



Administrative Project Review Categorical Exclusion Form

Project Title: Install Dog Wash Station at East Beach Restroom, Crissy Field

Project Manager: Shirwin Smith (415-561-4947)

PEPC Project Number: 39643

Project Description: This is a collaborative project between GGNRA, the San Francisco Boardsailors Association and Crissy Field Dog Group to solve a conflict between user groups at Crissy Field's East Beach over use of the outdoor shower. A dog washing station is proposed to be installed on the east side of the East Beach bathroom, separate from the shower used by wind surfers and other beach goers.

A path, meeting ADA standards, will lead from the sidewalk on the east side of the building to the adjacent, parallel low concrete wall. A 7'6" wide by 10' long pad will be added parallel to the wall, and a single tower with 3 low shower heads will be installed on the pad. Access to the pad, the pad itself and water controls will comply with ADA standards.

A new water line to provide necessary water pressure will be added, connecting to the 2" water line on the west side of the building. The station will connect to the storm water line at the south-east end of the bathroom. A sand trap will be placed on that connecting line.

An NPS sign will be installed on the wall designating this as a dog washing station, and noting that it is a collaborative effort between NPS and the two user groups, each of which has donated funds to the project.

The work will be performed in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) under the following conditions.

Conditions:

1. The Project Manager (PM) will coordinate with the Park Archeologist, (Leo Barker, 289-1891) at least one week prior to ground disturbing activities to allow for scheduling of ground monitoring.
2. The PM will coordinate sign design review and approval with Keith Stegall (415-561-2825), Trails Supervisor.
3. PM will consult with Kevin Cochary (415-331-8627), Chief Ranger, on a preferred dog showerhead height ranging from 15 to 19 inches, so that the showerhead would not be used by smaller children, which could create more user conflicts, rather than resolving them.
4. The following are conditions to meet accessibility requirements:

- a) The operable parts of the dog washing station must be within the accessible reach ranges of 15" minimum to 48" maximum from the finished floor surface. ABA 308.2.1
- b) The force required to activate operable parts shall be 5 pounds maximum. ABA 309.4
- c) The accessible route and surface around the washing station must be firm, stable and slip resistant. The surface around the station must be less than 2.08% slope in all directions. The accessible route to the station must be less than 2.08% cross slope and 5% running slope (per DSC standards, design at 1.8% cross and 4.75% running). ABA 302.1, 403.3

5. PM will work with Public Affairs for any necessary public outreach and construction signage.

This project was reviewed by the following interdisciplinary staff:

Amy Hoke	Historical Landscape Architect
Kelly Wyrsh	Accessibility Technician
Bob Holloway	NHPA Section 106 Coordinator
Larry Miranda	NEPA Environmental Protection Specialist
Richard De La O	Accessibility Program Manager
Leo Barker	Archeologist
Bob Holloway	NHPA Section 106 Coordinator
Jeffrey Obierek	Maintenance Mechanic Supervisor

The Project Manager will consult with the following staff to complete Conditions 2 and 3 before project implementation:

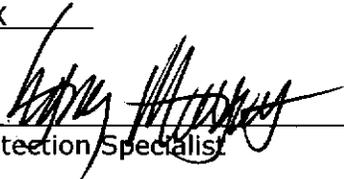
Keith Stegall	Trails Supervisor
Kevin Cochary	Chief Ranger

Describe the category used to exclude action from further NEPA analysis and indicate the number of the category (see Section 3-4 of DO-12):

- 10. *Installation of wells, comfort stations and pit toilets in areas of existing use and in developed areas;*
- 15. *Installation of underground utilities in previously disturbed areas having stable soils, or in an existing utility right-of-way.*

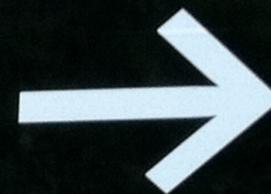
On the basis of the environmental impact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I am familiar, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No exceptional circumstances (e.g. all boxes in the ESF are marked "no") or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.

Approved X Disapproved

Larry Miranda  January 6, 2012
 Environmental Protection Specialist Date

cc: Dean, (Smith)

Dog Rinse Station



This installation was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Crissy Field Dog Group, the San Francisco Boardsailing Association and Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Sign Committee Findings

Sign Committee Members in Attendance:

Keith Stegall, Julie English, Lance Lewis, Michael Faw, Sara Solomon, Christine Carey, Rob LaPorte, Bob Holloway, Shirwin Smith, Susie Bennett, Caroline Christman, Eric Klein, Justin Webster, Daniel Franco

SUBJECT: Sign Committee Meeting Notes and Conditions

Thursday August 16th , 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Announcements

Keith announced that the Sign SOP for the park has been officially approved. The completed approved and signed version will be posted in the Sign Committee folder on the FOMA common drive under "General". The SOP will be reviewed at the next Sign Committee meeting on Sept. 27th.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hawk Hill Social Trail Closure Signs – Caroline Christman

Over the last few months we have noticed increasing use of four social trails at Hawk Hill. Two of the social trails lead to the top of the hill; a third social trail begins on the trail between the tunnels, but does not have a defined end point at the top of the hill; and the fourth leads from the paved access road to the overlook near Casemate 2. There is an existing mesh habitat protection fence at the bottom of the fourth social trail which has reduced use. All of the trails are on steep grades and contribute to erosion, damage to native vegetation, and spread of invasive species' propagates into planted areas. The social trails have been used to such a degree that many visitors must think they are maintained park trails. We would like to install temporary fencing and signage to reduce social trail use, and we have ordered plants to plant into these areas this winter.

Fence:

We would like to install short sections of fence at the end points of the social trails (six locations) to clearly indicate that these are not intended to be trails. We would attach modified "Help Us Take Root" signs to the fence to explain that the area is closed for restoration.

We would prefer to use t-posts and wire mesh fence, which is what is currently being used for habitat protection fencing on Hawk Hill.

Hilltop Access Signs:

The two most often used social trails lead to the hilltop. We think that many out-of-town park visitors use these social trails because they do not know how to reach the hilltop from the tunnels. We would like to install temporary signs (heavy-duty laminated paper on t-posts) that inform people which direction to travel to reach the hilltop. I've attached a sample of a possible sign as a PDF.

These signs are a temporary measure and will not be needed once the new trails and directional signs are installed.

Conditions - A temporary sign package for Hawk Hill including directionals and closure signs for social trails has been approved pending a review by Michelle O'herron in order to work toward a standard format for temporary signs of this nature. Caroline will work with Michelle to come up with a design that will be of a size which can easily be produced and fit within the Hunt umbrella. Once the designs are solidified they will be submitted to Keith and Julie for final review. Leo Barker will be contacted if any sensitive archaeological material is encountered upon installation. Signs will be funded and installed by GGNPC staff. GGNPC Staff will be responsible for the care and maintenance of temporary signs while in use.

2. East Beach Dog Shower Signs – Shirwin Smith

A dog wash shower, funded by two user groups and the NPS will be installed late this summer/early fall on the east side of the East Beach restroom. Purpose is to address user group conflicts and solve LE issue with dog walkers using the people shower to wash/rinse off their pets.

Sign type and placement is to inform and direct users from the problem area (people shower) to the solution. Placement also addresses ADA issues. Recognition line is in keeping with NPS policy and necessary to ensure that the message is clear that this was a collaborative effort – not just NPS driven.

This collaborative project was specifically approved as such by GOGA Superintendent. Sign design/text reviewed by Superintendent and Director of Communications.

Conditions – One “Dog Rinsing Station” sign has been approved to go on the butter cube bench west of the East Beach showers to direct people to the dog station. The wording “Dog Wash-Off Station” will be changed to “Dog Rinse Station”. The Sign Shop will be responsible for fabrication and installation and will be reimbursed for costs once the accounts reopen. Julie will provide Shirwin with an estimate of costs.

3. GGNPC Golden Gate Overlook – Daniel Franco

GGNPC projects would like to put ten to fifteen signs in the planting areas around the new Golden Gate Overlook. The signs will be on metal stands, the placard portion of which will measure five by seven inches. Overall the signs will be approximately one foot tall. The purpose of the signs is to encourage visitors to stay on the trail in order to protect the new plantings at the Overlook and adjoining sections of the new Presidio Coastal Trail.

Conditions – Temporary “Stay on Trail” signs were approved for the Golden Gate Overlook area with the stipulation that the initial proposal of 13 -15 signs be reduced by half to alleviate sign clutter. Daniel will work with Michelle O'herron to formulate a standard design for this type of temporary sign. Once the design is solidified it will be submitted to Keith and Julie for final review. It was also recommended that fencing be added in certain areas to help minimize the problem.