Golden Gate National Recreation Area



Compliance-Based Management

Noncompliance with the proposed management regulations, as stipulated in the Action Alternatives B, C, D, E and the Preferred Alternative, could result in negative impacts to park visitors or resources. The purpose of compliance-based management is to monitor and document noncompliance and to guide management response in order to protect visitors and resources.

The dog walking regulations defined in the rule, and other existing regulations applicable to dog management, would be regularly enforced by park law enforcement, and compliance would be monitored by park staff.

Noncompliance would include:

• dog walking within areas

- closed to dogs
- dog walking off-leash in designated on-leash dog walking areas
- dog walking off-leash outside of established ROLAs
- failing to dispose of dog litter
- disturbing wildlife
- creating a hazardous situation

What happens when noncompliance is observed in a specifc area or zone?

Park staff would initially respond with actions such as:

• increasing enforcement of the regulations



- educating dog walkers
- establishing buffer zones, time and use restrictions and special use permit (SUP) restrictions

If, over a 12-month rolling average, compliance falls below seventy-five percent, management of that specific area or zone would be permanently changed to the next more restrictive level of dog management:

- a ROLA would be changed to an on-leash dog walking area
- an on-leash dog walking area would be changed to prohibit dog walking