off leash under voice control on Rodeo Beach from the shoreline to the crest of the dune. Dogs must be leashed from the crest of the dunes inland to Rodeo Lagoon and in the parking lots and picnic areas.

Oakwood Valley

Dogs are permitted off leash under voice control on, and immediately adjacent to, the Oakwood Valley Trail north of the small cattle pond. Dogs are not allowed off leash south of the pond, and may not enter the pond.

Muir Beach

Dogs are permitted off leash under voice control on Muir Beach from the shoreline to the crest of the dunes. Dogs must be leashed from the crest of the dunes inland to Big Lagoon and in parking lots and picnic areas.

Remember, people, dogs, and wildlife can enjoy this park together if you follow these rules. Please do your part.



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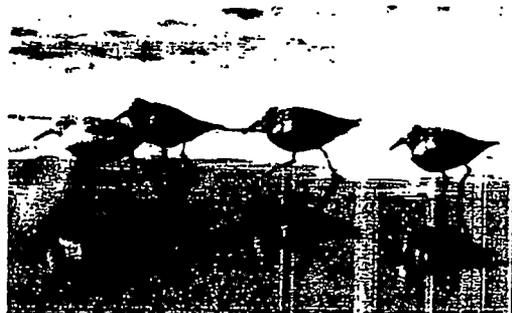
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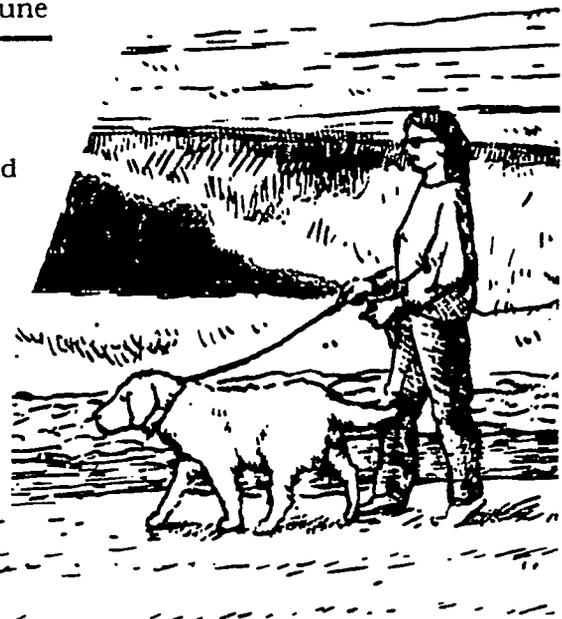
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Re: Fort Funston (GGNRA) closure

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San Francisco, CA 94123



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PLEASE HELP THE HUNDREDS
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July 12, 2000

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreational Area
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San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I am writing to ask your support in the fight to keep Fort Funston an open recreational area as it was originally intended. I'm sure you are aware of the on-going legal struggle over this matter. I would like to inform you of several issues.

Congress mandated that the Golden Gate National Recreation Area lands be set aside as "open recreational space." In 1995, approximately 20 acres of land were closed off from public use for native plant restoration. In my opinion, there were *never* any native plants growing on the sand dunes at Fort Funston. The Army planted ice plant many years ago in an effort to keep the ever moving sand in place. We were told by the GGNRA that this land would be returned in five years. It has now been five years, but the land remains fenced and closed from any public use.

In 1999, another 10 acres of land was closed from public use because a "threatened" species of bank swallow burrows holes into the cliffs on the ocean side of Fort Funston and nests there. We've heard many reasons for this closure so I'm not sure which one is genuine. One reason is protection of the bank swallows who are only there a few months of the year. I am, of course, more than willing to help a threatened species. But I'm sure there is some way the birds can nest undisturbed on the cliff side and people can still walk on the other side. A second reason for the closure we were told is that the cliffs have become unstable resulting in too many rescues of people and dogs, hence public safety. The fact of the matter is 30 acres of land are no longer "open recreational space."

This additional 10 acres was closed without any public notice or meetings. The GGNRA did not follow its own rules which require public input. The fact that the GGNRA purposely and secretly closed this land has been so noted in a court of law. The court ruled this land must be opened again to the public when the bank swallows leave which is in a few weeks from now.

Off-leash dog walking has been a legitimate recreational activity at Fort Funston for nearly 40 years. The dog walkers by far are the largest users of Fort Funston, but were purposely left out of the planning process. Many, many groups use Fort Funston. An area named Joe Hill (a steep sand hill) which is now closed was a favorite practice area for the Lowell High School track team. Many schools bring children to picnic at Fort Funston, allowing inner-city kids to meet a dog live and in person and learn they are not to be feared. I also often see a lot of elderly walkers enjoying the ocean view and migrating whales. Of course, there are also the hang gliders, horse riders, kite flyers and picnickers using the area as well. My point is this is one "open recreational space" which is *really* used by thousands of people daily.

It is unfortunate this land closure has become a "dog versus bird" issue. It is not. It is a people issue. That land is designated for public use and I ask you to please look into this matter, learn the truth and support the public's right to use Fort Funston.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Michalske". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon Michalske

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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I am writing in support of keeping San Francisco's Fort Funston of the Golden Gate Recreational Area an **open area** as it was originally mandated and as it has been for the last forty years. I would like to inform you of several issues (of the numerous issues currently in contention) that are important to me, your constituent.

As you know, Congress legislated that Golden Gate National Recreation Area lands be set aside as "open recreational space." In 1995, approximately 20 acres of land were closed off from public use for native plant restoration. As a fifty-year-old native San Franciscan, who has enjoyed using Fort Funston for as long as I can remember, I do not think there ever has been *native* plants growing on Fort Funston's sand dunes. The Army planted ice plant during their construction of the bunkers during World War II in an effort to keep the ever moving sand in place. San Franciscans were promised by the GGNRA that this land would be returned in five years. It has been five years, but the land remains fenced and closed from any public use.

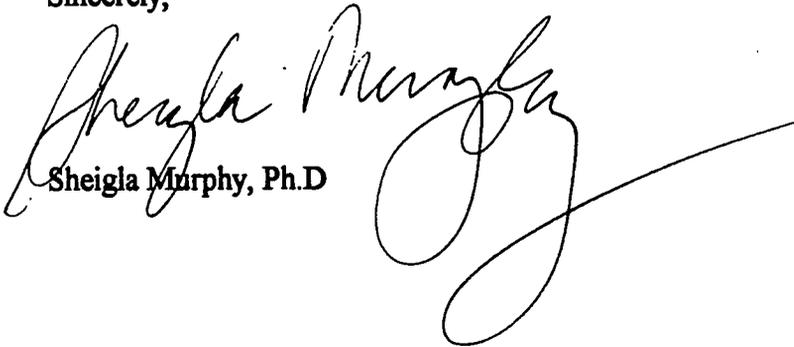
In 1999, another ten acres of land were closed from public use to protect species of bank swallows that burrows holes into the cliffs on the ocean side of Fort Funston in order to make nests. Fort Funston's frequent visitors have heard many reasons for this closure. One reason is protection of the bank swallows who are only there a few months of the year. I do, of course, support any measure to protect a threatened species. But I'm sure there is some way the birds can nest undisturbed on the cliff side and people can still walk on the other side. A second reason for the closure that San Franciscans were given was the ocean side trails have become unsafe because of too many people and dogs falling from the cliffs down to the beach and the expensive rescues. Whatever the reasons proffered, Fort Funston's visitors have been deprived of 30 acres of congressionally mandated "open recreational space."

The 1999 closure of ten acres was done without any public notice or meetings. The GGNRA did not follow its own rules which require public announcements and meetings. There is currently a federal court case in which Judge William Alsup so noted. The court has already ruled this acreage must be re-opened to public access when the bank swallows are finished breeding in a couple of weeks.

Off-leash dog walking has been a legitimate recreational activity at Fort Funston for nearly 40 years. Many, many groups use Fort Funston. An area named Joe Hill (a steep sand hill) which is now closed was a favorite practice area for the Lowell High School track team. Many schools bring children to picnic at Fort Funston, allowing inner-city kids to enjoy a beautiful and unique natural area and to interact with the dogs who are walked off-leash but under voice command. Lots of people (hang gliders, kite flyers and families with young children) with and without dogs enjoy Fort Funston and until recently very harmoniously. This particular piece of GGNRA is utilized by literally thousands of people on a daily basis.

This is not simply a dog versus bird or plant issue. It is a public access issue. Fort Funston had long been designated for public use. I ask you to please support everyone's, regardless of their species, right to enjoy Fort Funston.

Sincerely,



Sheigla Murphy, Ph.D

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3620 Market St., #5
San Francisco, CA 94131
July 10, 2000

B. O'Neill
Cy: M. Scott
C. Powell

M. Aguilera
S. Farrell
N. Walcott

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I urge you to limit the area of Fort Funston that is open to dogs off leash, if not completely to comply with Regulation 36 CFR, which states that all pets must be on leash.

The coastal dune flora at Fort Funston is one of the few remnants of the once massive San Francisco dune complex. It deserves protection from all the impacts that a dog park would bring to a fragile area. I hope you will work to protect this scarce vegetation as a natural resource.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Maxwell

Lawrence Maxwell
larmax@pacbell.net

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Lindsay Kefauver

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Superintendent
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Fort Mason, Building 201
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B. O'Neill
Cc: M. Scott
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S. Prokop
K. Turner
C. Powell
M. Aguilar
N. Walthall

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

On behalf of everyone who walks at Fort Funston - especially the dog walkers - I wanted to thank you for the wonderful new water fountain and two attached water bowls at the top of the sand ladder on the east side of Battery Davis.

Also the new wooden bag boxes are a huge improvement over the billowing bags tied to posts, those plus the lidded trashcans make the area so much more attractive and tidier.

Thank you to you and your staff, who made the decision to make these improvements, all of which greatly enhances everyone's enjoyment of the Fort.

Cordially yours,

Lindsay Kefauver
Lindsay Kefauver

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Cy: M. Scott
T. Thomas
& Farrell

R. Scott
V. Ruan
N. Walthall
7-7-00 M. Aguila

Mr. O'Neill,

I'm writing about the off-leash dogs endangering the coastal dune flora at Fort Funston.

The Code of Federal Regulations, like the codes governing all California state parks states that all pets must be on a leash. Why is this regulation (36 CFR 2.15) not being enforced at Fort Funston?

Natural resources and visitor experience for diverse user groups are not adequately protected by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area's current policy of allowing dogs to roam off-leash throughout most of Fort Funston.

About flora & protection:

The fenced area on the bluffs above the bank swallow nesting colony ought to be restored with native vegetation and protected from trampling.

Iceland (Caryophyllus solidus) is overtaking the diverse remnant native plant communities. In some areas, the trampling is so extensive that not even Iceland has survived.

continued.

The Fort Funston Green Team and various stewardship activities led by the park's interpretative rangers are doing excellent work and should be expanded.

Thank you for your time. *Rouanna*

Rouanna B. Garden
195 GARDENSIDE #19
S.F. CA 94131-1386
415-401-6193

B. I am a born & raised San Franciscan and I like the direction we are taking of restoring the native plant population. San Francisco is unique in so many ways and this effort will help the environment, tourism, and give us all pride in our uniqueness again.

Thanks.

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N. Walthall
M. Aguilar

July 7, 2000

Subject: Fort Funston an off-leash dog run?

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

The impact of off-leash dogs on the Fort Funston dune habitat is becoming increasingly overwhelming.

The wonderful work of the Fort Funston Green Team in removing exotic, invasive iceplants and restoring native dune vegetation should not be voided by off-leash dog interests.

Then there is the unique situation of Bank Swallows breeding in an ocean cliff colony. The colony's location should be afforded every possible protection.

I strongly feel that Fort Funston dogs should be leashed to protect this unit of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area from further degradation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Sincerely,

W. Schumann
Werner Schumann

July 6, 2000

Brian O'Neill
GGNRA
Fort Mason, Building 201
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re: Fort Funston

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B. O'Neill
cc: M. Scott
C. Powell
M. Aguilar
S. Farrell
N. Washall

Dear Brian,

I am writing to express my interest in the unique biological resources at Fort Funston. I am very concerned about off-leash dogs harassing and/or encroaching on the bank swallow colony on the cliffs. My goodness, nesting bank swallow areas are incredibly rare. They really need to be fully protected. Surely we can find some way to accommodate dog walkers without causing damage to bank swallows. I am also concerned about the iceplant taking over the remnant native areas and would like to see the iceplant removed and native species restored throughout Fort Funston.

Please, protect the swallows from off-leash dogs and do more to restore native biodiversity.

Thanks,

Randy Zebell
2471 15th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94116

Author: GOGA Superintendent at NP-GOGA
Date: 6/30/00 10:07 AM
Normal

TO: Mary Gibson ScottTO: Yvette RuanTO: Terri ThomasTO: Sharon Farrell at NP-GOGA-MAHETO:
Chris PowellTO: Melissa AguilarSubject: YES-Bank Swallow Protection-----
----- Message Contents

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Forward Header

Subject: YES-Bank Swallow Protection
Author: "B. London" <blondon@pacbell.net> at np--internet
Date: 6/30/00 9:41 AM

Dear Mr. Brian O'Neill,

I want to express my support for the closure of areas in Fort Funston to protect native habitat and the bank swallows.

I often walk at Fort Funston and usually see dogs digging up the plants and chasing birds, while the owners stand and watch. Dog owners become very self-righteous and legalistic when it comes to the protection of dogs, but often as not, the dogs are not licensed, off the leash, off the trails, chasing birds, digging up habitat, and pooping all over the place. The law, it seems, applies only to others, not to their dogs.

Thank you for your protection of these fragile areas.

Barbara London

Mr. Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
GGNRA
Fort Mason Bldg. 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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San Francisco, CA 94121
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B. O'Neill
Cy: M. Scott
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Dear Mr. O'Neill,

For the past two years, my wife and I have volunteered our Saturday mornings to help restore San Francisco's native dune flora at Fort Funston. I am writing to you to support the expansion of this project, and to resist dog-walkers who would not welcome other uses of the park.

I respect the desire of some San Franciscans to use Fort Funston with their pets. However, the density of free-roaming dogs at Fort Funston does not make it a welcoming place for non-dog walkers. Hence few people without dogs go there for the sake of a quiet stroll or a picnic in pleasant surroundings. This is too bad, because its restored areas are beautiful and offer unparalleled glimpses of the flora and the fauna that originally graced the coast. In spring the restored areas are stunning.

As part of the GGNRA, Fort Funston should be more than just a canine theme park. Dogs at Fort Funston should adhere to the federal regulation (36 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 2.15(a)(2)) that dogs in national parks be leashed. Although a leash diminishes a dog's freedom and perhaps alters its enjoyment of its outing, to my knowledge it is not the policy of any national park to prioritize pet recreation above human recreation or above wild flora and fauna.

Just as Fort Funston should not be turned over to free-roaming pets, it should not become a private nursery for native plant enthusiasts either. I suggest that once a leash law is in effect, some boardwalks be thoughtfully directed through some of the restored habitat so that visitors can see the beautiful and diverse flora up close. The sand is not shifting much in many of the restored areas (thanks to the plants) and hence a walkway of some sort would not get buried. Such a walkway would be particularly appropriate near the visitor's center, which itself would benefit from a sign directing people to it at the crossroads by the park entrance. It also might be interesting to make a few signs to help visitors to identify and appreciate some of the most striking flower species. The picnic tables by the visitor's center are nice; it would be nice if some were set up in areas away from the visitor's center.

Fort Funston has served well as a dog resort for a long time. For a long time, the closest thing to multiple use has come from hang-gliders, who don't much cross paths with unleashed canines. As the difficulty of exiting San Francisco on crowded freeways increases, as open space in and around the Bay Area is developed, and as the public's appreciation of biological diversity and natural history grows, Fort Funston should improve to meet the needs of everyone.

Sincerely,



Dr. Matthew Orr

1 Miraflores Ln.
Tiburon, CA. 94920
March 9, 1999

National Park Service Rangers
Fort Funston
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
San Francisco, CA.

Dear Rangers:

I have just finished my dinner and am sitting contentedly in the sunshine in my house—and I have you to thank for it! On Sunday, my human wanted to treat me to an outing, so she did some reading and found Fort Funston—dog heaven on earth, where I am free to stretch my legs and have a great time with other dogs. It was a beautiful day, although the wind was very strong and my human decided to walk on the interior paths to avoid the blowing sand.

Right before we were going to leave, my human decided to take a peek down to the beach. I don't recall exactly—I may have thought we were going that direction (down), or just planted my feet too close to the edge. Whichever, I ended up over the edge on the steep hill down to the beach, about 20 feet from the top. I could tell by the sound of my human's voice that she was VERY UPSET! I wasn't unduly concerned until I tried to go back up and slipped on the loose dirt. My human didn't want me to go down, so, after I wore myself out trying to get back up, I sat down and waited until you came to help me. Boy, was I glad to see you!

My human and I want to thank you so very much for helping us both this last Sunday (March 7). You were efficient, kind, and helpful, not chiding either of us for the predicament in which we found ourselves (we were very embarrassed). And, of course, you rescued me and delivered me safe and sound back to the top of the cliff to my extremely grateful human. My human was negligent in getting the names of all of the park service rangers who helped rescue me. She remembers Sam Eddy and hopes he will pass along our heartfelt thanks to all involved.

Sincerely,

ALLIE and Barbara Alexander

Allie Alexander and
Barbara Alexander (Mrs. Wayne, Allie's human)

P.S. My human tells me that while she wishes our "adventure" had never happened, she was glad she had joined the Golden Gate National Parks Association last December, never dreaming, of course, that she and I would be the recipients of the expertise of the park service rangers there.

Cc: Ms. Liz Scanlon

Deidre Connor
2151 44th Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94116

May 1, 1998

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Pelosi:

I am writing to express my alarm over recent closures of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area within San Francisco to off-leash dog walking. During the past two years, all of the Presidio and Land's End, a large portion of Ft. Miley, part of Ft. Funston and most of Ocean Beach have been closed to this form of recreation, all with little or no public notice and no public hearings. These areas have been used for off-leash dog walking for decades.

A loving relationship with a dog and the corresponding need to take care of it, including providing it with adequate exercise, is a very enjoyable experience witnessed by the fact that millions of people choose to do it. By arbitrarily disallowing dog owners to walk with their dogs off-leash in these parks, this class of people are being denied their chosen form of recreation. The closures within GGNRA are contrary to the legislation and statutes governing it and policies adopted in 1979 to allow off-leash dog walking within these parklands. I strongly urge you to do everything in your power to rescind these illegal closures and to require public notice and public hearings if any effort is made to reinstate them. Thank you for your help with this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Deidre Conner

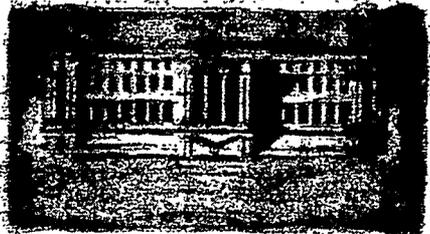
cc: Amy Meyer, Chairperson, People for a Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Richard Bartke, Chair, GGNRA Advisory Commission

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Dear Mr. O'Neill,
I am writing to you regarding
the Fort Funston area.



NEW YORK

Hu-Kranel
334 San Leandro Way
San Francisco, CA 94127-1918

Der Superintendent O'Neill,

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Please keep Fort Funston available for at least
the vegetation

So that it can be used for the NPS
restoration project.

Day walkers are legitimate park users. They
are the majority park users, there everyday,
rain or shine. Let the Audubon Society
& Calif. Native Plant Society create a
nature reserve in a less-frequented part of
the GENRA.

Sincerely,
Karin Hu, 334 San Leandro
SF, CA 94127

7/16/2000

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

Please include the considerations
of dog walkers in the planning
process of the GGNRA for management
and future resources.

Thank you
Sincerely + Respectfully,
Leslie Zamarripa

Leslie T. Zamarripa
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San Francisco, CA
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Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Building 201 Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Re: Fort Funston (GGNRA) closure

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7-16-00

Brian O'Neill,

Please include "FT FUNSTON DOG WALKERS" IN THE PLANNING PROCESS WE HAVE BEEN A LEGITIMATE RECREATIONAL USER OF FT. FUNSTON FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS. IN THE ENACTING LEGISLATION, CONGRESS MANDATED GGNRA LANDS BE SET ASIDE AS "OPEN RECREATIONAL SPACE."

Marlene Stoner

Proud Supporter of Wildlife Land Trust



Ms. Marlene Stoner
353 Wawona St.
San Francisco, CA 94127



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

Re: Fort Funston (GGNRA) closure

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Author: Mike Moser at NP-GOGA-GGNPA
Date: 8/7/00 9:28 AM
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TO: Brian O'Neill at NP-GOGACC: Carol Prince Subject: Unleashed Dogs at Ft. Funston -----
----- Message Contents

Brian and Carol,

This message was sent through the Association's web site to "tellmemore@ggnpa.org". It was "cc"d to "takeaction@npca.org".

Mike Moser

Forward Header

Subject: Unleashed Dogs at Ft. Funston
Author: "Trish Kaspar" <trishkal@earthlink.net> at INTERNET-GATEWAY
Date: 8/6/2000 7:31 PM

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay & Franklin Streets, Building 201
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123
Fax: 415-561-4710

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I am writing to support measures to protect the Fort Funston area of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. You're well aware of the unique nature of the sandstone bluffs and sand dunes of Fort Funston; after all, you know the projects that continue there on a weekly basis. Only 5 percent of the San Francisco dune complex remains, and the National Park Service is charged with protecting those dunes within GGNRA "unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Unimpaired does not mean resources scarred with graffiti or eroded by tracks and trails.

I cannot understand why the National Park Service has failed to enforce its own clear regulations at Fort Funston regarding free-running dogs. Is GGNRA the only unit of the National Park System that openly ignores 36 CFR 2.1, apparently encouraging pet owners to run their dogs on fragile dunes? Why have you not halted the threats to fragile native vegetation, bank swallows (listed as threatened in California), California quail and burrowing owls?

I urge you to end the habit of owners running unleashed dogs at Fort Funston and to protect sensitive areas of the sandstone bluff and dune system. Please keep me informed on steps the National Park Service will take to protect the Ft. Funston site. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Kaspar
San Mateo, CA

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
GGNRA
Bay & Franklin, Bldg 201
Fort Mason, San Francisco 94123

RE: Fort Funston—Proposed Permanent Closure

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

The statements regarding public safety used to support GGNRA's proposal are extremely misleading. I am writing to object strenuously to their misuse to support GGNRA's proposal for further closures.

As a daily user of Fort Funston, I have witnessed at least five of the cliff rescues to which your proposal refers. They all occurred in the first quarter mile of the Sunset Trail, not even in the proximity of the proposed closure.

GGNRA's signage regarding unstable cliffs is on the Sunset Trail in the area where I have seen rescues. I believe this is further evidence of the location of rescues, i.e., **not in the area of the proposed closures.**

The frequency with which rescues have occurred is also misleading. GGNRA has successfully restricted dog walking outside of Fort Funston in recent years, thereby funneling this activity to this last bastion. Increased use has naturally led to increased rescues. Still by GGNRA's own reckoning 16 rescues in 1999 represents a mere .002% of the 750,000 visits to Fort Funston. Surely this small number cannot be considered excessive, given that the entire bluff was undermined by high tides during the El Nino storms of 1998.

Furthermore, GGNRA's proposal reports a 36% decrease in the number of rescues from 1998 to 1999. Surely this decrease is attributable to the warning signs that were installed in 1999. If GGNRA had a sincere interest in public safety these signs would have been installed a year earlier, when the cliff structure was undermined by weather.

In fact, if public safety were GGNRA's sincere concern, it would not further restrict the areas available to users, thereby increasing the traffic in the areas unsafe to them.

Once again, GGNRA proves itself dishonest in its dealings with the users of its parks. It may successfully fool those who don't use its parks, but it will not fool the users.

Yours sincerely,



Mary McAllister
2484 21st Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

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Joann W Raine
514 Inman Ter
Willow Grove, PA 19090-3614

Aug 7 2000

Dear Capt O'Neill :

An article in two national papers and an alert by the National Park Friends system surprised me when they stated that the Fort Funston portion of the park permitted dogs to run free - or at least didn't enforce the rules. Dogs and humans who run into the dunes and cliff areas threaten wild life and could destroy the bank swallows colony that I personally went to see while I visited San Francisco.

I urge you to end the practice of dog owners running unleashed dogs free on National Park Service land. Even my local parks and National Lands Trust lands protect their resources by banning unleashed dogs. ~~Wild~~ Wildlife safety is your responsibility. Dog owners will find somewhere else to play. I will continue to stay informed to see you enforce the regulations

Jo Ann Raine

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Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

We are writing to add our support to those individuals and organizations urging you to prohibit free-running dogs in the Fort Funston area of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. It is our understanding that this area includes a rare colony of bank swallows, as well as habitat for the California quail and burrowing owls.

We support closure of such sensitive areas to any human activities that endanger the habitat or its wildlife. There should be sufficient alternative beach areas for people to exercise their dogs.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



John McArdle, Ph.D.
Director

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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San Francisco, CA 94123
Fax: 415-561-4710

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Sincerely,

Bonnie Fraser

Bonnie Fraser
2520 Oak St.
Kissimmee, FL 34744
fraserbw@prodigy.net

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Dear Superintendent O'Neill

August 7, 2000

y: O'Neill

Golden Gate National Recreation Area is a beloved treasure to San Franciscans and visitors alike. The Fort Funston portion of Golden Gate encompasses 230 acres, including one of the best continuous exposures of a sandstone formation, revealing the last 2 million years of California geologic history, and the largest remnant of the San Francisco sand dune complex, of which only 5% still exists. The sandstone bluffs and dunes host a rare colony of bank swallows (listed as threatened in California), California quail, and burrowing owls. But destructive and excessive human activity threatens these park resources. Cliff-climbing, graffiti carved into sandstone bluffs, and, most particularly, free-running dogs threaten wildlife and cliff/dune stability. In fact, Golden Gate is the only unit of the entire National Park System that has tolerated off-leash dog walking. We are very concerned about the bank swallow colony and other native plants, wildlife and geologic formations in the Fort Funston area. We strongly support closures of sensitive areas to uses that threaten park resources. We oppose free-running dogs on Fort Funston's bluffs and dunes. Golden Gate is not exempt from existing system-wide NPS laws requiring dogs to be on leashes.

Please help preserve the park for us and future generations.

Thank you
Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Denison
6931 E. 11th St.
Long Beach, CA 90815

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Sincerely,



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Columbia, MD 21044

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Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Sincerely,

Bruce Blum

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August 7, 2000

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
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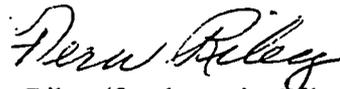
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Thank you for your attention to our concerns. Please keep us informed on steps that the National Park Service will take to protect this area that we long-term residents and natives of this once beautiful state have always treasured.

Sincerely,



Fern Riley (for the entire Riley family)

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Laura A. Woodry
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August 7, 2000

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Sincerely,


Laura A. Woodry

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Lise Brenner
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Brooklyn, NY 11231

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Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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San Francisco, CA 94123
Fax: 415-561-4710

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I live in New York, but I was born in San Francisco and raised in Seattle. I visit the west coast frequently and have many friends and family there. I am writing to support measures to protect the Fort Funston area of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I do not need to tell you of the unique nature of the sandstone bluffs and sand dunes of Fort Funston. Only 5 percent of the San Francisco dune complex remains, and the National Park Service is charged with protecting those dunes within GGNRA "unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Unimpaired does not mean resources scarred with graffiti or eroded by tracks and trails.

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Superintendent, GGNRA
Bay and Franklin Sts. Bldg. 201
Ft. Mason, San Francisco, 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill

As a person who has reverence for all life, I do not dispute the fact that we all need to do whatever possible to preserve our wildlife and native plants. However, as a dog lover and user of Ft. Funston to run my dog off-lead I would like you to know how important it is for dogs to be allowed to run freely, even if the area is curtailed.

I am really asking that dogs not be put on-lead in order to use the fort. Dogs that are not properly socialized and exercised off-lead present a problem of aggression and other behavioral problems.

I appreciate your attention to this letter and will look forward to the meeting on August 29, 2000.

FOFUAR02065

Sincerely,
Diane D. Grant
Diane D. Grant
6 Lighthouse Rd.
Half Moon Bay, Ca. 94019

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GONRA - National Park Service
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Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

I am writing in support of GONRA efforts to protect the Bank Swallow nesting site at Fort Funston. This area is unique and also essential to this threatened species. The Fort Funston site is 1 of only 2 successful nesting sites on the entire West Coast. Listed as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act, it needs protection by the GONRA management. It should have an extended area roped off to keep out dogs and people.

I saw dogs running free at the base of some active nesting holes in a recent visit.

The dogs at Fort Funston have ruined the area for non-dog owners. We parked at the Visitor Center area recently, saw all the dogs on a week day, and left after 20 minutes. This has become a dog run, not a national park for all.

thanks for your attention.

Sincerely,
Myra Ilvong

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Sincerely,

Joseph and Janet Holly Romine
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Tulsa, OK 74159-0662

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Sincerely,
Ross Grainger.

Ross Grainger
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Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Re: Fort Funston (GGNRA) closures.

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

Please reconsider your current misguided policy of turning Fort Funston into a botanical preserve. Your proposed closures far exceed what is needed to protect the bank swallow and deprives hundreds of people the opportunity to enjoy the park. Why not allow the existing, hardy, use-appropriate ice plant to remain in the heavily used areas of the park and plant the more delicate "native plants", which, by the way, are also less effective at erosion control, in the little-used areas flanking the eastern side of the park.

Your misguided policy is at odds with the vast majority of users at the Fort, dog walkers, who rely on this last remaining off-leash area. We believe that this heavily-used and much needed unique urban park should receive a different managerial perspective than that applied to the rural wilderness.

Sincerely,



Cc: The Honorable Diane Feinstein
The Honorable Barbara Boxer
The Honorable Tom Lantos
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Willie Brown

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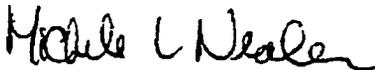
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Sincerely,



Michele L. Nealen
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cy: O'Neill

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I STRONGLY object to the recent closures and proposed NEW closures at Fort Funston. The fences keep tax paying citizens from enjoying what is the most scenic area of the Fort. In fact, the fences HAVE NOT benefited the BANK swallow population. The further proposed changes should be near the cliff face above the burrows. This would address public safety as well as the BANK swallows while allowing those of us that use the Fort on a regular basis, we the predominant users of Fort Funston, we the organization that takes very good care of the area by supplying litter bags and conducting monthly cleanups, the continued access we desire and deserve.

Thank you for listening.

BEATRICE MARTINEZ

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cy: O'Neill

*Diane S. Hert
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August 8, 2000

Via Telefax 415-561-4710

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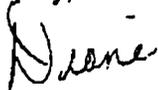
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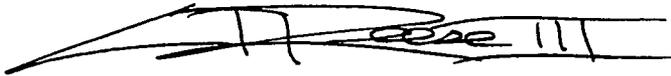
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August 8,2000

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. I am a senior divorced woman, living alone in San Francisco with my companion dog. I feel our quality of life in San Francisco would be effected if we could not continue to jog on the beach for fresh air and exercise.

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Sincerely,

Lynn Petra Nelson

cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Diane Feinstein, Tom Lantos

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August 8, 2000

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201
Fort Mason
SF, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

Having lived in San Francisco for over six years, I have come to love the city's open spaces. As a dog owner, I am particularly fond of Fort Funston. For this reason, I am writing to object to the proposed closure of 12 acres of open land. I strongly oppose this new restriction on citizen's free use of the fort, and I trust that you will do everything in your power to keep this from happening.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



John Hampton Perry

cc: SFD OG
P.O. Box 31071
SF, CA 94131

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Sincerely,

Maria E. Nowicki
James R. Golliver
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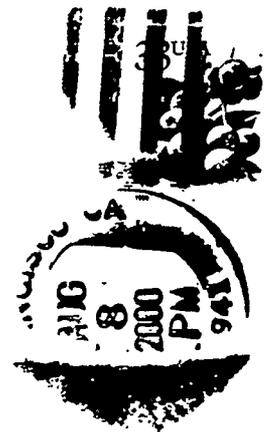
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Please keep the best
dog park in the country open ^(with no more closures)
me & my 2 pugs, Corky &
Smoky. We abide by all
rules and believe that this
place brings out the best in
the tourists, locals & animals who come
here.

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Sincerely,

Melissa Howe
624 Florence
Oak City
CA 94014

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Dear Mr. O'Neill: SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I'M NOT A DOG OWNER BUT I LOVE DOGS. I'VE ENJOYED WATCHING THE DOGS PLAY OFF-LEASH AT FORT FUNSTON. IT PUTS A SMILE ON MY FACE TO SEE A SMILE ON THE DOGS' FACES. PLEASE DON'T CLOSE THE FORT TO OFF-LEASH USE.

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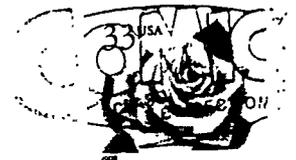
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ag: O'Neill

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

The Fort Funston dog walkers and visitors take very good care of the area by supplying bags and conducting monthly clean ups. By my experience, I have not seen abuse of the area or dogs attacking wildlife.

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Sincerely,



Ellen Ostermann
1269 Rosita Rd
Pacifica CA 94044

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

As a birder and a dog owner + user of Ft. Funston, I am really concerned that you re-open more of the park for us to enjoy. I do not believe this creates a threat to the birds.

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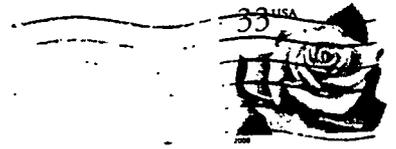
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Sincerely,

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August 9, 2000

5106 Anza Street
San Francisco, CA 94121

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
GGNRA
Fort Mason, Bldg. 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Re: Fort Funston Closures

As requested, my comments in response to the National Park Service "Notice of Proposed Year-Round Closure at Fort Funston" are submitted herewith. These comments are those of a non-professional and very ordinary person, and are brief.

Fort Funston being part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area surely as named is for the enjoyment, that is recreation, of the people. I do not accept that the National Park Service may at their choice fence off areas to be out of bounds to the many walkers who have had pleasure there.

I do, of course, respect a desire to protect wild birds but do not believe such huge closures are necessary. I am also unhappy at the views of extensive fencing, and at the ripping up of iceplant which flowers so beautifully and holds down the sand. Other areas of the coast line are available for native plant husbandry.

I and my dogs have walked Fort Funston both before and during the GGNRA reign. Years ago I became a member of the GGNRA Association to contribute to what I thought would be a continuation of a wide open free space shared, among others, by people with dogs allowed to walk naturally off leash. Much later I also joined Fort Funston Dog Walkers and do my part to clean and care for the land.

I am hoping you will reconsider the proposed closure set forth and that review will result in a reversal of intent.

Very truly yours,



Teresa Carter

c.c. L. McKay

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

Philip & Jill Weinstein
974 Ashbury Street
San Francisco, CA
94117

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

August 9, 2000

I used to live in the East Bay, and in 1986, my husband and I relocated to San Francisco. I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. We unsuccessfully tried to save a park close to my house, Grattan Park, from closing off dog to use. Although my neighborhood park had been designated for on-leash use, as well as an open ball field for use by children and adults, families whose homes surrounded this area, fought hard to improve their real estate, by outlawing the use of this field to dogs. Two of these families have since sold their homes and moved out of the City. Now children and families are bused or drive to this Park, where neighbors used to walk and congregate, and watch out for each others interests.

It was our impression that Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco, for recreational use, and in legislation crating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

My husband and I and our dog, Alf, go to Fort Funston every weekend, no matter what the weather. By far the majority of visitors to Fort Funston are San Franciscans and their dogs. We all go there to enjoy its decades-long tradition of off-leash free play and canine socialization, in a windblown and gloriously beautiful section of the San Francisco coastline. San Francisco's dog population has increased.

In one of the most densely populated cities in the country, such space is vital to the 38+% of us who keep dogs, love the land and contribute to the maintenance of our local environment. One only has to look at the magazine THE BARK, which is a locally published monthly, to recognize how much a part of this citizenry the canine population has become.

Sincerely,



Drs. Philip and Jill Weinstein

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Salisbury, North Carolina 28145-1711

August 9, 2000

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay & Franklin Streets, Building 201
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San Francisco, CA 94123

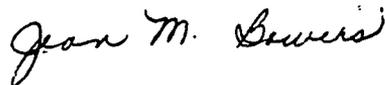
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Sincerely,



Jean M. Bowers

FOFUAR02090

GGNRA008266

cy: O'Neill

Sue Fitzpatrick
20410 Kirkmont Dr.
Saratoga, CA 95070

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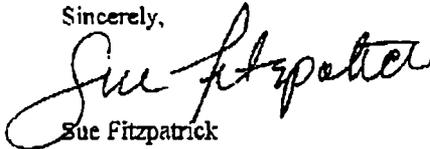
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Sue Fitzpatrick

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cy: O'Neill

Dear Mr. O'Neill: SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I just decided to become a dog owner. My new puppy needs a place to run freely. Fort Funston is a wonderful place to exercise my dog and to meet people. I need Fort Funston as an off-leash park. What would I do without it ??!!??

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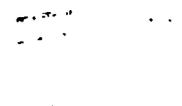
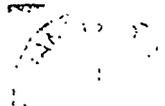
Sincerely,

K. Snow

KRISTY SNOW
553 PACIFIC AVE
SAN FRANCISCO CA
94133

FOFUAR02092

GGNRA008268



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cy: O'Neill

Dear Mr. O'Neill: SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I'VE MET SOME OF MY CLOSEST AND
DEAREST FRIENDS WALKING MY DOG
OFF-LEASH AT FORT FUNSTON.
PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE THE PARK TO
OFF-LEASH USE, I'LL LOSE CONTACT
WITH MY BEST FRIENDS.

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,

Wendy McClure

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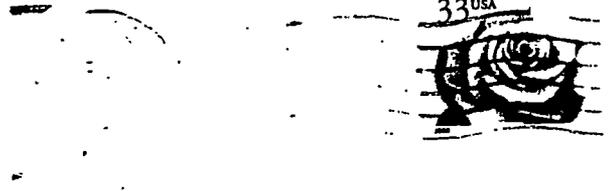
240 Claremont Blvd

San Francisco Ca

94127

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aj: O'Neill

SECRETARY'S OFFICE

955 Ashbury Street #25
San Francisco, CA 94117

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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S.F., CA 94123

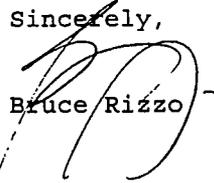
Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I am writing to voice my disappointment in your potential decision to close more of Fort Funston. San Franciscans and visitors enjoy visiting Fort Funston. Fencing in more acreage of Fort Funston seems unwarranted.

I love Fort Funston and don't want to see 12 more acres of it fenced. I think it is a disgrace that we will not be able to enjoy the Fort and that our recreational access at Fort Funston will be drastically limited.

If you plan on closing the Fort, please provide me with the scientific basis that merits for so large a closure. Knowledge of the facts will show that a closure is not necessary.

Sincerely,


Bruce Rizzo

cc: SFDOG
P.O. Box 31071
SF, CA 94131

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

cy: O'Neill

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

We strongly oppose the decision to close 12 acres at Fort Funston. I count on your diligent efforts to oppose this measure.

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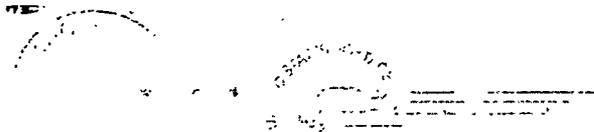
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Sincerely,

HERNÉ RODRIGUEZ

134 14TH ST. #4

SF CA 94114



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cy: O'Neill

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Public input is critical when a
much used park becomes an issue.
DOW workers use the park more than
any other group, why are we not
being asked to participate in
the discussion?

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Sincerely,



Alan Zimarski

240 CLAYTON BLVD

SF, CA 94127

FOFUAR02099

GGNRA008275



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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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cy: O'Neill

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

As a taxpayer & property owner in SF, I feel that I am entitled to a beach without restrictions for myself, my family, & my dogs.

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Sincerely,

Ranna Brandt

734 14th St. #4

SF CA

94114



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San Francisco, CA 94123



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AUG 09 2000

SUPERINTENDENT - RECREATION

cy: O'Neill

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

FORT FUNSTON IS ONE OF THE LAST PLACES
DOGS CAN RUN FREE AND LEARN TO SOCIALIZE
WITH OTHER DOGS AND PEOPLE. IS IT
REALLY NECESSARY TO FENCE OFF THE
ENTIRE PARK, LEAVING ONLY A CONCRETE
TRAIL FOR THE DOGS TO WALK ON.
HOPEFULLY YOU WILL RECONSIDER YOUR
DECISION TO CLOSE OFF MORE OPEN AREA.

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Sincerely,

BARRY KURPINSKY

40 OAKMONT DRIVE

DALY CITY, CA 94015

FOFUAR02103

GGNRA008279



Barry Kurpinsky
40 Oakmont Dr
Daly City, CA 94015-3540

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GGNRA008280

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AUG 09 2003

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

cc: O'Neill

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

LIVING IN A BIG CITY CAN BE LONELY.
HAVING THE ABILITY TO WALK MY
DOG OFF-LEASH WITH OTHER DOG
OWNERS MAKES ME FEEL A PART
OF A COMMUNITY. DONT ELIMINATE
MY SOCIAL LIFE!!!

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Sincerely,

Wendy McClure
Wendy McClure
240 Claremont Blvd
San Francisco CA
94127

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GGNRA008281

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

cc: O'Neill

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I have had visiting family members come with me to "It Fun" just to experience walking along with the dogs - they don't even have dogs & loved it here.

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Sincerely,

Melissa Hower
629 Florence
Daly City
CA 94014

FOFUAR02107

GGNRA008283



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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

aj: O'Neill

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I believe the Park Service needs to re-assess the recent closure of areas of Fort Funston.

The ~~to~~ ^{to} apparent inconsistencies and seemingly random actions in the face of public disapproval indicate that the ~~agenda~~ ^{agenda} of people running park activity seem to be unconcerned with ~~the~~ both the environment and public opinion.

I also have reason to believe that the native plant program is changing the habitat ~~of~~ of the bank swallows, not the presence of burrows and logs, since they co-existed quite well for many years.

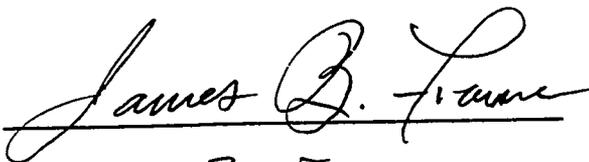
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Sincerely,



James B. Frame

25 Duncan St.

San Francisco, CA 94110

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Elizabeth V. Mooney
1295 Noe Street
San Francisco, CA 94114

August 9, 2000

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

Re: "Notice of Proposed Year-Round Closure at Fort Funston and Request for Comments"

Dear Superintendent:

I recently was informed by my dogwalker that the GGNRA is proposing the permanent closure of 12 acres at Fort Funston. I am writing to request that the closure be supported by scientific documentation regarding the current state of the twelve acres and why the proposed closure will preserve the acreage.

As a resident of San Francisco, I have spent many weekends walking my dogs at Fort Funston and have witnessed the changes to the landscape over the course of many winter seasons and, especially, after the rains and winds of El Nino. My husband and I have a recurring debate whether nature (including dogs running along cliffside paths and swallows nesting in the cliffs) or people (including children running up the cliffs) are most responsible for the yearly erosion we witness. I look forward to hearing what scientists say about this important issue.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in preserving multi-use, dog friendly recreation space in San Francisco.

Sincerely,



Beth Mooney

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SUPERINTENDENT

August 9, 2000

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

When the GGNRA was created in 1972 the first mandate was that the GGNRA parks be maintained for needed recreational open space. You & the GGNRA are not abiding by the enabling legislation.

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Sincerely,

Robert M. Lind
707 Church St
S. F. CA 94114

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Name: *Bob Hermann / Dan Foran*
Address: *75 Mangels Avenue*
Date: *San Francisco, California*
August 10th, 2000 94131

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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Sincerely,

FOFUAR02113

Dan Foran
Robert E Hermann Jr.

We enjoy Fort Funston as both recreational and free dog area. Please do not remove any more space

GGNRA008289

cy: O'Neill

August 10, 2000

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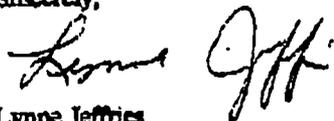
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Sincerely,



Lynne Jeffries
24792 Eaton Lane
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

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Sincerely,

 MADELEINE CORSON

Return address: _____

25 Zoe Street

San Francisco

CA 94107

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Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay & Franklin Streets, Building 201
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123
Fax: 415-561-4710



Gena Dillabo
P.O. Box 1554
Coupeville, WA 98239-1554

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Sincerely,

FOFUAR02116

GGNRA008292

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SUNSHINE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

My dog (Lucy) and I enjoy the Fort very much.
Please do not change the recreational space
as it is very limited in SF.

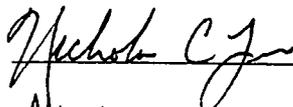
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Sincerely,



NICHOLAS C. LEON

1025 Brunselle St.

SF, CA 94134

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GGNRA008293

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SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

We enjoy the scenic beauty of Fort Funston and enjoy the ability to walk freely with our dog. There are many citizens who live in the area who have dogs and ^{enjoy the option} to be able to meet and socialize with other pet owners.

I object to the recent closures at Fort Funston.

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Sincerely,

Diane T. Gonzalez

2629 Diamond St.

San Francisco, Calif 94131

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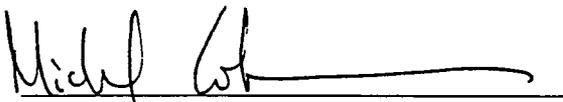
As a San Francisco resident I am very concerned with the future of Fort Funston. Should the Fort cease to be the kind of place where I feel my dog can have the kind of off leash freedom she so enjoys, I would consider this a motivating force to find another place to reside. ~~and~~ And as a SF homeowner, I will take my ~~the~~ property taxes to another, more dog friendly, county.

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Sincerely,



Michael Cohen

863 30th Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94121

FOFUAR02119

GGNRA008295

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AUG 21 2003

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

My dog and I visit Fort Funston every weekend.

We both value the recreation available at Fort Funston and value the fact that the Park Service is (until now) respecting ~~the~~ enabling legislation whereby the Fort was transferred to the GGNRA.

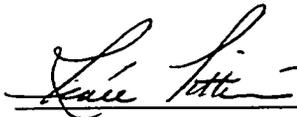
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Sincerely,



RENEE PITTIN

671 28th Street

San Francisco, CA 94131

FOFUAR02120

GGNRA008296

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MAY 21 2007
U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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Sincerely,



Return address: _____

4180 Cesar Chavez St.

San Francisco, CA 94131

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SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I think the fence was put up without appropriate public notice or hearing. Now I would like to see it taken down.

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Sincerely,

A. C. Chase

19 MIGUEL ST

S. F. 94131

A. C. Chase

FOFUAR02122

GGNRA008298

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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SUPERVISOR

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Sincerely,

Petra R. Wall

Return address: _____

422 Andover Dr.
Pacifica, CA 94044

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U.S. POSTAGE

J. Stuart Elsner
Lake Park Retirement Residence
1850 Alice Street
Oakland, CA 94618

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

NO PICTURES
ENCLOSED.
L.F.

Dear Superintendent O'Neill -

The attached pictures show what poor performance
of dog lovers does to the wild areas -

1. We have to take care of our waste products.
Shouldn't dog owners be required to govern
a dog's performance and the owner be
responsible of his dog's waste products?

Many parks have this requirement at present.
2. Dog's performance has to be kept under control
by the owner - Persons have to obey the
law for proper care of public property -

This is the only way we can keep our wild
areas and wild occupants alive for good control of our
wild areas - we all want to enjoy our nature.

We need your help to keep beautiful areas and
wild lives cared for -

Thank you

Stuart Elsner

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GGNRA008300

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Donald C. Williams
887 Bush Street #303
San Francisco, California 94108-3335

August 19 2000

Mr. Brian O'Neill Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
San Francisco, CA

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

I wholeheartedly support your intention to preserve about twelve acres of sensitive sand dune habitat in the Fort Funston area in S.W. San Francisco. The area involved is one of only two northern California sites that provide nesting possibilities for the endangered bank swallows.

Closing off this space to human and canine use will reduce the rapid erosion that has been so prevalent by permitting unrestricted foot traffic and exercising dogs.

the alternative? Human foot fall & canine free exercising will drive away the dune swallows . . . to where? Extinction?

I appreciate the dog owners plight. A healthy dog must have vigorous exercise & off leash running is natural and best, yet there are so few places where this is possible. Ocean Beach is now "off limits".

FOFUAR02125

So your plan will help the dune Swallows, and I thank you. Can we find a location for dog exercise?

Sincerely,

Don Williams

GGNRA008301

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TO: JUDITH ANN'S OFFICE

Friday, August 18, 2000

BRIAN O'NEILL, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Building 201
San Francisco CA 94123

Dear Mr. O' Neill:

I am writing you to strongly support your proposal to close 12 acres of sand dune habitat at Fort Funston to off-trail recreation. This habitat is extremely sensitive, in that it contains one of only two nesting colonies of bank swallows, which nest on the cliff faces of the dunes. The closure will help prevent human disturbance, particularly by those with unleashed dogs, of the nesting swallows and will help to restore the very serious erosion of the cliffs.

Please do all you can to preserve this very beautiful, but threatened, bird and its habitat.

Sincerely,



Beth M. Hansen

900 Jeffrey Lane, Walnut Creek 94598

FOFUAR02126

GGNRA008302

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

~~PLEASE PRINT NAME~~
ALAN M. TAYLOR

I object to permanent closure of Joey Hill. I used to use this section of the park for many years. It is a great place for kids, dogs, reading and relaxing. I do agree that the bank swallows need to be protected and that fences along the cliff

I object to the recent closures at Fort Funston.

with sufficient

The newly erected fences keep people from enjoying what is the most scenic area of the Fort.

If fences are shown to be needed to protect the bank swallows, these should be near the cliff face, above the burrows; this solution would address public safety as well. The Park Service has shown it can erect fences even on dunes.

We are anxious to find a solution that allows all park visitors to enjoy their recreational activities including off-leash dog walking, hiking, bird and whale watching, or just sitting to admire the view. This can be done while also protecting existing park resources.

Sincerely,

Nick Sholly
3743 20th St
SF CA 94110

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Sincerely,

Lisa Scott

Lisa Scott

Return address: _____



Erik and Lisa Scott
144 McKinney Ave
Pacifica, CA 94044

FOFUAR02128

GGNRA008304



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144 McKinney Ave
Pacifica, CA 94044



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

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I highly oppose this suggestion. This is really the only place the dogs can run and play with other dogs. You have already taken away hiking trails so now it is hard to find a place to hike. This is the only place for the dogs to run, play, and socialize. Not only for dogs but for people.

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Sincerely,

Jeri McDonald

Return address: 914 Springfield

Dr Millbrae CA

94030

FOFUAR02130

GGNRA008306

FOFUA 02131

AUG 18 2001

San Francisco

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

You are closing off too much for the bank swallows - only the cliff + cliff tops in necessary. This city needs a urban recreation area - this is what Ft Funston was meant to be. Please don't allow the Audubon Society to dictate the way we SF people are allowed to do. They have too much power.

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Sincerely,

The GGNRA is not being responsible to the people of SF who love + use Ft Funston.

John Rubin
1726 Great Hwy
SF CA
94122

John Rubin

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AUG 21 2000
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Nancy Skopin, 660 Bair Island Road, Box 11, Redwood City, CA 94063

8/18/00

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am opposed to the proposed closure of 12 acres at Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,



Nancy Skopin

FOFUAR02132

GGNRA008308

8-18-00

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

To the letter below I would also like to add the emotional care and stimulation that dogs offer to senior citizens — many of whom can be seen walking at Fort Funston.

Arline Elliott
Commission on Aging
San Mateo Co.

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Sincerely,

Arline Elliott

Return address: _____

_____ Arline Lamm Elliott _____
524 Valverde Dr.
S. San Fran., CA 94080-4231

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GGNRA008309

Arlene Lamm Elliott
524 Valverde Dr.
S. San Fran., CA 94090-4231



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

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GGNRA008310

AUG 1 2001

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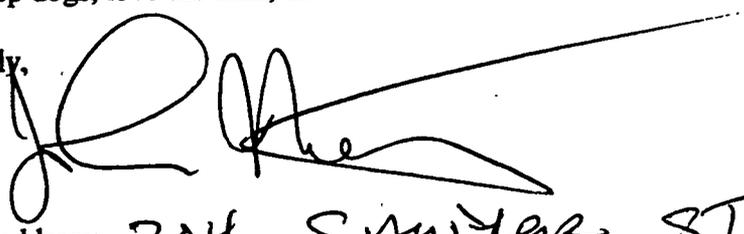
Please do not close off any more land in Fort Funston. There is not enough Free Range anywhere else, please give the dogs open space to run free

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Sincerely,



Return address: 204 Sawyer St
San Francisco, Ca 94134

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Sincerely,



Return address:

AKIKO Reed
74 Lobos St.
SF, CA 94112

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Name: Joan Mettler
Address: 68 Lippard St
SF 94121
Date: 8/18/00

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I'm no longer a dog owner but I can tell you the deep pleasure and primal satisfaction that I used to feel walking + playing with my dog in nature areas, especially as he was a dog compelled to roll into every puddle he ever saw.

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Sincerely,

Joan Mettler, RN

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GGNRA008313

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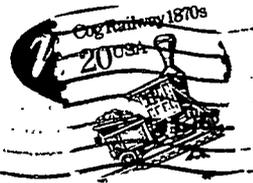
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1101 Brussels Street
San Francisco
California 94134

Dear Superintendent: As
A FORMER DOG PERSON WHO
FREQUENTED FORT FUNSTON, I
AGREE WITH THE CLOSURES
SOME OWNERS/DOGS ARE
RUDE AND DO NOT CONTROL
THEIR ANIMALS TO THE
DETIMENT OF OTHERS. IT IS
IMPORTANT THAT ALL FEEL
COMFORTABLE IN THAT BEAUTIFUL
AREA. I ALSO THINK CONTROLLING
THE EMISSION IS IMPORTANT

Sincerely,
John Hauson

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Superintendent GGNRA
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SAN FRANCISCO CA 94123

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complete list of locations @ www.maxracks.com

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GGNRA008314

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AUG 16 2001
COMMUNITY CENTER

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I use Fort Funston every week
for my two pugs.

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Sincerely,

Carney Ledhead

Return address: 1205 10TH AVE #1

SF CA 94122

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APR 10 2001
SUN 10 10 2001

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Sincerely,



Return address: _____

Cheryl DeGrasse
620 Taylor Ave
Alameda CA 94501

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SANTA ANITA NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

August 18, 2000

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

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

Thank you for your support of the bank swallows at Fort Funston. I endorse your proposal to close 12 acres at Fort Funston to off-trail recreation. The dogs can be walked where they won't do damage.

As a victim of unleashed dogs, I feel they should be walked on leashes at all times when other humans, unknown to the dogs, are sharing an area. But at a minimum, dogs should not be allowed where their unleashed presence causes the destruction of habitat or wildlife.

Sincerely yours,



Nancy Bartell
3112 Lewiston Street
Berkeley, California 94705

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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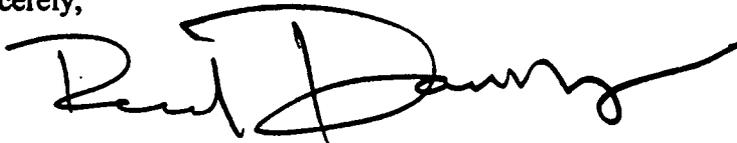
This is truly an important matter! San Francisco needs to maintain its recreational Park Spaces open and accessible to both Dog owners and families and individuals. ~~to~~

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Sincerely,



Return address: _____

Reed Danzger

3667A 19th St

SF CA 94110

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Susanna Bensinger
2100 Pacific Ave. #3A
San Francisco, CA 94115

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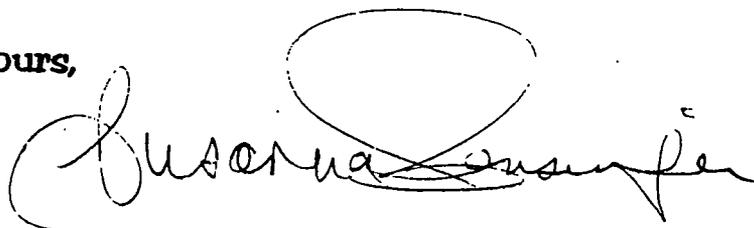
August 17, 2000

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

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I strongly support your proposal to close 12 acres of sensitive sand dune habitat in Fort Funston to off-trail recreation. This closure will help ensure the future of the bank swallow colony that nests on the cliff faces of these dunes. The closure will help prevent human disturbance of the nesting swallows and will help control the erosion of these sand cliffs. It will also allow for the revegetation and restoration of these seriously eroding dunes. Please do all you can to preserve this threatened species of bird and the habitat upon which it depends.

Sincerely yours,



FOFUAR02143

GGNRA008319

August 17, 2000

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

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S.D. GARDNER'S OFFICE

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

The letter below expresses the feelings of many of us who have been using Fort Funston for some years.

I have been walking my dog there for only 8 years. The first couple of years it was a wonderful place to walk and train my young dog, and the Park Service seemed to have some concern for its users. For the past five or six years the area we can use has steadily been curtailed in the name of preserving native plants and birds, all of which seemed to thrive during the many years the U.S. Army used and conducted exercises at Fort Funston.

When the Army took it over, it was sand dunes. The Army planted ice plant for hold down the sand. It was never covered with the types of native plants you are using to "restore" the area. You are creating something entirely new, not "preserving" a natural environment.

I urge you to reconsider your unreasonable plans for Fort Funston.

THE INDEPENDENT

AUGUST 15, 2000

Fort Funston slowly taken from residents

I have visited Fort Funston daily, rain or shine, for more than 40 years.

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area has slowly closed off more and more of this beautiful park to the public. But Fort Funston is a recreational, not a national, park, and there is no reason for closing off areas of the park.

Legislation in 1972 creating the GGNRA and enabling the federal government to take control of Fort Funston stated that it be ceded to the National Park Service with the understanding that it be preserved as an open recreational area. The enabling legislation requires maintaining the park, not creating something that was not there in the first place.

GGNRA has summarily ripped out paved trails used by seniors and disabled persons, refused to consider differing opinions, and reneged on past agreements. It's not right that the full weight and resources of the US government be used by capricious and callous bureaucrats against its citizens. GGNRA should not be allowed to impose its unreasonable restrictions.

ALBERTA ROMANINI

Sincerely,

Mary Morris

Mary Morris
260 Dorantes Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94116

Cc: The Honorable Bruce Babbitt
The Honorable Barbara Boxer
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Tom Lantos

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GGNRA008320

This postcard is in response to GGNRA's newest proposal to permanently close acreage to public access, & to forbid off-leash walking at Fort Funston. Fort Funston is land mandated by congress to remain open recreational space.

As there may be "environment concerns" behind this newest GGNRA escapade, I am sure as rational, thinking human beings, any equitable solution can be resolved where everyone wins!

Sincerely,
Maureen K. Grimm

FOFUAR02145

GGNRA008321

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Re: Fort Funston (GNRA) closure

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

By: O'Neill



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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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cc: O'Neill

FRIEDMAN/FITZER FAMILY

Susan, Gene & Nicole
 40 Agua Way
 San Francisco, CA. 94127
 415 664 6600 TEL

August 17, 2000

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In a huge front page article of today's SF Chronicle in the "San Francisco and the Bay Area" section of the paper, San Francisco boasts about being the most humane city in the US. Fewer cats and dogs are euthanized here than any other US city.

I, for one, am proud to live in a city that humanely saves abandoned dogs & cats, spays them at no cost and finds them homes. I am proud to live in a city that provides me with a beautiful off-leash location to walk my dog. I take all my out-of-state visitors and show off the beauty of San Francisco and Fort Funston and I, too boast that not only do I live in a city that spares its pets, but it also allows me the freedom to walk, run and play with my dog *off-leash* in a beautiful setting. My out-of-state friends and family envy the fact that I get to walk with my dog *EVERY SINGLE DAY* in such a beautiful place.

Studies have shown that pets are a major source of stress reduction. They bring fulfillment to the elderly and joy to children. I need my time with my dog at Fort Funston to "chill out." I am already stuck in daily traffic jams, waiting in long lines at the supermarket and post office, holding for a machine to transfer me to another machine on the telephone while I'm calling my health provider (bank, credit card company, water department, phone company) to try to figure out what the charges are that I don't recognize on my bills, just to mention a few of the stresses in my life . . .

Please don't cram us in at Fort Funston. Please continue to let there be a place where I can walk with or without my dog, enjoy the beauty that San Francisco has to offer and have a few moments when life feels good. Do not close down 12 acres of Fort Funston to the public, *please* . . . my sanity couldn't take it. Thank you.

Susan Friedman
 Gene Fitzer
 Nicole Fitzer and Jena, our dog!



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AUG 17 2000

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

cy: O'Neill

Name: Nancy Strachan
Address: 62 Ventura St.
Half Moon Bay
Date:

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

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Sincerely,

Nancy Strachan

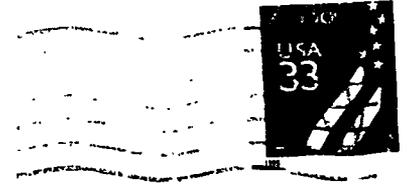
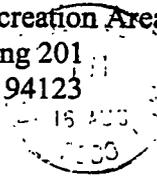
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GGNRA008324



Peter Bland
62 Ventura St.
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

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



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GGNRA008325

FOFUAR02150
JUN 17 2000
S.F. CA 94122

cc: O'Neill

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

It's very upsetting to see the collusion between the GGNRA + the Audubon Society + the nature plant org. against the citizens of SF who use, love, take care of this park. I walk my dog. My kids play on Geary's hill - my elderly visitors love the stroll along the edges. Please don't take this space away from us + give it

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Sincerely,

Diane Ke Fawcett
1726 Great Hwy
SF CA 94122

There's plenty of space for these plants + birds, where dog walkers, kids, elderly don't have access.
Sincerely
Diane Ke Fawcett

cc: O'Neill

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Sincerely,

James P. Tessier

Return address: _____

James Tessier
665 29th Street
S.F., CA, 94131

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Karen J. McDonald
2190 27th Avenue

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aj: O'Neill

700 - 3rd Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94118-3909
August 16, 2000

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I want to tell you what Fort Funston means to me. In the middle of a crowded urban area, I can take my dogs to a place where there is space. The wind blows, the sun shines (if it's one of those days) or the fog swirls, the ocean roars, and the dogs run and sniff and play with each other and with me. It is euphoric. People smile at each other. The dogs are polite. There is activity and excitement and happiness. In this special place, there is a vast outpouring of joy.

We don't have other opportunities to experience God's beautiful earth that way around here. There aren't other magnificent places open to dogs and people in such a freeing way.

I understand that bank swallows and other native species can be protected without a huge closure. There is word from California Fish & Game that only the cliff face and cliff tops need to be off limits to protect the birds.

This sounds like a reasonable compromise. It will protect one part of God's creation but will still allow others of God's creatures--including humans and canines--to use the area. The pro-closure forces talk as if we can't share. They sound as if they will lose if anybody else gets to use this space. It is really the opposite. The positive energy and joy that arises from this place increases the common good. If creation as a whole is diminished by the

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loss of a species, creation as a whole benefits from the joy of those currently alive. Please don't shut us out.

Thank you for considering my views.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Thomas
Catherine Thomas

cc: Senator Diane Feinstein, Representative Nancy Pelosi,
Representative Tom Lantos, Mayor Willie Brown

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Hello I a native San Franciscan and would like No more acres of Fort Funston to be closed. Already 10 acres have been closed. The additional 2 acres that is being proposed will close more than 20%. The reasons from GGNRA is pointless and meaningless. Fort Funston must remain as an opened recreational space.

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Sincerely,

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE

Amy Chow
2359-33rd Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94116

August 16, 2000

Superintendent
Golden Gate NRA
Bay and Franklin St.
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent to GGNRA:

I am very distraught to hear of the proposal to close off another 2 acres of Fort Funston. As a dog lover, of course I love all wildlife also and believe that they deserve their space also. But yet I remain baffled why the swallows should require 26 acres for a breeding ground. I am sure there are other coastal areas that they have established breeding grounds.

Our family has always enjoyed the open space, fresh ocean air, and the friendly atmosphere of both dogs and dog owners alike that we must object to the additional closure. We wish to request that the previous closed area be removed or a new area to be available for use to avoid the possible damaging effect of frequent use of one area.

Your attention to the above would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Amy Chow

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San Francisco
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Biology Department

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16 August 2000

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
GGNRA
Fort Mason, Bldg 201
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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I understand that on 28 August 2000 there will be a public meeting concerning the closure of a small portion of the Fort Funston property for the protection of the bank swallow population that lives there. I want to personally express my support for the closure that protects a rare and endangered species. As a professional biologist, I know how important it is that every effort like this be made for the maintenance of our natural systems. I view this as essential for property managed by agents of the National Park System. I also understand that this action is contested by some citizens who use the site. I feel the site is more than large enough for your closure action with more than enough space left for the activities of the others. Please don't give in to such pressure. Please view this letter as a contribution to the public meeting as I will not be in town on the 28th.

I am aware of a few general statistics about this case, for example, that the Fort Funston site is one of only 2 nesting sites in coastal California for the bank swallow. Also, that the park plans to close only a small area of roughly 3-5 acres, with an additional several acres seasonally during nesting. Considering the size of Fort Funston, this is clearly only a modest effort to protect this endangered species. Clearly the park must make this effort as it is a mandate for parks to protect natural resources for the future. Your group would probably be liable for violation of National Park principles for failing to do so. Knowing so many who work for the GGNRA, I am certain that it is their strong desire to protect this rare species.

I have been watching the efforts of the GGNRA for the past 20 years as an ecologist at San Francisco State University. I have conducted ecological research on GGNRA property and my home in Pacifica sits below GGNRA property. I am extremely pleased as a biologist and as a citizen at all the efforts the GGNRA has made at restoration of a number of locations, including the dune areas at Fort Funston. I support this closure, especially as a biologist, but also as a citizen.

Back in the late 1980's, I organized a number of faculty at SFSU to initiate the first graduate program in conservation biology in California and I served as the first acting director. My research has focused on conservation, ecological land management and the restoration of natural habitats. I feel that your actions are needed and minimal, and hope that you will not permit the pressure of self-interest groups to spoil the future of our joint natural heritage.

Sincerely,

V. Thomas Parker, Ph.D.
Professor of Biology

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P.O. Box 5946
Dayton OH 45405-0946
16 Aug 00

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

We request that you please reconsider the permanent closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston.

San Francisco has surely got to be one of the world's most beautiful cities. Since we cannot afford to live in your lovely city, we save to visit at least once a year and sometimes twice. Our dog accompanies us. We thoroughly enjoy planning our trips around the dog friendly day hikes and parks we can visit in San Francisco and have found some mighty gorgeous areas only because of our dog friendly parameters. We don't travel 2000 miles to leave the dog car. She's way too much fun to have with us.

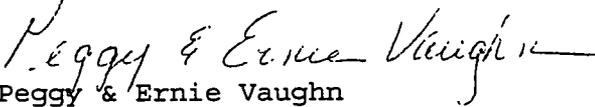
One of our favorite stops ^{in the} is, of course, Fort Funston. It is wonderful with the breezes, the air, the people, the dogs and the ocean. Having our dog with us increases our enjoyment as she takes great delight in sharing her joy of San Francisco with us. We visit Fort Funston as often as we can while in San Francisco and it is a grand last stop of Kodak memories before heading for the airport.

To a visitor's eyes, the ice plants and eucalyptus trees are lovely and quintessentially San Francisco. We find the remaining Monterey Cypress beautiful.

It is difficult to understand why the ice plant would be removed and replaced with native species that don't tolerate human traffic. Also, the decline of the Bank Swallows' colony may indicate that they prefer the ice plants and human/canine activity. Has adequate research been accomplished as to what is the ideal habitat for the Bank Swallows and what initially drew them to nest at Fort Funston?

In today's environment of increasing urban sprawl and the high density of population in San Francisco, instead of closing off 12 acres of recreation area, every effort should be made to add as many acres as possible and to keep them open to pets and their humans. Fort Funston should be shared and enjoyed by all: the birds, the people and their pets.

Thank you very much,


Peggy & Ernie Vaughn

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cc:

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senator
525 Market Street, Suite 3670
San Francisco CA 94105

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
450 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 145380
San Francisco CA 94102

Willie Brown, Mayor of SF
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco CA 94102-4639

The Honorable Tom Lantos
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
400 South El Camino Real, Suite 410
San Mateo, CA 94402

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senator
1700 Montgomery Street, Suite 240
San Francisco CA 94111

The Honorable John Burton
Senator, 3rd District
455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco CA 94102

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Helen Sloss Luey
1 Vista Verde Court
San Francisco, California 94131-2829

cc: O'Neill

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August 16, 2000

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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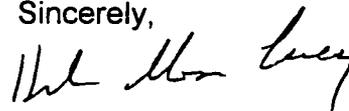
I am one of hundreds of San Francisco residents who enjoy this unique recreational site. As a dog owner, I value the opportunity to give my dogs exercise in a safe and spacious place while, at the same time, enjoying the beauty of the landscape and the society of people who share my interest in dogs.

Without exception, the people I meet at Fort Funston value their pets as well as this wonderful resource. They take good care of their dogs, they monitor the dogs' behavior, and they clean up after them. The Fort Funston Dog Walkers organization provides materials and organizes volunteers to preserve the cleanliness of this valued site.

GGNRA has reason to be proud that one of its resources responds so beautifully to the recreational needs of people who share their lives with dogs. I hope you will do everything within your power to see to it that this fine recreational site is preserved.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



cc: Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi
Congressman Tom Lantos

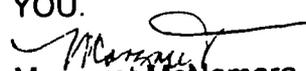
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August 16, 2000

FORT FUNSTON - SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Please have all the fences removed. The GGNRA continues to build more fences in the name of the preserving the environment. Hog wash! This is recreation area for people to enjoy, in a large metropolitan area, not a animal or bird sanctuary, nor do we want it to become one. This area consists of nothing but sand dunes. We are not talking Yosemite here. NO MORE FENCES, and take down the existing ones. THANK YOU.


Margaret McNamara, 825 30th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94121

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CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Mrs. Marilyn Singer
2210-38th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116-1648
(415)731-3572

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August 16, 2000

Superintendent,
Golden Gate NRA
Bay and Franklin Streets, Building 201
Fort Mason
San Francisco, Ca 94123

Dear Sir/Madam:

I read in Tuesday's Independent newspaper, that there is the possibility of making the dog run area at Ft. Funston smaller. I am all for that. My husband and I walk ALL over San Francisco and enjoy it very much. Most of the streets and areas are clean and pleasant to walk. Recently a friend took me walking at Ft. Funston, an although the view is spectacular, the amount of dogs running free is unbelievable. I will NEVER walk there again. It is really too bad, when the dogs take over an area and then humans can NOT enjoy it. Most if not all of the dogs I saw at Ft. Funston were NOT on leashes! I know there is a dog leash law in San Francisco, but no one seems to enforce it. Even walking on Ocean Beach, where there are signs about keeping your dogs on leashes, there are MANY more dogs running free, then leashed. I certainly think someone should see that the LEASH LAW is enforce. I also want to see the Ft. Funston dog run area reduced if not eliminated all together.

A San Francisco native TAXPAYER,

Marilyn Singer

Marilyn Singer



A. J. Wood
PO Box 191
Sebastopol, CA 95473

Sebastopol, CA

Aug. 14, 2000 B. O'Neill

Cy: M. Scott
S. Sheen
Y. Ruan

Dear Superintendent,

Yesterday I visited the
Rodeo Lagoon of GGNRA.

Dismay was my reaction to
the litter and unleashed dogs.
There was no evidence of
enforcement of existing
regulations.

As a contributor to
several organizations supporting
the National Park Service, I
understand your budgetary
dilemma. However, the public
perception of indifference by
the NPS can only compound
the problem.

Sincerely,

A. J. Wood

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HAMMOND-EMANUEL FAMILY

August 15, 2000
Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay & Franklin Streets, Building 201
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123
Fax: 415-561-4710

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I am writing to support measures to protect the Fort Funston area of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I do not need to tell you of the unique nature of the sandstone bluffs and sand dunes of Fort Funston. Only 5 percent of the San Francisco dune complex remains, and the National Park Service is charged with protecting those dunes within GGNRA "unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Unimpaired does not mean resources scarred with graffiti or eroded by tracks and trails.

I cannot understand why the National Park Service has failed to enforce its own clear regulations at Fort Funston regarding free-running dogs. Is GGNRA the only unit of the National Park System that openly ignores 36 CFR 2.1, apparently encouraging pet owners to run their dogs on fragile dunes? Why have you not halted the threats to fragile native vegetation, bank swallows (listed as threatened in California), California quail and burrowing owls?

I urge you to end the habit of owners running unleashed dogs at Fort Funston and to protect sensitive areas of the sandstone bluff and dune system. Please keep me informed on steps the National Park Service will take to the Fort Funston site.

Sincerely,



9/12/2000

Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area

As a senior Citizen and Park user on a daily basis. I am appalled by what is going on at Fort Funston. The tearing up of the sunset trail has made it difficult to walk. I have used that trail for over twenty years, and must say it has become a problem for older people who just want to walk around the top.

I also found the fencing at the bottom an eyesore. There is nothing pretty about it. The north end of Fort Funston is starting to look like a prison camp. How can you fence people out of a park that was designated as a recreational area.

You can not turn it into your own private garden on reserve. It is within an urban area, and meant for everyone to enjoy.

Now I understand you want to fence off two more acres. What next sentry & guard towers? Shame on you. It is our tax dollars that pay for the GGNRA. and we should be able to enjoy it with out fences.

Lee Walker
431 Paris St
S. F. CA 94112

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

PLEASE,

Do not close off any more of the Fort Funsten area to dogs and people. This ^{park} is one of the few places where people and dogs can be healthy and happy by exercising and being in the open air for more than a few minutes at a time — (which is what happens in small city parks)

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Sincerely,

Eleanor Kent

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Return address:

Eleanor Kent

544 Hill St.

San Francisco

CA 94114

Eleanor Kent

(and Otto)

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cy: O'Neill

Name: Reid Danzoff
Address: 3667A 19th
SF CA 94110
Date: Aug 15 2000

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

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437 Diamond Street
San Francisco, California 94114

August 15, 2000

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Re: Fort Funston Dog Walkers et al v. Babbitt et al

In accordance with the "Notice and Comment" phase in this matter, I am submitting thoughts on the restriction against walking dogs off lead at Fort Funston.

1. Public Safety. This is an acknowledged concern, easily addressed by cliffside fencing. But removal of the pavement on the Sunset Trail reduces safety and eliminates accessibility for visitors in wheelchairs, or parents with children in strollers. And permanent closure of "The Gap" on the beach would create a hazard for people caught there at high tide.

2. Scenic values. In the name of preserving the beauty of the unique site at Fort Funston, a blight of fencing now criss-crosses this visually stunning landscape.

3. Bank swallows. There are many anecdotes and considerable research which suggest that these birds are not disturbed by the presence of dogs or humans, and indeed may benefit from it. In fact, the reported decline in bank swallow colonies over the past several years coincides with the progressive substitution of native plants for ground-stabilizing iceplant, perhaps raising the question: which are worthier, native plants or bank swallows?

4. Integrity of government agencies. At many sessions of the Citizens Advisory Commission in the 70's, I remember assurances that there would be little change in existing pet policies. The January 1979 issue of the SFDOG newsletter contains the following report: "...dogs may be walked off lead...in the following areas: Fort Funston, Ocean Beach, Lands End, East and West Fort Miley, Baker Beach (north end only), Golden Gate Promenade/Crissy Field." And in the GGNRA archives I have seen a memo to the effect that there were 180 letters in support of off-lead recreation, versus 10 in opposition.

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In the legislation creating this national park, in the transfer of Fort Funston and Ocean Beach from San Francisco to NPS, and indeed in the title of the park, it was clearly intended that recreation was to be given priority in this densely populated region.

NPS has not been a good neighbor to this host city and has broken faith with its citizens. It has disregarded its own requirement for public notice of significant changes, and has excluded the huge dog owning community from conferences at which input has been welcomed from Audubon and the Native Plant Society:

I join with other dog owners in asking you to exercise your discretionary authority and allow Fort Funston to return to the status of a fully off-lead recreation area.

Respectfully,



Florence Sarrett

cc Citizens Advisory Commission

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I have been a San Francisco resident for over 10 years, and Fort Funston has become one of my favorite places in the city. My dog Scooby and I visit Fort Funston at least once a week and it is very important to me that it remain a recreational site for off-leash dog walking.

More and more parks are becoming on-leash. There are fewer places we can go to get the proper exercise for Scooby. Please help.

I object to the recent closures at Fort Funston.

The newly erected fences keep people from enjoying what is the most scenic area of the Fort.

If fences are shown to be needed to protect the bank swallows, these should be near the cliff face, above the burrows; this solution would address public safety as well. The Park Service has shown it can erect fences even on dunes.

We are anxious to find a solution that allows all park visitors to enjoy their recreational activities including off-leash dog walking, hiking, bird and whale watching, or just sitting to admire the view. This can be done while also protecting existing park resources.

Sincerely,

Jenny DuBrucg

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39 Justin Dr

San Francisco CA 94112

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Name: Sandra S. Shanks

Address: 1746 12th Ave., SF

Date: August 15, 2000

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

Sandra S. Shanks
1746 12th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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Sincerely,

Sandra S. Shanks

P.S. I'm a member of the Ca. Native Plant Society and a professional biologist. I believe sufficient area is already closed for native plant restoration, and that a smaller area could be permanently fenced off to protect the bank swallows.

Thank you.

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CONCERNED CITIZENS OFFICE

cy: o'neill

Name: Jennie Rose

Address: 66 Jules Avenue SF
CA 94112

Date: 8/15/00

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

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cc: O'Neill

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August 15, 2000

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

We object to the recent closures at Fort Funston.

We feel that the Park Service Administrator(s) lacks knowledge of what an open recreational park should be. Instead, they are over-exerting their authority in erecting fences all over the area and involving costly expenses to keep people from enjoying the scenic area of Fort Funston.

According to the California Department of Fish & Game, the closure is necessary at only the front and the top of the cliffs to protect bank swallows. The Park Service proved that fences can be erected even on dunes. This solution would, at the same time, address public safety as well. Since the initial closures, the population of the bank swallows declined drastically. This shows that the closures have, in no way, helped the bank swallows.

We are anxious to seek a remedy that would allow park visitors to enjoy their recreational activities, including off-leash dog walking, hiking, bird/whale watching, or just admiring the scenic view. This can be done while protecting existing park resources at the same time.

We appreciate any assistance you can render.

Sincerely,
Betty da Costa
Betty H. da Costa
1251 - 38th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122

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Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

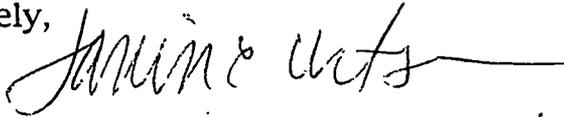
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Sincerely,



Return address:

253 Marinada Ave
San Francisco, Cal 94116

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

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Sincerely,

Janine Nelson

Return address: 253 CALIFORNIA AVE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF 94116

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I would like to give you my opinion on the Fort Funston Issue. I think that most people who use the off-leash areas are responsible dog owners. The areas off limits are respected by most if not all dog owners. The lack of scenic and safe locations in the city can be a large problem for owners. Please don't close off this SAFE area to the public.

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Sincerely,

MICHAEL SCOTT

Return address: 1118 RUSSIA AVE
SF CA 94112

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GGNRA008352

FOFUAR02177

AUG 12 2000

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am very much in favor of keeping the Fort Funston area available for off-leash use by dogs. The City needs more such areas not fewer.

John T. Mac Dermott
August 12, 2000

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Sincerely,

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Return address: _____

101 Lombard St., Apt. 202W
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Please help us keep
Fort Funston as an off leash
Dog Run for ourselves and
"Man's Best Friend" —
Thank You
a Dog Lover and Owner

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Sincerely,

Mary

Return address: _____

M. MINOGUE-REIDY

342 PARK ST

S.F CA 94110

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AUG 1 2001

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

AS A dog owner I think
it's very important to have a clean
and beautiful off leash area to
go to. Pls continue to have Fort
Funston to be an off leash area.

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Sincerely,

Return address:

Charmian Forrester
420 Sutter St
San Francisco, CA 94112

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COURTNEY P. HALL OFFICE

Ronald Schmoltze
583 Green Ridge Dr. #3
Daly City, CA 94014
Home Phone (650) 991-3448
email: - ronschmo@pacbell.com

cy: O'Neill

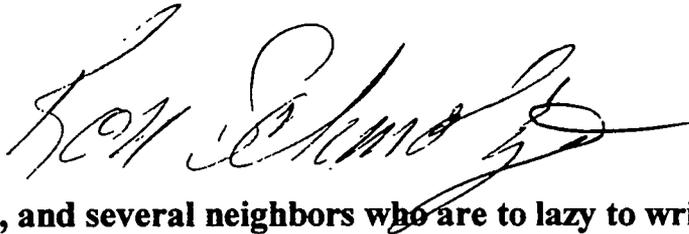
August 15, 2000

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

As a dog owner who goes to Fort Funston **Daily, I most strongly protest even the thought of closing this park to the public!** I won't even get into the illegality of such a move, rather I would like you to imagine a day like this past Sunday when the weather was beautiful and there were literally hundreds of people and their pets, not to mention other hundreds of people without pets, who were enjoying this very special place. A place which, I understand, was very generously given to the citizens of this area for urban recreation, **Not conservation, as some seem to think should be the priority!**

Lest I should sound like I am not sympathetic to the possible extinction of the cliff swallows and other fauna, I would like to state, that I have been a member of the Audobon Society and contribute to other groups dedicated to the unnecessary eradication of a species, (one wonders if skunks were endangered would anyone come to their aid?). I also am new to this area, (two years) and consequently have explored the coast at least 100 miles in both directions. So my question to you is: **Is this the only one or two miles in all of the hundreds of miles of coast line in California that will support and nurture these organisms? If so, the threat is obviously not from the joyous users of Fort Funston, but nature and natural selection itself!**

Sincerely



Ron Schmoltze, and several neighbors who are too lazy to write.

FOFUAR02180

GGNRA008356

2892 Pine Street
San Francisco, CA
August 14, 2000

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

I am writing to support measures to protect the Fort Funston area of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

This unique and fragile area of sand dunes is threatened by free-running dogs who disturb the native plants and animals, especially the bank swallows, California quail and burrowing owls.

I urge you to end the policy which allows dogs to be off leash in a National Park. We should be protecting this sensitive area of sandstone bluffs and the dune system.

Please keep me informed on the steps the National Park Service will take to protect the Fort Funston site.

Sincerely,

Lillian Hanahan

JEANNE SCHIEFERSTEIN
15 JEROME STREET
SMITHTOWN, NY 11787-5736

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

August 14, 2000

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I am writing to express my support for measures to protect the Fort Funston area of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I understand that only 5 percent of the San Francisco dune complex remains, and the National Park Service is charged with protecting those dunes within GGNRA "unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Certainly, unimpaired does not mean being scarred with graffiti or eroded by tracks and trails.

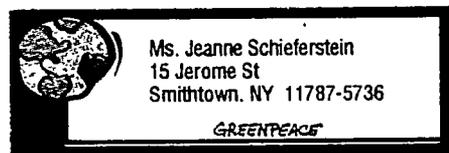
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I urge you to end the habit of owners running unleashed dogs at Fort Funston and to protect sensitive areas of the sandstone bluff and dune system. Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Schieferstein



FOFUAR02182

GGNRA008358

Cynthia M. Maxim

Home Phone (415) 546-0750
Email carace@pacbell.net

2 Scott Alley
San Francisco, CA 94107

August 14, 2000

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

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

I recently learned of the GGNRA's proposal to close to public use an additional 12 acres at Fort Funston. As one of the 38% of San Francisco's residents privileged to share their lives with a dog, I am strongly opposed to this action.

When the GGNRA was formed in 1972, the city of San Francisco deeded this property to the National Park Service under the condition that it use the land for "recreation or park purposes"—the same purpose for which the city originally acquired the land. The closing of the additional 12 acres, which will bring the total closed portion of the park to more than 20%, along with completely changing the vegetation in the closed portion violates this agreement with the city. This violation could allow the City of San Francisco to reclaim the park.

The publicized reason for these closures is the protection of the bank swallow population. However, no scientific studies justify these closures. In fact, the California Department of Fish and Game has advised that closure of only the cliff face and the top of the cliffs is necessary to protect the bank swallows.

Rather than the advertised conservation measure, this strikes me as just one more attack on dog owners in San Francisco. My home is in the South of Market area, an area of San Francisco with too few beautiful public green spaces—green spaces off limits to me if I wish to take my dog. As a responsible dog owner, I choose to drive 20 minutes each way to use the spaces at Fort Funston which I and the majority of users strive to keep clean for all. In fact, the Fort Funston Dog Walkers organization provides litter bags for this purpose, as well as organizing monthly cleanups. Too bad the humans who dump their children's diapers on my driveway don't do the same.

Please don't bash dog owners. Keep Fort Funston available for the enjoyment of all, two- and four-legged alike.

Sincerely,



Cynthia M. Maxim

cc: Mayor Willie Brown
Sen. Dianne Feinstein
Sen. Barbara Boxer
Rep. Nancy Pelosi

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GGNRA008359

cy: O'Neill

1375 45th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122

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SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

August 14, 2000

Dear Sir

It never ceases to amaze me how you can get the brightest minds in the GGNRA together to figure out why a particular species of animal, bird or small lizard is endangered and the only solution you can ever come up with... is it must be the dogs.

So far you have blamed dogs for the fact that the snowy plover is on the endangered list, even though the area where dogs and plovers came into contact is the only area along the west coast where plover numbers are actually increasing. Interesting logic. Now you are blaming dogs for the fact that bank swallows are decreasing in number. Again this is despite the fact that dogs have been wandering around Fort Funston for decades without causing any decline in the swallows numbers, and despite the fact that those numbers started to decline only after the GGNRA decided to get rid of much of the vegetation in the area and "restore" natural plants.

Clear science, reason, logic and other elements that pass for common sense in normal life do not apply to you. So, I shall resort to other less worthy but possibly more effective arguments. Starting today I shall be writing to all my congressional and state representatives, urging them to investigate the incompetent and irresponsible way you run your organization. I shall call for government cutbacks in funding for you. I shall urge everyone I meet not to give you money. In short, I shall hit you where it hurts. And I shall continue to do so until you involve the public in running public lands, until you stop your petty vendetta against dogs, and until you follow your own rules and the rule of law.

Yours truly,



Kevin McCormack

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SUPERINTENDENT O'NEILL

August 14, 2000
69 Elm Hill Street
Springfield, VT 05156

cy: O'Neill

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay & Franklin Streets, Building 201
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San Francisco, CA 94123

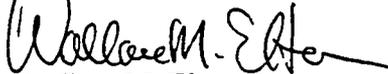
Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I am writing to support new measures to protect the Fort Funston area of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. You are aware of the unique nature of the sandstone bluffs, revealing two million years of geologic history, and sand dunes of Fort Funston. Only 5 percent of the San Francisco dune complex remains, and the National Park Service is charged with protecting those dunes within GGNRA "unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Doing so requires efforts to reduce or eliminate graffiti and erosion from damaging use.

In addition, I am concerned about the continuing threat to rare wildlife, including bank swallows and burrowing owls, posed by permitting free-running dogs, which is against NPS policy.

I therefore urge you to end the habit of owners running unleashed dogs at Fort Funston and to take steps to protect sensitive areas of the sandstone bluff and dune system. Please keep me informed on steps the National Park Service will take to the Fort Funston site.

Sincerely,


Wallace M. Elton

FOFUAR02185

GGNRA008361

FOFUAR02186
8/14/00

Name: *G Burt*
Address: *2066-31st Ave*
Date: *8/14/00*

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

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Sincerely,

Gloria Burt

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cy: O'Neill

Sherri Beyer

345 Noriega Street

San Francisco, Ca 94122

415-731-2704

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay & Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California 94123

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Sincerely,



Sherri Beyer

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SUBJECT: FORT FUNSTON

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Sincerely,

Shirley Howard

Return address: _____

104 Carmichael Ave
Albany, Ca
94015

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**MARVIN E BUTTON
JANICE DOLE DUTTON
136 NATAQUA AVENUE
PACIFICA CALIFORNIA**

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

We support the proposed habitat protection closure at Fort Funston strongly. According to the map this is only a small portion of the area and protects valuable assets for everyone. The ubiquitous planting of Ice plant has been a disaster state-wide, and the replacement of this unsightly plant is to be commended and supported.

The printed material on the proposed closure seems to indicate that one of the major problems is unleashed dogs. As dog owner and breeders we feel that owners unduly subject their dogs to danger by allowing them to run free. There is a busy highway close by and there are the cliffs. The dogs can be exposed to hazardous substances without the supervision of owners AND the terrain is subjected to much more wear and tear because the dogs roam off path and increase destruction of habitat. An off-leash dog's owner is hard-put to provide proper scooper service because of the animals wide ranging.

The permanent closure of this area seems prudent and practical.

Marvin E Button

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Janice Dole Dutton

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August 14, 2000

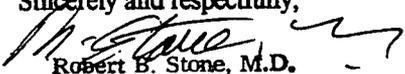
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Thank you.

Sincerely and respectfully,


Robert B. Stone, M.D.
P.O. Box 3237
Yountville, Ca. 94599

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August 14, 2000

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

Re: 12 acre closure at Fort Funston

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

I am writing to protest the closure at Fort Funston. The fences should be taken down.

I read the proposal and one of the reasons for the closure was for public safety. The report indicated that several dogs had to be rescued, so the fences were necessary. It also indicated that the rescues took time/personnel.

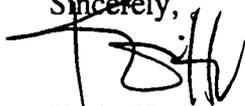
The same year that you rescued 25 dogs, 7 people drowned at Ocean Beach. The Park Service responded by hiring 6 full-time employees to hand out information and be lifeguards. You did not close the beach, you did not ban swimming. So why close the cliffs when there are dog accidents?

Also, even though the number of visitors probably increased, the number of rescues has decreased. After people realized that the storm caused major erosion, many of them took precautions. It is likely that the decline in rescues will probably continue to decrease.

I think the closures are simply a way of removing land from public recreational use and getting rid of dog and dog walkers. Maybe you would like to get rid of people and dogs, but Fort Funston is a recreational area in a city of 700,000 plus people, and a lot of them have dogs. People and dogs have enjoyed the seaside trails for decades.

If you need a native plant habitat (certainly not for the bank swallows--who don't require special vegetation) maybe you could plant a less-populated park, i.e. the thousands of GGNRA acres that hardly used by anyone.

Sincerely,



Karin Hu

334 San Leandro Way
San Francisco, CA 94127
e-mail: khu@ccsf.org

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Sincerely,



Return address: _____

3847 18th St

SF CA 94114

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GGNRA008368

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

I object to the recent closures at Fort Funston.

The newly erected fences keep people from enjoying what is the most scenic area of the Fort.

If fences are shown to be needed to protect the bank swallows, these should be near the cliff face, above the burrows; this solution would address public safety as well. The Park Service has shown it can erect fences even on dunes.

We are anxious to find a solution that allows all park visitors to enjoy their recreational activities including off-leash dog walking, hiking, bird and whale watching, or just sitting to admire the view. This can be done while also protecting existing park resources.

Sincerely,



79 Ferwood Ave

Daly City, CA 94015

Eduardo Zelaya

FOFUAR02193

GGNRA008369

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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SUNSHINE CITY

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Sincerely,

Susan A. Atwood

Return address: Atwood
3795 - 20th St.
San Francisco, CA 94110

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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Sincerely,



ROBERT M. LIND

Return address: 764 CHURCH ST

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

The Closure of the proposed 12 acres
is not necessary to protect
bank swallows

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781 A Guerrero St.
SE CA 94110

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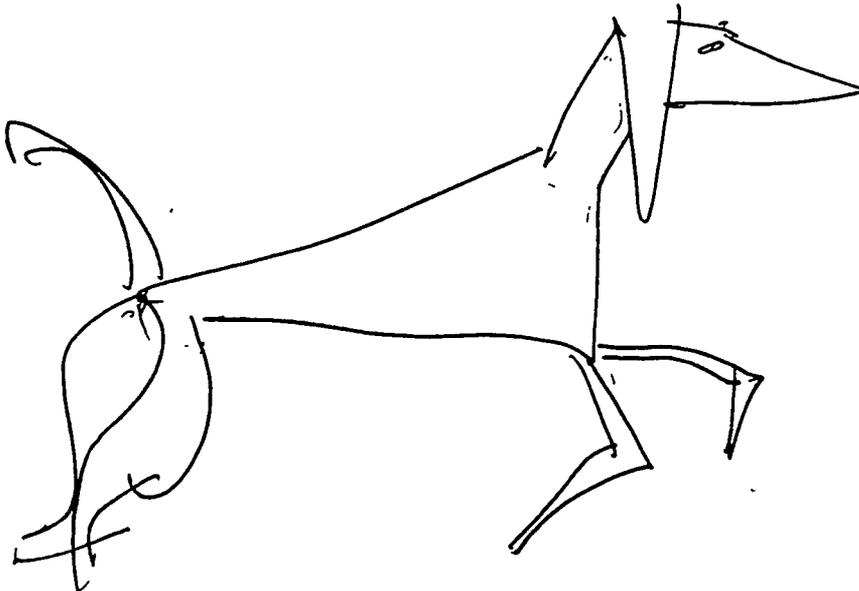
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Sincerely,

Return address: 133Z Dolores St. #2

San Francisco, CA 94110

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Sincerely,

TERRY RAY
870 CAMPUS DR.
DAY CITY, CA
94015

FOFUAR02199

GGNRA008375

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John Hurley

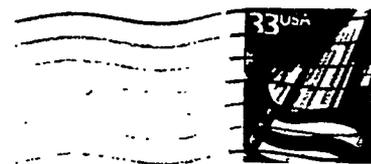
Return address: _____

65 Lake Vista Ave
Daly City 94015
CA

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65 Lake Vista Ave
Daly City 94015



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

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Please give us the room we need.
I & all of us know enjoy Fort
Funston for its beauty &
inconclusivity.

Don't shut any more
space down for those who
really use this area!

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Sincerely,

Return address: Mayra Cramer
1332 Dolores St. #2
San Francisco, CA 94110

FOFUAR02202

GGNRA008378

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay & Franklin Streets, Building 201
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123
Fax: 415 561 4710

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COURTESY

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Sincerely,

Dorothy E. O'Connell



Dorothy E. O'Connell
P.O. Box 217
Fairplay, CO 80440

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GGNRA008379

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AUG 14 2000

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

There are no scientific studies
justifying the proposed
or prior closures
Don't you people use the Fort?

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,



Return address: _____

_____ 781 A Guerrero St.
_____ SF CA 94110

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FOFUAR02206

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August 13, 2000

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

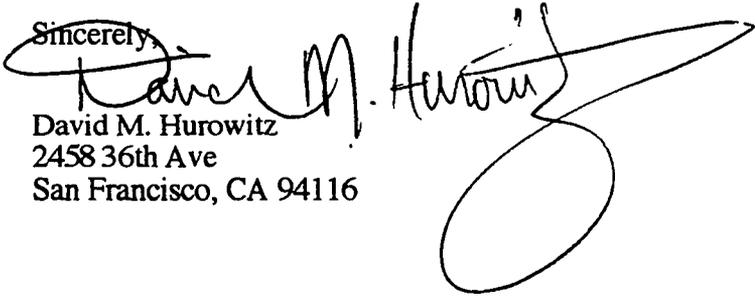
I am writing to urge you to reconsider the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. The Fort was given to the National Park Service by the City of San Francisco with the intention that it would be used for recreation. Congress, in legislation creating the GGNRA specified that urban recreation would be the highest priority.

For many years, most visitors to Fort Funston have been San Franciscans and their dogs. Fort Funston has been a place where dogs enjoy off-leash play and canine socialization. Dog owners have organized in order to see that the park is maintained and dog wastes are cleaned leaving the area clean and ready to be enjoyed by all who come to Fort Funston. I am happy to report that in the years that I have been visiting the park with my dog, I've never seen dogs fighting or demonstrating aggressive or dangerous behavior. I cannot say this for other (leash-controlled) areas that we have visited.

I am not an expert on the habits of the Bank Swallow. If there are fewer along the cliffs of Fort Funston, I don't know that the presence of dogs and people are to blame. In Golden Gate Park where we also walk our dogs, birds of all kinds seem to enjoy the park along with humans and canines. Since dog lovers are usually animal lovers, they usually take cautions not to interfere with wildlife in any harmful fashion.

Finally, I would like you to consider that a love of nature must include humans and dogs who are as much a part of nature as any creatures in the wild.

Sincerely,


David M. Hurowitz
2458 36th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94116

FOFUAR02206

GGNRA008382

August 13, 2000

Donna Twarog
3641 19th St
San Francisco, CA 94110

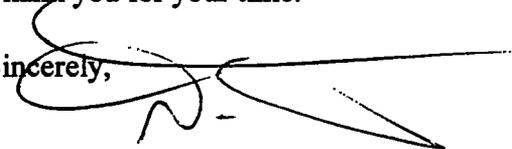
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Sincerely,


Donna Twarog

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GGNRA008383

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AUG 17 2003

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Stephen T. Jones

1284 48TH AVENUE

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94122

squbi@yahoo.com

8.13.00

cy: O'Neill

SUPERINTENDENT

Golden Gate NRA

BAY + FRANKLIN STAIRS

BUILDING 201, F T MASON

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent,

I support year round closure for the habitat protection
of bank swallows (*Riparia riparia*) in the Fort Funston Area.

Sincerely,
A.T. Jones

FOFUAR02208

GGNRA008384

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AUG 10 2000
SUPERINTENDENT...

August 13, 2000

Bonnie Hansen
3641 19th St
San Francisco, CA 94110
bonniehansen@msn.com

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Sincerely,


Bonnie Hansen

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

cy: O'Neil

August 13, 2000

Superintendent
Golden Gate Nat. Park Recreational Area

Dear Sir:

I agree with all the reasons stated, for
the closure of approx. 12 acres of Fort Funston
year round.

It's such a small area of land to ask for
in such a large Park -

It would help to enforce the law "All
dogs on leash in National Parks" which is
certainly not in effect here at the present time.

Restoring the native vegetation provides a
more beautiful site for people to enjoy -

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely yours

Vigina Krasevac



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GGNRA008386

cy: O'Neill

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

August 12, 2000

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Sincerely,

G. Weisberg

Return address: 905 Church St.

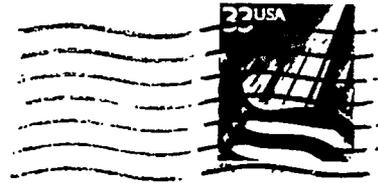
SF, CA 94114

The Ft. Funston Dogwalkers deserve much credit for good conduct in this area! This is part and parcel of good citizens. Making their responsibility in an area reserved for recreation purposes for all. Thank you for your interest!

FOFUAR02211

GGNRA008387

BOERGER
805 CHURCH ST.
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94114



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

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FOFUAR02212

GGNRA008388

Aug 12, 2000

Dear Mr. O'Neil,



Mrs. Barbara Asaro
2536 Sherwood Dr.
San Bruno, CA 94066

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AUG 12 2000
SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

Please allow the bank swallow area to be reopened. I understand that nature must be protected, but the swallow is a seasonal bird and flies away after the breeding season.

I love my dogs and I enjoy watching them run, play and interact with other dogs off leash. I have had dogs for most of my life and it seems that there are fewer and fewer places around to let them run. Ft. Funston has been an exception. Please help to keep it that way - don't deceive the nice average law-abiding people who would like to see the area opened when the swallows aren't there - (like you promised it would).

Barbara Asaro

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cy: O'Neill

August 12, 2000

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

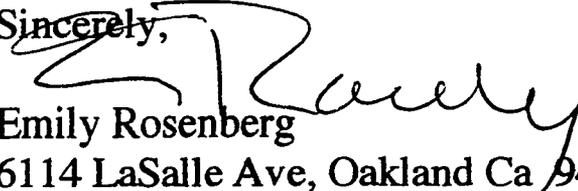
I object to the recent closures at Fort Funston. The public process has been lacking and the measures unnecessary for the level of protection required. There has been a failure to recognize that this is a national recreation area as well as a wildlife habitat.

The fences are a barrier to experiencing what is most special about the area.

If we need to protect the bank swallows, fencing should be near the cliff face, above the burrows; This would protect the birds and create this public safety as well. We know that fence CAN be erected in the dunes because the park service has accomplished this task in the past.

We are anxious to find a solution that allows all park visitors to enjoy their recreational activities including off-leash dog walking, hiking, bird and whale watching, or just sitting to admire the view. This can be done while also protecting existing park resources.

Sincerely,


Emily Rosenberg
6114 LaSalle Ave, Oakland Ca 94611

FOFUAR02214

GGNRA008390

DENNIS J. LENZ, CPA

36 CEDAR STREET
AMITYVILLE, NEW YORK 11701
516-691-3827

cc: O'Neill

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SUBSCRIBER'S NAME PRINTED

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

August 12, 2000

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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I do not understand why the National Park Service has failed to enforce its own clear regulations at Fort Funston with respect to free-running dogs. Is GGNRA the only unit of the National Park System that openly ignores 36 CFR 2.1, apparently encouraging pet owners to run their dogs on fragile dunes? Why have you not halted the threats to fragile native vegetation, bank swallows (listed as threatened in California), California quail and burrowing owls?

I urge you to end the habit of owners running unleashed dogs at Fort Funston and to protect sensitive areas of the sandstone bluff and dune system. Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Lenz
Dennis J. Lenz

FOFUAR02215

AUG 11 2000

August 11, 2000

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

Re: Proposal for permanent closure at Fort Funston

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

I object to the permanent closure of the 12 acres at Fort Funston. The swallows have left. Then fences should be taken down immediately.

I fully support protecting the bank swallows, or any other threatened/endangered species. I am a long-time environmentalist and appreciate flora and fauna. However, the proposed closure is not necessary to protect the bank swallows.

Also, native plants are not required for the bank swallows. The existing ice plant has served park users well for the last 40+ years.

Fort Funston is a recreational area in the middle of an urban area. It is not an isolated wilderness, nor was it meant to be a botanical garden.

Sincerely,



Karin Hu
334 San Leandro Way
San Francisco, CA 94127

FOFUAR02216

GGNRA008392

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AUG 14 2000
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

RICHARD W. MOORE
2783 37th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

Date: Aug 11, 2000

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

*I would like to see more dog parks
with fences, where Dogs can run off-leash.
We need more — ALSO:*

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,

Richard W Moore

FOFUAR02217

GGNRA008393

C. Herrera
700 Race St. # 21
San Jose, CA 95126

Friday, August 11, 2000

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I STRONGLY object to the recent closures and proposed NEW closures at Fort Funston. The fences keep tax paying citizens from enjoying what is the most scenic area of the Fort. In fact, the fences HAVE NOT benefited the bank swallow population. The further proposed changes should be near the cliff face above the burrows. This would address public safety as well as the bank swallows while allowing those of us that use the Fort on a regular basis, we the predominant users of Fort Funston, we the organization that takes very good care of the area by supplying litter bags and conducting monthly cleanups, the continued access we desire and deserve.

Thank you for listening.

Christina Herrera

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GGNRA008394

8-11-2000

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

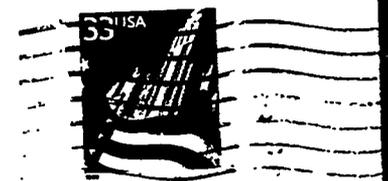
Congress mandated that the GGNRA lands be set aside as "open recreation space." Off-leash dogwalking has been a legitimate recreational activity at Fort Funston for almost 40 years. Dogwalkers are by far the largest users of Fort Funston but are continually left out of the planning process. The Park Service must bring groups together, including the Audubon Society, CA Native Plant Society, and the Fort Funston Dog Walkers, to find solutions to managing Fort Funston resources.

Thank you for your consideration.
Jim & Carole Kofka

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GGNRA008395

Mr. & Mrs. James Krotzer
1628 18th Ave.
San Francisco
CA 94122-3413



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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

cy: O'Neill

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

Re: Fort Funston (GGNRA) closure

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cy: O'Neill

AUG 10 2009

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

This war between GARC & dog owning tax payers seems specious. It's "The way you want it to look" vs. the health & happiness of taxpayers' pets. Surely there can be compromise. There always has been in the past.

Please, let's all put our egos aside and do what's best for all the creatures involved.

I object to the recent closures at Fort Funston.

The newly erected fences keep people from enjoying what is the most scenic area of the Fort.

If fences are shown to be needed to protect the bank swallows, these should be near the cliff face, above the burrows; this solution would address public safety as well. The Park Service has shown it can erect fences even on dunes.

We are anxious to find a solution that allows all park visitors to enjoy their recreational activities including off-leash dog walking, hiking, bird and whale watching, or just sitting to admire the view. This can be done while also protecting existing park resources.

Sincerely,

Krandall Kraus
Paul A. Borja
Ronald Baumhauer

664 Church St
 94114-2627

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CONSERVATION SERVICE

August 10, 2000

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Sincerely,

Alan Grant

Return address: _____

6 Lighthouse Rd.
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

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GGNRA008398

August 10, 2000

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

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SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

We wish to protest the proposal to close 12 acres at Fort Funston, which would make it a non-recreation area for dogs and their guardians.

You seem to be turning the entire park into a preservation area, rather than a recreation area. We do not believe this was the intent of late congressman Philip Burton when he encouraged Congress to set aside the Golden Gate National Recreation Area for use by the citizens of the Bay Area.

Because of past closures of Ocean Beach and large segments of the park to off-leash dog-walking, the park has become vastly overcrowded on weekends with too many people, children and dogs crammed into an increasingly limited area. There are more dog-fights and other incidents, not because the animals are more unruly, but simply because you are forcing too many dogs and people into a smaller and smaller area.

Your intransigence in administering this area without concern for its heaviest users is truly baffling.

Sincerely,



Lona and Harry Jupiter
260 Dorantes Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

Cc: Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior
Sen. Diane Feinstein
Sen. Barbara Boxer
Rep. Tom Lantos
Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.

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GGNRA008399

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AUG 14 2000
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Name: *Dr. Mary M. Rowton*
Address: *1411 6TH AVE
SF CA 94122*
Date: *8/10/00*

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

There are too few places where well-behaved dogs (like my three) can run and socialize with other dogs. Fort Funston is the very best one and should not be closed to SF taxpayers. All the users respect this area and need it for a good quality of life in the City.

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,



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cy: O'Neill

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I JUST ADOPTED A DOG FROM SPLA.
MY NEW FRIEND NEEDS A PLACE TO
RUN FREELY WITH HIS BUDDIES.
PLEASE, PLEASE LEAVE THE FEET
OPEN TO OFF-LEASH USE!!

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Sincerely,

Joan McClure

Joan McClure

240 CLAREMONT BLVD

SF CA 94127

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GGNRA008401

cy: O'Neill

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

*As a supporter of National Park Trust
and National Park Conservation Association
for many years,*

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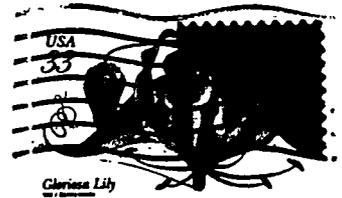


Dr George Senyk
2319 32nd Ave
San Francisco CA 94116-2207

FOFUAR02226



Dr George Senyk
2319 32nd Ave
San Francisco CA 94116-2207



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

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

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Sincerely,


Bryan W. Mulvaney

5215 W Peoria Ave #115
Glendale, AZ 85302
(623) 842-4512

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GGNRA008404

cy: O'Neill

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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Sincerely,

FOFUAR02229

Matilde Maddux

Return address: _____

4505 A 25th street

San Francisco

CA 94114

if more areas get closed to people and their dogs I am afraid the SPCA will acquire more dogs than they know what to do with. If I cannot exercise my dog she will go back to where she came from: the SPCA!

GGNRA008405

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SENIOR WITNESS

August 10, 2000

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Sincerely,

Alan Grant

Return address: _____

6 Lighthouse Rd
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

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GGNRA008406

Cy. O'Neill

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

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Sincerely,

Melissa Lee
2702 Coronet Blvd
Belmont, CA 94002

FOFUAR02231

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cy: O'Neill

Cheryl A. Spencer
1319 Cheyenne Blvd.
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

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AUG 10 2000
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay & Franklin Streets, Building 201
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123
Fax: 415-561-4710

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Sincerely,


Cheryl A. Spencer

FOFUAR02233

GGNRA008409

Packet 3

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U.S. Senator Feinstein
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F. Funston, USNRA

Since writing you in July about keeping off-leash dog running as a recreational activity at Ft. Funston, the USNRA has switched its emphasis from allowing dogs off-leash running to expanded permanent closures for the "threatened" bank swallows! This is in their "Proposed Habitat Protection Closure dated July 14, 2000. We finally got to submit our public opinions at the Aug 29 hearing beginning at 10:30 PM, following 3 hours of comments on the Discovery Museum, Ft. Baker. (A very long night!)

The bank swallows are moving south each year for nesting, yet the northern areas at Ft. Funston are not being re-opened to the public for recreational use as the NPS had indicated they would do in the early '90's. The more areas the NPS permanently closes, the squeeze on the open recreational areas for dog running, hang gliders, horse back riders, walkers, etc. becomes smaller and subject to intense concentrated use. This can/will lead to further closures and eventual elimination of groups (happens) with

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special interests like those already named, all in the
name of "recreation" or "protect the environment."

As the land swallows more, so should the fences,
closing and re-opening! This way all groups can enjoy
one of the most beautiful open recreational areas
in an urban area and reduce the possibility of
"recreation". As a tax payer we deserve a break!

Sincerely,

Delphia P. Scully

Delphia P. Scully
408 Melrose Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94127

cc: Superintendent ANURA
Boyer, Franklin St
Bldg 201
75. Mason,
San Francisco, CA 94123

P.S. Sorry about your L leg break. Hope you heal quickly.

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Superintendent Brian O'Neill
GGNRA
Building 201
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Dear Superintendent O' Neill:

I am writing to encourage you to reconsider the impending closures at Fort Funston. My family and I are frequent users of the park, and the closures would deeply upset us. I understand that the GGNRA may be interested in protecting the swallows, but various scientists have come forward saying the closures are not necessary toward this goal. And painting the swallows as endangered is misleading—as their name implies, they prefer to settle on river banks, and we know that this is not truly one of the last bank swallow colonies in northern California. As for reintroducing native plants to the area, the Fort has been under human occupation for years, first as a military base and then as a recreational facility. It has ceased being a nature preserve a long time ago, and it is silly to spend time and money desperately trying to bring back native plants to the park. Who is to say a native plant is better than iceplant anyhow? How long in history do we have to look back to find what plants really belong there? I'm sure before the so-called "native plants" were there, the area was covered in water and or bare sand dunes—perhaps we should try to recreate that?

The bottom line is that urban parks such as Fort Funston are to be used and enjoyed by the public, not set up as an untouchable wildlife preserve. If the public cannot enjoy the park, it is senseless to even call it such. I am not saying that we should plow over the land and put up sports fields or anything like that, but we should be able to enjoy the basically untouched land as it is.

Sincerely,



Donna Spillane

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To Whom it may concern:

My mom said we three pups should get together and compose a letter to tell you how much we need and love Fort Fuston. We are city dogs and that right there is reason enough, we go romping 5 or 6 times a week, it keeps us from doing bad things around the house-barking and chewing etc...We love our social time there,we play, meet our friends-get some sand between our paws. Mom plays with us too/ she is always very good about keeping The Fort "clean" and joins in the monthly clean-ups organized by the Fort Funston Dogwalkers.

We have heard you may be taking all that away from us, we are truly frightened and bewildered. There are so few places left in and around the city for us to play catch and chase each other and swim! We also love the diversity, the old and young people and dogs and horses. We know the birds need a place to nest but we all make sure to leave them alone and so do our friends.

Fort Funstson is the brightest star in our day.....please don't take it away! .

Thank-you for caring,
Bosco, Lollipop, and Jack the Bear

See address: Sherri Franklin

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Mr. Brian O'Neill
General Superintendent
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Fort Mason, Bldg. 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Re: Fort Funston Proposed Closures

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I was born in San Francisco 52 years ago. Even though I recently moved to Nevada, I return "home" every few months as my adult children, as well as my older sister and her children and 5 grandchildren, still live here. On my recent visit to San Francisco I was shocked to learn from friends and family that the GGNRA proposes to permanently close an additional 12 acres of Fort Funston from all visitor access. Apparently the 12 acres are in addition to the approximately 25 acres already illegally closed off to the public. I obtained a copy of the proposal from the Sunset library and completely disagree with the justifications for the proposal.

As a child, growing up in a poor family, there were only a few places our family could go for free fun and picnics. Fort Funston's dune area, and the old battery buildings, were the stuff a child's imagination grew on. My sisters and I spent many happy weekends there. We could slide down the dunes, frolic on the beach, play in the shore break, learning at the same time to cherish, protect and preserve the environment we were enjoying.

When I became a parent I brought my own children to Fort Funston, to share with them my love for the area, the ocean and the wildlife I had grown up with. There were no boundaries to our shared experiences and joys in the discoveries of Fort Funston. Throughout all these years, all the recreational users, families with children, seniors, hang gliders, dog walkers, bird watchers, nature lovers, and young

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(and old) lovers shared the park together. During these years and even with all the people and pets using the area, the Bank Swallows have returned again and again to the cliffs. The only problem for the Bank Swallows that I can see is that the GGNRA has destroyed the bluff habitat above the Bank Swallow area (by cutting down the Monterey Cypress trees, removing the ice plant and planting so-called "native plants") and in response the Bank Swallows have moved south to get away from the GGNRA's destruction! If the colony has declined in numbers it is because of the GGNRA's actions, not the recreational users.

And now using the Bank Swallows and "native plant" restoration as its reasons, the GGNRA would fence, restrict and deny the joy I had as a child (and my own children had) to infinite numbers of San Franciscans?! You would knowingly choose to eliminate freedom of movement around ALL of Fort Funston and in so doing, restrict learning about our coastal bluffs, shoreline, ALL its birds, and the wonder of the naturally changeable landscape?

I find it inconceivable and unconscionable in "The City That Knows How", that the GGNRA would choose, in the 21st Century, to show that IT knows nothing at all. Nothing about what our citizenry needs or desires is being given any credence by the GGNRA. Through what factual justification and laws can the GGNRA so blatantly choose to cast aside and ignore the wishes of the majority of this urban collective of peoples, in favor of unfounded, unwarranted and unsubstantiated claims that such closures are necessary for the Bank Swallows? The San Franciscans who use Fort Funston know that these justifications are a pretext for the GGNRA to change the traditional recreational use of Fort Funston to a closed, fenced off, allegedly "native plant" habitat.

How can the GGNRA, in good conscience, limit, restrict and/or eliminate ANY free recreational space in an area of urban swelling as glutted and compacted as San Francisco? The long-range ramifications of this arbitrary elimination of space on compacted living, where children, teens, adults, seniors and dogs can exercise, play and relieve the stress of urban living, is unthinkable.

Sir, I can only ask how short-visioned is the GGNRA's seemingly intractable position? Without unrestricted, open, recreational space, especially for children and teens, the potential tension, and attendant problems that could arise for our city, is frightening.

I ask you to remember what many a mother has cautioned her sons about not

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cutting off the nose to spite the face. When those in whom we place our trust betray that trust it is akin to ignoring a mole on the end of one's nose - if the mole is not dealt with in a professionally knowledgeable way; if it's treatment is to deny its existence or needs, one runs the risk of losing more than a nose. I ask you to remember that Fort Funston was transferred to the GGNRA from the City (and people) of San Francisco. It was transferred to the GGNRA only after the citizens of San Francisco were assured that the traditional recreational uses would not be denied to the citizens. If the GGNRA persists in fencing out the citizens and closing off more and more of the park to recreational users, the citizens of San Francisco will exercise their legal prerogative so that Fort Funston will revert to the City of San Francisco.

With the hope that you will keep our city "Golden", I am sincerely,



Jenna Wong Logan

cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
The Honorable Diane Feinstein
The Honorable Tom Lantos
Mayor William Brown, Jr.
Tom Ammiano, Supervisor
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Date: *SEP. 7, 2000*

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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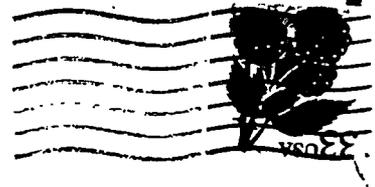
In one of the most densely populated cities in the country, such space is vital to the 38% of us who keep dogs, love the land, and contribute to the maintenance of our local environment.

Sincerely,



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1628 18th Avenue
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September 7, 2000

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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RE: Fort Funston (GGNRA) Closure

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

We are writing to strongly protest the current plans to permanently close an additional 12 acres at Fort Funston to public access.

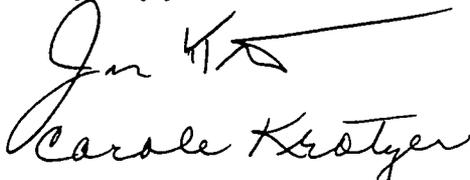
As frequent users of Fort Funston, we have seen more and more of our park taken away from us. It seems obvious to us that the ultimate plans of the GGNRA are, if not to eliminate all public use of Fort Funston, at least to limit all visitors to narrow fenced-in pathways throughout the park, from which we can gaze longingly upon the "native plants".

The latest retaliatory move to close 2 acres more than originally planned and to eliminate the "seasonal" access is especially irritating. The GGNRA has seemingly closed the door on compromise and cooperation with the various users of this urban park.

By the way, we are long time members of various conservationist organizations such as The Sierra Club and The Nature Conservancy.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,



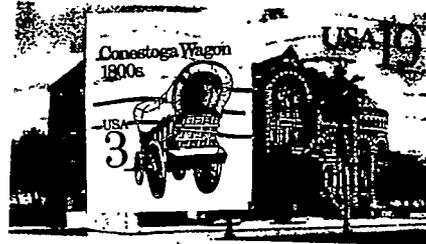
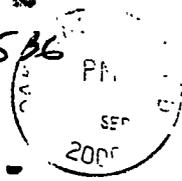
Jim and Carole Krotzer

Cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein

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Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston without careful review and opportunity for public comment. This is a valuable resource for dog owners as it is the only off-leash area in San Francisco. It is also the only off-leash area close to the ocean south of Marin, north of Santa Cruz. If the acreage must be closed, perhaps your staff and that of the City of S.F. can identify an alternative park area in S.F. for off-leash use.

Julia Wilson

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Steven Courlang
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San Francisco, CA 94127

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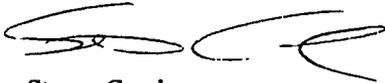
Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. As a daily user of this San Francisco treasure, I find it appalling that more and more of it is becoming off limits to walkers, hikers, and dogs. My understanding is that Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service to be used specifically for these recreational purposes.

Please come out and visit Fort Funston. Every day you will see that the overwhelming majority of visitors are local San Franciscans and their dogs. Myself and hundreds (perhaps thousands) of others have been going to Fort Funston to enjoy its decades-long tradition of off-leash free play and socializing for both dogs and their owners.

In our wonderful city that strives for a mixture of urban development and nature, maintaining rather than losing such a space is vital, especially to the 38% of us who own dogs in the city. Please do all that you can to ensure that no further parts of Fort Funston are closed to our public usage.

Sincerely,



Steven Courlang

CC: Senator Diane Feinstein
Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi
Representative Tom Lantos

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Date: *Sept 7, 2000*

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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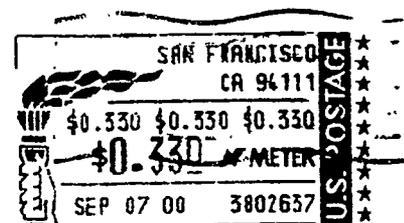
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Sincerely,

Toey Bancroft

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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We have enjoyed using Fort Funston regularly for the past 8 years since our Border Terrier Arlo joined our family. Like almost all of the other dogs at Fort Funston, Arlo uses the park responsibly. We clean up after him and he stays out of the fenced areas. He is well socialized and enjoys interacting with people and with other dogs. As Sierra Club members, we are strong supporters of environmental restoration and conservation. We certainly understand some of the measures that were taken at Fort Funston a few years ago to fence off parts of the Park and to restore natural vegetation. However, Fort Funston is an urban park that serves a critical function for the citizens of San Francisco and their dogs. Responsible hiking with our dogs is a legitimate use of the Park, and we are extremely disturbed by the recent unannounced large-scale closure of much of the Park. We demand that this unwarranted and misguided policy be rescinded as soon as possible, and we intend to contact our elected representatives if it is not.

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94127
(Kevin and Beth Shann)

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**Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Bay and Franklin Streets
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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 more acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

By far the majority of visitors to Fort Funston are San Franciscans and their dogs. I go to Fort Funston to enjoy its decades-long tradition of off-leash free play for my canines in an area where I can enjoy this beautiful section of San Francisco coastline. It is unclear why the GGNRA is attempting to end this off-leash tradition. The dog owners maintain the cleanliness of the park, self-enforce the poop scoop and voice control rules, and decrease the likelihood of some of the illegal activities that happen in some of the other San Francisco parks occurring at Fort Funston..

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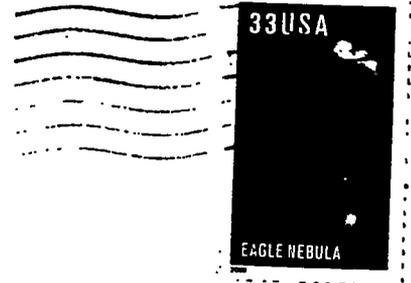
Sincerely,



Maria Da Costa
1563 17th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94122

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am a long time resident of the Bay Area, and I am greatly disturbed by the closure of large areas of Fort Funston, restricting enjoyment of the Recreation Area.

Don't leave people and their pets out.

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,

Anna Stevens R.N.

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San Francisco Ca.

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am also a senior and have walked my dogs for 20 years at Fort Funston. Please do not restrict the access to Fort Funston and remove one of my last remaining pleasures. I am also the tax-payer. Thank you.

I object to the recent closures at Fort Funston.

The newly erected fences keep people from enjoying what is the most scenic area of the Fort.

If fences are shown to be needed to protect the bank swallows, these should be near the cliff face, above the burrows; this solution would address public safety as well. The Park Service has shown it can erect fences even on dunes.

We are anxious to find a solution that allows all park visitors to enjoy their recreational activities including off-leash dog walking, hiking, bird and whale watching, or just sitting to admire the view. This can be done while also protecting existing park resources.

Sincerely,

Alla Pavlov

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I grew up in the Ingelside District of San Francisco and was first exposed to Fort Funston in 1981 when I began to walk there with my parents and their two dogs. At that time my father was newly retired and much of his time and social contact revolved around the friends he made walking the dogs there with my mom. When my mom could no longer make the walk we pushed her in a wheelchair along the paved path. Now, alas, my father is no longer able to walk even that far but I carry on the tradition with my own dog Molly.

Over the past twenty years, walking our dogs at Fort Funston has meant a lot to me and my family. I am strongly opposed to the proposed closure of 12 acres at Fort Funston or any other attempt to further limit our ability to share this wonderful experience with our happy dogs. I have looked at the issues behind the closure and believe that none of them warrant the extreme measure of closing off more of Fort Funston to human and canine access.

Please let Fort Funston remain as it is - a glorious, open space that we can share with our families and our dogs.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

HEINZ WALTER

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As stated below my fear is that more and more closures at Fort Funston will occur which means less and less space for our dogs. I plea with you to use your influence to put a stop to it so us dogwalkers don't have to be afraid there will be no place for our animals to go. I urge you not to go through with the closure of 12 acres in the Fort Funston are and thank you in advance for your help and assistance.

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,

Heinz F. Walter

Hal Stehman

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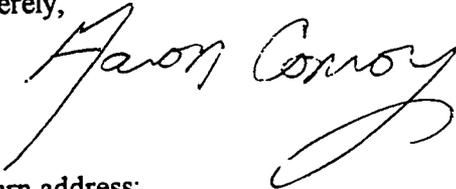
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Sincerely,



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Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
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San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am opposed to the proposed closure of 12 acres at Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,



cc: The Honorable Tom Lantos
The Honorable Diane Feinstein
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi

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Sincerely,

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Elizabeth A Mosley
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SF, CA 94103
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CA TAXPAYER!

The purpose of our national park system is for our enjoyment. The policies by Federal agencies should be to enhance our enjoyment and use of park resources not to keep us out.

**Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

Please don't close the 12 acres at Fort Funston. The dogs of San Francisco need it. The people of San Francisco need it so their dogs don't drive them crazy.

I appreciate your consideration.

Regards,

Cydnee Dubrof

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Sept 8, 2000

I am writing to protest the permanent closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston.

We are responsible dog owners and use this facility often.

Thank-you -

Elly & Neil Gibbs -

251 Ripley Street

SF. CA

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415-826-8256

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Name: SANDRA SEBASTIAN
Address: 30 MADRONE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
94127
Date: 9.8.2000

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

SAVE the few beautiful spaces
for dogs AND owners - AS property
tax payers in a highly expensive area such
as San Francisco - - - WE NEED ONE PLACE

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Sincerely,

TO HAVE FUN WITH OUR PETS! Dogs make
people happy - NOT BIRDS!!!

Sandra Sebastian

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**Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
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Name: RALPH BUTLOW
Address: 4047 CESAR CHAVEZ
SF - CA 94131
Date: 9.8.00

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

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Sirs:

I am outraged to hear of the possible closure of Ft. Funston's off leash dog policy (or to all dogs?!) - No - I have lived or been affiliated with S.F. for 35 years and have also constantly had 1 or 2 dogs. My dogs as others are our best friends - what they do for me & others emotionally should not be underestimated. Look at all the medical research on the ill and elderly. Their companionship & emotional value is undisputed. S.F. is a city that has always recognized individual freedoms & congeniality - Keep the park open please !!

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Mary H. Strick
20984 Entrada Rd
Torrance, Cal 90508
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Name: *Alie West*
Address: *4077 Cesar Chavez*
San Francisco CA 94131

Date: *Sept 8 2000*

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

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Sincerely,

Alie West

cc Nancy Pelosi
Diane Feinstein
John Lantos

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**Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
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Mr. Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
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Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I am writing to ask that you please carefully consider the ramifications of closing 12 more acres at Fort Funston.

1. Will the closure stop the erosion of the coastal dunes? Will your fences change the power of the wind and the ocean, the main factor in the erosion?
2. Will the closure lead to the increase in the coastal population of bank swallows? The studies clearly show the public ^(our) use of these areas has no affect on the bird population.
3. Will the closure make the park more beautiful? How can we improve on this gem of a park? Do we need to create a nursery for native plants on one of the most beautiful and accessible coastlines in the state?
4. Will the closure increase public safety? Oh yes, because if these closures continue, we'll all be safe at home enjoying nature on the Discovery Channel. It seems the GGNRA would be happiest if we enjoy nature in front of our TV sets.

I ask you to please make a sane and just decision for the future of Fort Funston. Fort Funston is my favorite part of San Francisco. It is my favorite part of the day. The vast beauty that we are able to enjoy here is not taken for granted. I do not feel, and I do not believe any studies show that we are misusing or abusing the park. If I did feel the closures would bring us back the dunes taken away by El Nino or save a threatened species, I would not speak so strongly.

We must remember what GGNRA stands for: Golden Gate National RECREATION Area. The GGN Recreation Area was developed not to create a nature preserve but to preserve our enjoyment of the natural world. The GGNRA's attempts to control nature are in direct contrast to the mandate of the park system.

Please make a wise and just decision.

Sincerely,


Shirley A. Strout
439 Victoria Street
San Francisco, CA 94132

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Melanie Born
1276 Stanyan Street
SF CA 94117

September 8, 2000

Re: STOP THE CLOSURE OF FORT FUNSTON

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I have lived in San Francisco for eleven years and visit Fort Funston 2-3 times weekly with my dog. I am disabled and rely on a wheelchair for mobility. Fort Funston is one of the ONLY dog parks that is accessible to me and my dog. As beautiful as the Bay Area is, much of it's "nature" off limits to me. Fort Funston is a rare exception and I implore you to stop any further closing of its wonderful open space.

I am writing to you to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

The claims by those advocating closure, is that it is being done to "protect" the bank swallow population. Ssince the initial closures the bank swallow population has declined dramatically. The closures haven NOT benefited the bank swallows. Why then is the closure being pursued?

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Sincerely,



Melanie Born

Cc the Honorable Nancy Pelosi
the Honorable Diane Feinstein
the Honorable Tom Lantos

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Linda Kastner

444 Rich Street, Oakland, Ca. 94609

September 8, 2000

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am opposed to the proposed closure of 12 acres at Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Kastner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "K".

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September 8, 2000

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

Re: Fort Funston

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am writing to register my objection to the recently-proposed closure of 12 acres on the north end of Fort Funston to all recreational use.

Like millions of other Californians, I am a responsible dog owner. Dog owners have the right to reasonable access to open recreational space to walk their dogs. As the steward of Fort Funston, you have a corresponding duty to administer the park in a way that protects the rights of dog owners.

Specifically, you have a duty to take into consideration the legitimate interests of the dog-owning public before you restrict access to parklands. Any restriction you place on public access should be carefully tailored to meet specific goals that are directly related to the purpose for which the park exists. They should intrude on the rights of the dog-owning public to the minimum extent feasible.

I understand that the justification claimed for the proposed closure is protection of bank swallow habitat. However, the California Department of Fish and Game has advised that closure of the cliff face and the top of the cliffs is all that is necessary. Therefore, I urge you to rescind the proposed closure, and develop a more narrowly-tailored plan that will take community needs into account.

Very truly yours,



James B. Simpson

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Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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September 8, 2000

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I am writing this letter to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. I am a San Francisco native and have enjoyed walking and socializing my dogs at Fort Funston for many years. Fort Funston is a beautiful resource that I frequently enjoy especially for the vast accessible landscape that provides hours of great hiking and canine socialization.

The potential closure is particularly upsetting because no substantiated reason has been provided. Fort Funston recreationalists continue to keep the park clean and beautiful for all to enjoy. Closing more than 20% of the accessible land would greatly diminish the splendor of the park for which people come from all over the city to experience. There is no other place like Fort Funston in or around San Francisco--- Please help us fight to keep this urban sanctuary intact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robyn Brost".

Robyn Brost
2154 46th Avenue
San Francisco, CA

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Mildred M. Bollin
1907 Sixteenth Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

September 8, 2000

Mr. Brian O'Neill
General Superintendent
GGNRA
Fort Mason, Bldg. 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Re: Proposed Closures - Fort Funston

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I am a resident of San Francisco and a senior citizen. I am writing in response to the Proposed Habitat Protection Closure at Fort Funston. I have watched with increasing dismay and concern as the GGNRA has closed off more and more acres, piece by piece, of our dearly loved and cherished Fort Funston.

My concern and dismay became alarm and then anger when the GGNRA in late 1999 destroyed and removed the paving and closed the Sunset trail. It was only opened again (and then, only as a sand trail) when litigation was threatened. The GGNRA has not committed to re-pave the Sunset trail or even committed to leave it open to public access. Looking at the map attached to the proposal, it is clear that the GGNRA is attempting to take all the bluffs from public access. Had the GGNRA not been challenged on the Sunset trail, with the prior and the proposed closures the GGNRA would have effectively taken all the bluffs from the public recreational use.

Does the GGNRA realize that senior citizens as well as the

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disabled relied on the Sunset trail to get exercise, enjoy the view from the bluffs, meet with friends, walk their dogs (or visit with other walker's dogs), whale watch from the bluffs, or just commune with nature? Many with limited mobility have lost access to one of the few areas in nature open to them. Also, you do not seem to be aware that many seniors live alone and their visits to Fort Funston provide them with not only needed exercise but also visits with the Fort Funston walking community and friends. This is necessary for the emotional and spiritual well-being of many seniors and others with limited mobility.

It is obvious that the GGNRA has a hidden agenda in these piece by piece closures. The hidden agenda appears to this senior citizen to be to sacrifice recreational uses to the creation of an off-limits "native plant" experiment. I thought that if the GGNRA was planning to make such a major change in the use of Fort Funston that it would need to advise the public of its intent and take public comment about such a momentous change from the traditional recreation uses. How can the GGNRA make such a major change by claiming that each closing, piece by piece, is a separate closing?

There has never been public consensus to change our recreation area into a "native plant" preserve. Apparently the GGNRA is aware that the public would never agree to such a change and therefore determined to force it on the public by doing piece by piece closures. The GGNRA has not provided any scientific basis for needing such closures. It is my understanding that the Bank Swallows can be protected by fencing off a much smaller bluff area when the Bank Swallows are nesting. The only other action needed is for the GGNRA to stop replacing the bluff habitat that the Bank Swallows enjoyed for decades. The only purpose I can surmise from the actions of the GGNRA is the hidden agenda to take the entire coastal bluffs permanently from the public to satisfy the desires of a small special interest group. I suppose in another year or so the GGNRA will take the eastern half of Fort Funston too.

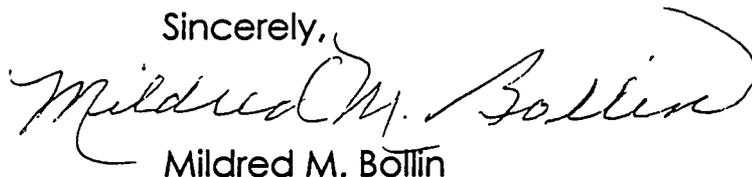
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This senior citizen does not believe that this closure is about Bank Swallow protection, I believe that it is about so-called "native plants". It appears that the "native plants" are not recreation friendly the way that the ice plants are. Therefore, the public recreational users have to be fenced out. Families with children, seniors, dog walkers, whale watchers, young lovers watching the sunset, even hand gliders overhead - they all have to go! Their recreation uses all have to be sacrificed to appease the "native plant" group.

Please, do not pretend that this action is needed for the Bank Swallows, or erosion, or public safety! Tell the public the truth. You will find that the public will make needed sacrifices for the environment, for the protection of endangered species, and for the public good - when such sacrifices are shown to be **necessary**. The GGNRA has not shown that these closures are necessary. The piece by piece closures from the public have not been well received by the public. Nor has the public been deceived as to actual purpose behind the closures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mildred M. Böllin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mildred M. Böllin

cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
The Honorable Diane Feinstein
The Honorable Tom Lantos

Mayor William Brown, Jr.
Tom Ammiano, Supervisor
Gaven Newsom, Supervisor
Mark Leno, Supervisor
Mabel Teng, Supervisor
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Superintendent Brian O'Neill
GGNRA
Bay and Franklin Streets
Building 201, Fort Mason
SF, CA 94123

Dear Mr. Brian O'Neill,

This letter is written to provide input in to the proposed policy change by the National Park Service regarding Fort Funston. This letter is written to ask the National Park Service to keep the park available as an open and unrestricted park for dogs and a regional resource to dog owners.

There are more than 140,000 registered dog owners in the City of San Francisco alone. This does not include unregistered owners. This park is a major resource to these Fort Funston users and Tax Payers.

The National Park Service is proposing to permanently close 12 acres of Fort Funston. **This closure is not necessary to save bank swallows (according to The Calif. Department of Fish and Game).** This closure is about making FF into a nature exhibit, to be seen from fenced corridors. Along with earlier closures, a total of 20% of FF has already been removed from public use.

The environmental impact of this decision effects other public lands including:

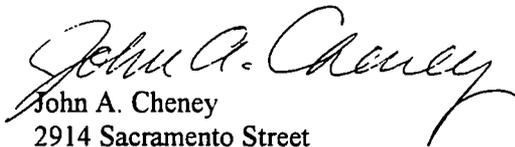
- A. Has the Department polled the current fort Funston users including dog owners?
- B. This has larger political and environmental consequences than merely making FF a nature preserve, including the "spill over" effect into other parks in the area of dogs and dog owners. Less "dog space" at FF means more crowding at other parks.

Is there an EIR on this policy decision?

Can you please tell me the name of the Policy Committee Chairperson with jurisdiction over your department? Who has jurisdiction of this policy change?

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


John A. Cheney
2914 Sacramento Street
San Francisco, CA 94115

cheney@rocketfiber.com

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Rosemary and John Beck
243 Noriega Street
San Francisco, CA 94122

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

September 8, 2000

RE: GGNRP Closures of Recreational Use Areas at Ft. Funston

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

This letter is in regard to the actions of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) that will result in the closure of more than 20 percent of Ft. Funston to all recreational use. We strongly object to these actions and seek your attention to this issue.

Since 1995 the GGNRA has acted in an arbitrary, onerous and capricious manner undertaking closures to areas at Ft. Funston and the proposed closure of an additional 12 acres of open area. In fact, a suit was brought against the GGNRA and it was found to have acted illegally in a manner contrary to its own rules and regulations. That action by the GGNRA led to the fencing off from public use of an additional 10 acres of land. Under the terms of the agreement between the GGNRA and the City of San Francisco, the GGNRA was supposed to notify and consult with the San Francisco Planning Department whenever there was any planned "substantial alteration of the natural environment" of the park. Also the terms of that agreement stipulate that GGNRA use the land for "recreational or park purposes" in perpetuity. We believe the closure of 20 percent of the lands for recreational or park use, the lack of coordination with the CCSF Planning Department, failure to seek broad public input, and intended changes to the existing vegetation on the closed lands constitutes a substantial alteration of the natural and existing environment. Finally, the terms of the agreement between GGNRA and CCSF also stipulates the if the Park Service fails to comply with the terms, the CCSF may take back the park.

Part of the issue at hand is the contention that the permanent closures are intended to protect the bank swallow population at Ft. Funston. However, the fact is that even the California Department of Fish and Game advised the GGNRA that closure of only the cliff face and the very top of the cliffs would offer

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the protection required for the bank swallows. Other than that advice, there have been no full effort impartial scientific studies on the issue to justify the actions undertaken by the GGNRA.

We use the park for recreational use and often take our dog with us. We are members of the Ft. Funston Dog Walkers, which is one group representing probably the largest contingent of users of the area. This organization supports the care and use of Ft. Funston. The Dog Walkers organization has installed and supply litterbag stations and its member conduct monthly clean-ups and actively encourage all persons to demonstrate responsible use of the area.

We all are anxious to find a reasonable and practical solution to this issue and contentious situation. We believe all persons and interests can be accommodated, and should be accommodated, in using the park and the beautiful environment it provides, even for simply admiring the view. Finally, we believe this can be accomplished while maintaining the existing park resources.

Your support to resolve this issue would be most welcomed and appreciated.

Sincerely,



Rosemary and John Beck

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Madeline Duva
1276 Stanyan Street
SF CA 94117

September 8, 2000

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I have lived in SF for over 10 years. I pay taxes and consider myself a good citizen. I often participate in the SF DOG Sponsored Park Clean Up Days, and must tell you that I pick up far more human refuse than dog feces. Recently my neighborhood park, Grattan Park, was closed to dogs and their taxpaying owners permanently. Fort Funston is one of the few places the dog friendly can go and recreate with their dog, which serves both as a companion and protection.

I am writing to you to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority

The claims by those advocating closure, is that it is being done to "protect" the bank swallow population. Interestingly, since the initial closures (that are on hold due to the illegality of the process by which they were closed) the bank swallow population has declined dramatically. Thus, one could reasonably conclude that the closures haven NOT benefited the bank swallows. Why then is the closure being pursued with such rigor?

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Sincerely,



Madeline Duva

Cc the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, the Honorable Diane Feinstein and the Honorable Tom Lantos

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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Sincerely,

John Coyne

Return address: 14630 Manuella

Los Altos Hills, Ca 94022

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**Superintendent Brian O'Neill
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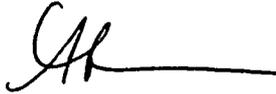
Please save Fort Funston. With all the places that we're losing to lights & businesses we need a place to walk & take our dogs out. This is the last place we can go & be relaxed with our pets.

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Sincerely,



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SF. Ca 94107

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Fort Funston is absolutely a Dog's heaven!!!
My 10 month old puppy feels at home and at
ease, playing with her friends. Please don't take
that away from her

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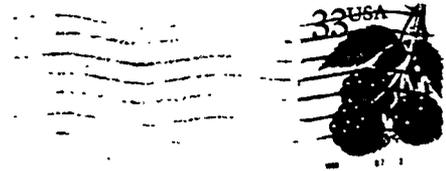
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2234 29TH AVE

SF, CA 94116

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San Francisco, CA 94123**

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Re: Fort Funston (GNRA) closure

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

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SAN FRANCISCO CA 94115-1003
ZANE GRIMM
1924 GREAT HWY
ELAINE GRIMM



Aug. 6, 2000

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,
Please keep Fort Funston an
off-leash area in accordance
with the 1979 Pet Policy, and
by intervention of the
Board of Supervisors,
assured all parties that there would
be no change in the 1979 Pet
Policy.

All groups should work
together so that everyone can
use this recreation area. Zane + Elaine
Grimm

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of: O'Neill

Joseph N. Samek
50 Winship Ave
Pittsfield MA 01201
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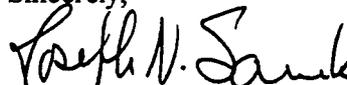
Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, Ca 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I STRONGLY object to the recent closures and proposed NEW closures at Fort Funston. The fences keep tax paying citizens from enjoying what is the most scenic area of the Fort. In fact, the fences HAVE NOT benefited the bank swallow population. The further proposed changes should be near the cliff face above the burrows. This would address public safety as well as the bank swallows while allowing those of us that use the Fort on a regular basis, we the predominant users of Fort Funston, we the organization that takes very good care of the area by supplying litter bags and conducting monthly cleanups, the continued access we desire and deserve.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,


Joseph N. Samek

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51 Blackstone Road R.D. 2
North Adams, Ma 01247-9400
August 6, 2000

g: O'Neill

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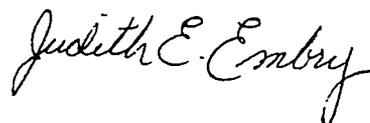
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Sincerely,



Judith E. Embry

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Name: Patricia Curran
Address: 487 Laidley St
S.F. CA. 94131

Date: 8-6-00

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

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Name: Alexandra Feit
Address: 2524 19th St.
S.F., CA 94110
Date: Aug 6, 2000

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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Thank you for listening.

Chris Lazarus

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850 Atriguer G
Greatwood, CA 94513

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cc: O'Neill

August 6, 2006

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
G.G.N.R.A.
Bay Franklin Streets
Bldg. 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Re: Off-leash areas for dogs

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. As a regular walker with my dogs in Fort Funston I would hate to have more areas closed off to the dogs. You probably know that Fort Funston is also known as a "Dog Heaven". Please please leave as much area as possible to enable the dogs to run and play. Is there another place where so many dogs can enjoy such freedom? When my visitors from around the world see this they are astonished and delighted that such an area exists, and almost a city wonder!

The swallows are also a delight to see, swooping so fast and low and I appreciate that they also need protection, but do they need the presently closed areas and maybe more? My understanding was that they nest in the cliffs and feed mainly around Lake Merced and that a flyway between nesting and feeding was their need. Have I misunderstood their needs?

On a related subject: Snowy plover protection.

I took a ranger led walk last year to learn more about these birds and their needs. We did eventually spot some (Noriega (Ortega section of the beach) up near the dunes in the dry sand. I'm happy to leash my dogs between Lincoln and Sloat but I don't understand how ranger trucks can drive there and not disturb the bird habitat. Wouldn't motor bikes or even pedal bicycles ridden near the water's edge be less disruptive? Just a thought!

Sincerely,

Mary C. Nicholson

Mary Nicholson
2728 4th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94116

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cc: O'Neill

1924 Great Highway
San Francisco, CA 94116
August 6, 2000

Willie Brown, Mayor of San Francisco
City Hall, Room 200
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4639

Dear Mayor Brown:

This Letter is in response to Golden Gate National Recreation Area's newest proposal regarding off-leash areas at Fort Funston. It does not surprise me that the National Park Service (GGNRA) talks out of both sides of their mouth.

I have had extensive dealings in the past with GGNRA. Our group, the Sunset Coalition, was actively working with them. As it turns out, GGNRA never followed through on what they said they would do. It was our group who furnished the GGNRA with the history of the beach. They did not research the beach profile, as they would have realized that the beach moved inland going south.

Also, there was concern in 1981 about the snowy plover because of the sand replenishment program. The snowy plover survived but the sand replenishment did not. All the sand placed on the beach that was taken from the construction of the "super sewer" washed away during winter storms. GGNRA does not learn from past mistakes because they plan to do sand replenishment at Sloat Blvd where erosion is taking place even threatening the super sewer.

The 1979 Pet Policy sanctioned the continuation of off-leash activity at Crissy Fields, Fort Funston, and Ocean Beach. But GGNRA, ignoring the 1979 Pet Policy, made Ocean Beach an on-leash area. In order to get permission to place sand on the beach, GGNRA made deals with other agencies who wanted Ocean Beach to become an on-leash area.

San Francisco needs places that allow off-leash recreation for owners and their pets. Let us continue to be the city that knows how and a city that takes care of all their citizens.

Sincerely,



ELAINE GRIMM

CC: Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Honorable Barbara Boxer
Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Honorable Tom Lantos
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Linda McKay (Fort Funston Dog Walkers Assn)

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Corky Estave
13857 Reed Avenue
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70818

August 5, 2000

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

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2684 Thornbrook Rd.
Ellicott City, MD 21042
August 5, 2000

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I am writing to support measures to protect the Fort Funston area of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. As you know, this area includes one of the best continuous exposures of a sandstone formation and the largest remnant of the San Francisco sand dune complex. The sandstone bluffs and dunes are home to rare colony of bank swallows, California quail, and burrowing owls. However these resources are threatened by excessive human activity. Cliff-climbing, graffiti sprayed on sandstone bluffs, and, most particularly, free-running dogs threaten wildlife and dune stability.

That is why I support closures of sensitive areas of Golden Gate National Recreation Area to uses that threaten park resources. Also, I oppose free-running dogs on Fort Funston's bluffs and dunes. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Cathy Kunkel
Cathy Kunkel

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SAMDAVE, 11:48 AM 08/05/20, Request your help

BUILDING 201, FORT MASON
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94123

This is Federal property so it doesn't matter that you may not live in SF or even CA. Please send this on to EVERYONE on your e-mail - this is really important to me, David and all dog lovers. Thanks so much!!!

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David Jensen

David Jensen (A Cat Lover)
2058 43rd Avenue
San Francisco, California 94116

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See attached.
Lori F.

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KATHLEEN CONNELL
Controller of the State of California

CLAIM FORM

Date: 8/11/2000 Source: INT

Property ID Number: 01129696

Type of Property: Vendor payments
 Account Number:
 Amount: \$200.00
 Reported By: ANHUESER-BUSCH COMPANIES
 Owner's Name: GOLDEN GATE NATL PARK
 Reported Address: FORT MASON
 SAN FRANCISCO CA

This is to inform you that, according to our records, you may be entitled to the money, the property, or the proceeds from any sale of the property listed above. If you are claiming this property or the proceeds, you must fully complete and return all parts of this three-part Claim Form:

- (1) This front page of the Claim Form;
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 Bureau of Unclaimed Property
 P.O. Box 942850
 Sacramento, CA 94250-5873

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Controller of the State of California

CLAIM FORM

Date: 8/11/2000 Source: INT

Property ID Number: 011049684

Type of Property: Vendor payments

Account Number:

Amount: \$56.66

Reported By: AMERICAN TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH

Owner's Name: GOLDEN GATE NAT L RE

Reported Address: ATTN: MAI-LIIS BARTLING
SAN FRANCISCO CA

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CLAIM FORM

Date: 8/11/2000 Source: INT

Property ID Number: 001008336

Type of Property: **Checking account/demand deposi**

Account Number:

Amount: **\$35.82**

Reported By: **WELLS FARGO BANK #1**

Owner's Name: **FORT FUNSTON ARMORY**

Reported Address: **6887 PORTAGE RD
DUBLIN CA**

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spouse, parent, or business partner), please go back to the Electronic Inquiry name search screen and look for the other name. Then you can add the additional owner to the Affirmation Fill-In Form. Submitting documentation for all owners on the account at one time will speed up the processing of your claim.

If this is a valid claim, print this Claim Form and complete and submit the Affirmation Fill-in Form.

If this is not a valid claim, return to the Electronic Inquiry Search Screen.

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August 5, 2000

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Jay & Franklin Streets, Building 201
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123
Fax: 415-561-4710

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Sincerely,

Gerald W. Wallace
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1755 JAREN AVENUE
MERRITT ISLAND
FL 32952

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Sincerely,



Susan Francis
3982 Eastrise Drive
Groveport, Ohio 43125
614/834-5902

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GGNRA008484

cy: O'Neill

08/05/2000

SWALLOWS, QUAIL AND OWLS

Superintendent Brian O'Neill
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Mr. Bobbie Dee Flowers
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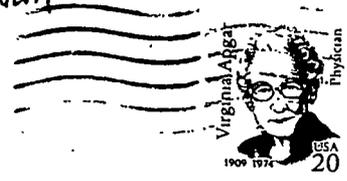
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Cy. O'Neill



Please protect the Fort
Funston area of GGNRA
and its sandstone bluffs
and sand dunes by
halting the running of
unleashed dogs in that
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Protect the swallows, quail
& burrowing owls.

Supt Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate N.R.A.
Bay & Franklun St.
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Name: JON SINDELL
Address: 2475 46TH AVE.
S.F. 94116
Date: Aug. 5, 2000

Brian O'Neill
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Fort Mason, Building 201
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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

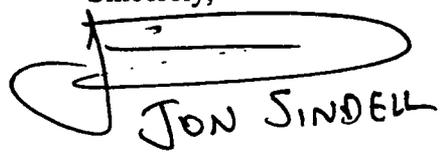
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JON SINDELL

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Name: Kyle Thornton
Address: 851 Alvarado St
SF CA 94114
Date: 8-5-00

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Superintendent
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Sincerely,



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ag: O'Neill

GAIL C. HERATH-VEIBY

1000 Broadway, Suite 1000
San Francisco, CA 94133
Tel: 415.774.1100
Fax: 415.774.1101

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Sincerely,

Gail C. Herath-Veiby

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SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION

Elisa Estave
4980 Vondell Lane
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70814

August 5, 2000

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Thanks you for listening,
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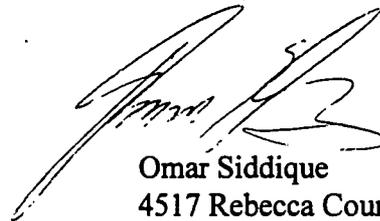
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I urge you to end the habit of owners running unleashed dogs at Fort Funston and to protect sensitive areas of the sandstone bluff and dune system. Please keep me informed on steps the National Park Service will take to the Fort Funston site.

Sincerely,



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Date: *Aug 5, 2000*

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

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am writing to protest the closure of 12 acres of Fort Funston. Fort Funston was given to the National Park Service by San Francisco for recreational use, and in legislation creating the GGNRA, Congress specified urban recreation as a priority.

By far the majority of visitors to Fort Funston are San Franciscans and their dogs. They go to Fort Funston to enjoy its decades-long tradition of off-leash free play and canine socialization, in a windblown but gloriously beautiful section of San Francisco coastline.

In one of the most densely populated cities in the country, such space is vital to the 38% of us who keep dogs, love the land, and contribute to the maintenance of our local environment.

Sincerely,

Kathy Setian

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RE: Fort Funston

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

As a member of both the GGNRA and the Fort Funston Dog Walkers we are puzzled as to why these two fine organizations are at odds with one another. Our goals - the enjoyment for all of the pleasures of Fort Funston - are certainly similar and no one would disagree with the protection of the bank swallow habitat.

We do, however, feel that the GGNRA has over reacted by now proposing to permanently close 12 acres. The fences should be located closer to the cliff faces. The Sunset Trail should be clear of drifting sand so as to make it accessible to all.

Fort Funston is a jewel appealing to everyone. Please let everyone enjoy it!

Sincerely,

Jim and Rita Powers

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

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I am writing to support measures to protect the Fort Funston area of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I do not need to tell you of the unique nature of the sandstone bluffs and sand dunes of Fort Funston. Only 5 percent of the San Francisco dune complex remains, and the National Park Service is charged with protecting those dunes within GGNRA "unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Unimpaired does not mean resources scarred with graffiti or eroded by tracks and trails.

I cannot understand why the National Park Service has failed to enforce its own clear regulations at Fort Funston regarding free-running dogs. Is GGNRA the only unit of the National Park System that openly ignores 36 CFR 2.1, apparently encouraging pet owners to run their dogs on fragile dunes? Why have you not halted the threats to fragile native vegetation, bank swallows (listed as threatened in California), California quail and burrowing owls?

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This letter is in regard to the notice of the proposed year-round closure at Fort Funston.

It is a known fact that having the companionship of a canine is beneficial to seniors.

I am 78 years of age, born in San Francisco and I have a dog. The problem is you are proposing to restrict the place I take my walk while having my dog go off leash. I thought when San Francisco gave GGNRA the land, it was with the understanding that traditional usage would continue. What happened to that promise?

Also why do you blame the declining bird population on dogs? I would think hang gliders would constitute a threat.

I urge you to reconsider your proposal to close Fort Funston to our best friends.



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Re: Fort Funston Closures

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the San Francisco Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("SPCA") to address issues regarding Golden Gate National Recreation Area's ("GGNRA") notice received on Monday by the SPCA of notice and comment for federal rule-making of the "Proposed Habitat Protection Closure" at Fort Funston. We saw a similar notice posted at Fort Funston, advising that there was a "Document for Public Review and Comment" ("Document") at the Sunset Library, Fort Funston Visitor's Center, and the National Park Service ("NPS") Information Center downtown. This letter addresses concerns regarding inadequate public notice and procedural defects in the rule-making process described in the Document.

As indicated by the Document, this process was initiated because the "Federal District Court ordered preliminary injunction against the NPS, disallowing the closure until such time as appropriate public notice and opportunity for comment was provided." Yet a quick review of the proposal reveals the closure is substantially different from the one that resulted in the preliminary injunction in the lawsuit, *Ft. Funston Dog Walkers v. Babbitt, No. C 00-00877 N.D. Cal.* The new proposal extends the four and a half acre permanent closure to twelve acres taking even more recreational parkland, banning public access to all bluff views of the beach for the entire northern sector of Fort Funston. Despite drastic changes in the project only sixty days have been allotted for public comment. Moreover, people are told to file comments "as early as possible" if they want to be heard: "Public comments should be submitted to NPS as early as possible in order to assure their maximum consideration." The statement indicates NPS is not committed to providing an opportunity for meaningful public review, rather the rule-making process is merely a procedural hurdle before proceeding with the project.

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Ultimately the court will decide whether there was "appropriate notice and opportunity for comment." This letter addresses serious problems with the rule-making process that could result in court reversal if not corrected. Public notice is inadequate, there is no provision for public review of the documents relied on for the proposal, and access has been denied to the area in controversy.

1. Effective Notice of the Proposed Closure

Although the sixty day comment period ran from publication in the federal register, GGNRA delayed posting notice of the proposed closure at Fort Funston for almost two weeks. As a general rule of land use practice, "appropriate notice" for public urban parks requires that signs be posted at the site where the proposed changes will occur. In contrast to other national parks, GGNRA has **unique** provisions in the enabling statute that require NPS to follow "principles of land use planning." In particular, the statute mandates: "In management of the recreation area, the Secretary of Interior ...shall utilize the resources in a manner which will provide for recreation and educational opportunities **consistent with sound principles of land use planning and management.**" 16 USC, section 460bb. The "statement of purpose" further provides that the park was established "to provide for the maintenance of needed recreational open space **necessary to urban environment and planning**". Due process rights impacted by land use planning and development in an urban environment require that notice be posted at the site. The U.S. Supreme Court has defined adequate notice for due process to require: "notice reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections." *Mullane v. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.* 339 U.S. 306, 314 (1950); *See, also Harris v. County of Riverside* 904 F.2d 497, 503 (9th Cir. 1989).

Second, no effort has been made to advise occasional users that their access to the entire northern bluffs in the park will be affected by this proposal. GGNRA estimates 750,000 "visitors enjoy Fort Funston annually," virtually the entire population of San Francisco (pg. 6). Extensive media coverage followed the original closure in March, yet GGNRA has done nothing to advise the general public of the latest development in the case. Typically in cases that affect the general public, notice is published in newspapers of general circulation. "The means employed must be such as one desirous of actually informing the absentee might reasonably adopt." *Mullane* 339 U.S. at 315. Clearly the intent is to limit public input, not facilitate it.

Further evidence of this intent occurs in the notice posted at Fort Funston. Only two signs were observed, one located on the backside of the bulletin board at the head of the Sunset Trail, hidden from public view, and the other at the bulletin board near the beach access trail, adjacent to a sign on the fence indicating "seasonal closure". In small print, the signs advise people that a document is available for review and comment at three locations and that comments are due by September 18th. No reference is made to the August 29th hearing of the Citizens Advisory Commission where comments can be made. Nothing is said about the expansion of the proposed habitat. Public confusion stifles dissent, since people tend to accept the fences as a fiat accompli, unaware that they will be moved to enclose more space if the