

Comment	Comment	Comment (Direct quotations from comment submissions)
83	P	The language used for the Ocean Beach section is unclear to me pertaining to dogs. In short, whatever Alternative is chosen A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE BEACH MUST BE OPEN TO OFF LEASH EXERCISE. This is historically one of the main activities at the Beach along with surfing, fishing, and jogging. All of these activities should continue to be allowed.
83	P	Secondly, only Alternative 2 which allows for continued dog walking and hang gliding should be considered. Also the same amount of area allowed now for dog walking should continue, unless it is expanded. I'm concerned what the phrase "near the main parking lot" means here in Alt. 2. I trust it doesn't mean just a small area allotted for dog walking.
83	P	Thank you for your time and remember: This is a RECREATION area. The land was ceded to the park service for this purpose and should remain so. San Francisco is a very small city with limited areas for recreation. We depend on the GGNRA to provide us with the space for further recreational areas.
90	P	Fort Funston is another unique and irreplaceable natural resource that should be designated as such. This amazing ecosystem is one of the few remaining and vitally important Bank Swallow coastal nesting habitats on the Pacific. Its natural historical value as habitat that support migrating and wintering songbirds, shorebirds, ducks and pelagic birds has been seriously compromised by extreme overuse as an off-leash dog run area. Also it is no longer a place fun to take our children. Set asides and mitigation of damages must occur here if the GGNRA is to fulfill their public charter.
90	P	Lands End is significant in that it is also a resource for migrating birds and resident mammals. The continued removal of non-native invasive plants and replacement with native plants which provide habitat value should be continued as well as limitations on domestic animal use put in place.
90	P	Fort Miley is another important site for resident wildlife and for migrating birds. Expanded access without mitigation measures is not recommended. Dogs should be on leash only.
92	P	Migrating birds stop at Lands End. Removing non-native invasive plants and replacing them with natives will provide cover and food sources for them.
92	P	Restrict use of Fort Miley for the use of resident wildlife and for migrating birds. No dogs. Remove feral cats.
92	P	Expand the Ocean Beach Wildlife Protection Area.
92	P	Shorebirds, Bank Swallows, migrating ducks and pelagic birds need safe habitat at Fort Funston
97	P	Ocean Beach includes a Wildlife Protection Area, which I would love to see designated a sensitive resource. As I live one block from Ocean Beach, this request is near and dear to my heart. What would the beach be without the beautiful birds that share it with us!

101	P	<p>3. Concerning Ocean Beach, Alternative 2 has our support. When there are many stakeholders (NPS, GGNRA, City and County of SF, etc.) it is especially important to include members of the public, not just officials, from the very beginning. It is very important that in this alternative you have divided the beach into North Zone and South Zone. Our only other question concerns the involvement of the Army Corps of Engineers concerning the erosion and other issues. USACE has made many mistakes in park and other projects sometimes with disastrous effects. We feel there should also be input from engineers and environmental consultants that are not connected to the Army Corps of Engineers.</p>
111	P	<p>Of the sites under consideration, I frequent and love Fort Funston, Ocean Beach, and Land's End. My comments are unrelated to the three options above. I am concerned that these precious places are becoming increasingly restrictive towards those of us who walk dogs there(preferably off leash). I know that there is controversy and sometimes conflict between people pursuing various kinds of recreation in each spot. How to resolve our competing claims? Well, who has more interest in resolving any conflicts than those who use "Fort Fun" or the beach or Land's End every day? Therefore, I propose that an open and voluntary committee be formed of those habitats representing all of the diverse recreational groups, to meet every couple of weeks, or every month--whenever is most effective--to resolve any conflicts among ourselves. Of course a Park representative would be welcome to attend and to speak up--but I think that those who spend so much of their time at these places are better judges of their use than those who simply manage but do not visit them. Perhaps this has already been tried--but I know how large a part these places play in our lives. It is in the interests of those who need and use the parks most to resolve conflicts to preserve their enjoyment for all.</p>
116	P	<p>I think all three preliminary alternatives are deeply flawed because you are approaching this as a National Park Service Conservation issue. When the City of San Francisco gave GGNRA lands to the National Park Service, the city was assured that traditional recreational uses, including off-leash dog walking, would be continued. The Park Service should honor its commitment to maintain the broad range of recreational use that is appropriate in an urban park. Alternatives 2 and 3 appear to totally eliminate "recreational use" which was part of the original deed.</p>
125	P	<p>The Fort Mason community garden is an important bird habitat enjoyed as a source of beauty, food and the wildlife it supports.</p>
125	P	<p>Lands End is significant in that it is a resource for migrating birds. The non-native invasive plants should be removed and replaced with plants which provide habitat value.</p>
125	P	<p>Fort Miley is another important site for resident wildlife and for migrating birds. Expanded access without mitigation measures is not recommended. Dogs should be on leash only.</p>
125	P	<p>Ocean Beach includes a Wildlife Protection Area, which should be designated a sensitive resource.</p>

125	P	Fort Funston supports shorebirds and is important as a Bank Swallow nesting habitat supports migrating ducks and pelagic birds viewed offshore thus it should be designated a sensitive resource.
133	P	At Fort Mason, no mention is made of one of the last remnant natural coastal bluffs within San Francisco's Bay landscape; the area should be preserved and extensive habitat restoration opportunities encouraged around Fort Mason. Fort Miley, one of the great migratory bird watching spots in San Francisco, should likewise be preserved and enhanced for habitat values, rather than simply managed as an evolved cultural landscape. At Ocean Beach, alternatives must consider the encouragement of nesting areas for snowy plovers, and the possible removal, relocation, or reduction in the number of lanes of the great highway to promote dune formation. Fort Funston provides one of the most scenic and wild viewsapes anywhere in San Francisco. Currently it is degraded by a parking lot that is too large; destruction of vegetation and cliff rescues of off-leash dogs; and maintenance facilities. There is too much additional impacts on the accessible points of Fort Funston in this plan: the areas where people can access remain impaired under this plan, when these areas should be prioritized for restoration.
137	P	3. Other comments, keeping legal an off leash area such as Fort Funston is vital to San Francisco. It is a key way people all ages, races, people with diverse interests can meet. This serves to create understanding and well being in the greater community. Our dogs bring us outside, our dogs give us a reason to say good morning and start a conversation. I am sure it is not the intention of anyone to hurt the habitat.
144	P	2. An element missing from all the alternatives is the importance of off-leash dog walking. This is especially important at Fort Funston where off-leash activity is the most common use. The park can often be cold, windy and otherwise unattractive to tourists and even people from the community. Dog walking is enjoyed by a diversity of park visitors (unlike most National Park activities, where poor people and people of color are severely underrepresented). There is a steadfast and dedicated group of people who walk their dogs, exercise their bodies and socialize at Fort Funston. Isn't that what parks are supposed to foster? Fort Funston was deeded to the GGNRA with the understanding that the existing recreation, such as dog walking, would NOT be eliminated. To ban off-leash dog walking would be a serious breach of the intent and wishes of the people.
145	P	1)Keep the word recreation in the name and give us back our right to recreate in the ways that we always have. I would not have been a willing party to San Francisco giving away my beaches to the federal government without the "memo" to give us the recreational access that we traditionally had.
147	P	Please do not incorporate Fort Funston Park in San Francisco into the GGNRA. It is a necessary off-leash dog park that should stay so. If the leash laws change then there will be a great number of unhappy dogs and people.

148	P	. An element missing from all the alternatives is the importance of off-leash dog walking. This is especially important at Fort Funston where off-leash activity is the most common use, in the park that can often be cold, windy and otherwise unattractive to tourists. Dog walking is enjoyed by a diversity of park visitors (unlike most Nation Park activities, where poor people and people of color are severely underrepresented). And finally, Fort Funston was deeded to the GGNRA with the understanding that the existing recreation, such as dog walking, would NOT be eliminated
150	P	In a city such as San Francisco where there are more dogs than children, Fort Funston provides an amazing resource for our community. The language in Newsletter makes it difficult to tell if any of the proposals will continue to allow off-leash dog walking. It is essential to San Francisco dog owners to have a park of this size where their companions can run and play freely in an open environment which is Fort Funston. Please consider the uniqueness of the San Francisco dog community in your considerations for the GGNRA. Thank you for your time.
154	P	Fort Funston -- Alternative 1 is the only acceptable alternative since it allows for recreational uses throughout the area. The other two alternatives do not provide enough recreational access opportunities. Alternative 2 provides possible recreational uses only in the part near the parking lot. The beaches would be natural areas without recreational access. Alternative 3 allows recreational access only in a narrow swath (it's not clear from the diagram if this is the beach or along the top of the cliff).
154	P	Ocean Beach -- Alternative 1 is the only acceptable alternative since it allows potential recreational uses throughout the beach. The other two alternatives do not provide enough recreational access opportunities. Alternative 2 and 3 provide recreational access only at the north end of the beach. The Beach would be a natural area from mid-Golden Gate Park south.
156	P	1. Preliminary alternative 1 is inclusive and far more beneficial to San Francisco, allowing Fort Funston to continue to be enjoyed by the countless people -- of which probably the majority are dog owners -- who already visit it weekly if not daily.
156	P	2. The San Francisco area has very few outdoor areas that people can enjoy with their pets. Yet there are plenty of beaches and parks for those who don't want to be around dogs. Hence Fort Funston is currently serving an underserved segment of the population.
156	P	3. It is possible to protect the environment without excluding huge numbers of people who are already emotionally invested in a particular area. In fact, the people who love an area are those who care the most about preserving it -- so why not involve them rather than shutting them out? If there are problems with ecological conservation, the answer is to educate those who visit Ft Funston regularly about how they can help.

157	P	2. An important missing element is off-leash dog walking. San Francisco is a very dog-friendly city, and off-leash dog walking is enjoyed by thousands of park visitors, particularly at Fort Funston. It is a great way to get exercise and enjoy the beautiful surroundings not just for dogs but for San Franciscans too! Our family loves to go to Fort Funston and walk down to the beach with our dog. It's one of our favorite weekend activities. Whenever we are there, we are amazed at the natural beauty of the scenery. Enjoying this stunning landscape is one of the things that makes living in San Francisco truly special. And it would be incredibly disappointing if we were not able to do so.
160	P	Fort Funston: Alternative 1 is the only acceptable alternative since it allows for recreational uses throughout the area.
160	P	Ocean Beach - formerly SF's main beach - again alt. 1 is only acceptable alt. since it allows for POTENTIAL recreational uses. These two areas must allow a variety of recreational uses as they will continue there whether or not allowed.
162	P	2. Left out of all the choices is off-leash dog walking. In San Francisco, there are more dogs than children and many acres of the current GGNRA are used for this purpose almost exclusively. That is because of Fort Funston, a sandy, hilly, windy, foggy site perched on a cliff. Its climate is inhospitable to most people and the current visitorship is probably 99% off-leash dog walking. The park currently draws people from throughout the Bay Area and beyond for this express purpose. To leave this constituency out of the plan would limit access not encourage it. The park is currently shared, for the most part peaceably, with horse riders, hang gliders, parasailors, hobbyists with remote-controlled airplanes, hikers, bird watchers, many children's programs, native plants, and endangered species. Even coyotes and fox have taken up residence. Unfortunately, so have far too many crows.
165	P	I urge you to leave GGNRA as is. Ft. Funston and Crissy Field are intended for recreation. The citizens of San Francisco have used Ft. Funston for this purpose for decades, me personally for 25 years. I am a strong supporter and user of both state and national parks but Ft. Funston is not meant for that purpose. The people who live here want it for recreation. Please let it stay that way.
167	P	In San Francisco, the facilities at north Ocean Beach in particular should be improved to include at least one restroom (for the thousands of people who regularly congregate there) as well as a much improved 'on-the-beach' cleaning and maintenance program. This is a major urban beach but has been neglected over the years and the conditions at the beach are not worthy of a being called a National Recreation Area (or National Park for that matter).

167	P	Streetcar access to Fort Mason should not be a high priority especially in light of the high costs associated with the project. There are already public transit options available in the Fort Mason area and pedestrian and bike paths are excellent. Other less maintained areas such as Ocean Beach and Fort Funston should be given much greater level of care and funding going forward.
167	P	In future years, an increased Parks Police presence at Ocean Beach and Land's End is critical. Assigning one officer to patrol an area of nearly 10 mile is woefully insufficient especially during busy summer evenings.
169	P	2. One of the most important things missing from all the elements is the historic use of the parks by families with dogs. The off leash dog community that I found while a resident of San Francisco provided me a great "family" to enjoy my 20 years in the community. I am still in contact with the friends I made at Ft. Funston even though I am 2700 miles away and my dog unexpectedly died from a tragic illness. Ft. Funston creates a wonderful community where age, gender, income, sexual orientation, race, ethnic background, native or non native Bay Area residents can come together in one place at one time. As the Bay Area becomes more economically stratified having places where all people are welcome and can mingle and create community is tremendously important.
169	P	3. The GGNRA was set aside as a Recreation Area. Perhaps in some of the more remote areas of the park conservation and restoration of habitats is feasible. However, in the areas that border on densely populated parts of the Bay Area the traditional recreational uses should be respected. This includes off leash dog walking. At Crissy Field the kite surfers create a dangerous hazard to visitors as they launch an return to the beach. The Park Service doesn't seem to address this particular form of recreation as being detrimental to a park visitor. The off leash dog community at Crissy Field has been using the park far longer than the kite surfers. Why are the recreation needs of this community not included in the discussion?
171	P	2. An element missing from all the alternatives is the importance of off-leash dog walking. This is especially important at Fort Funston where off-leash activity is the most common use, and the park that can often be cold, windy and otherwise unattractive to tourists. Dog walking is enjoyed by a diversity of park visitors (unlike most National Park activities, where poor people and people of color are severely underrepresented). And finally, Fort Funston was deeded to the GGNRA with the understanding that the existing recreation, such as dog walking, would NOT be eliminated
175	P	Please remember that many of these areas - such as Fort Funston - have historically been used for the recreation of the people of San Francisco and were deeded as such to the federal government. Do not take that away from us.

176	P	<p>All the alternatives/concepts are too heavily biased toward conservation and/or the creation of sensitive habitats, rather than balancing recreation and conservation. Recreation, including off-leash dog walking, is an important activity which should be preserved and can co-exist with protection of natural resources. As a single mom, I live and die by the ability to take my energetic dog to this place where she can run free and learn social skills by playing with other dogs in a non-threatening, spacious environment. I drive almost 40 miles every weekend so I can take her to Fort Funston. This exercise is essential to keeping her a happy, healthy, well-mannered dog, and to keeping our family and our neighborhood happy and peaceful. We must not deprive our pets the exercise and social experience that is essential to their health and well-being (and therefore that of our community as well).</p>
181	P	<p>Fort Funston, prefer alt 2, Encourage local families to play and picnic here. Identify one area for dogs off leash such as the parking lot to Battery Davis region, then fence in this area just like cities do and make it the dog park. Enforce dogs on leash and maintain habitat protective fencing throughout the rest of Fort Funston. Keep existing park operations in the small location. No reason to develop a large visitor center as tourists do not come to Fort Funston</p>
196	P	<p>Topic 2: An element missing from all the alternatives is the importance of off-leash dog walking. This is especially important at Fort Funston where off-leash activity is the most common use, and the park that can often be cold, windy and otherwise unattractive to tourists. Dog walking is enjoyed by a diversity of park visitors (unlike most National Park activities, where poor people and people of color are severely underrepresented). And finally, Fort Funston was deeded to the GGNRA with the understanding that the existing recreation, such as dog walking, would NOT be eliminated</p>
203	P	<p>I think the other recreational activities that people have been doing on the beaches, bluffs, and meadows are also important. The beaches are wonderful for everyone, especially children to picnic, relax in the sun, dig sand castles, fly kites, play frisbee and beach volleyball. Hang-gliding from the bluffs is a wonderful sport for those who do it, and beautiful for the rest of us to watch. The wind surfing from Crissy Field is also exciting for observers as well (and adds to the the tourist attraction for those who visit our city - though I should point out that our dogs have been tourist attractions too, since we had Japanese tourists ask to have us pose with our dogs in front of a Golden Gate Bridge view!). Bike riding is also a good recreational activity in parts of the GGNRA (Crissy Field, fire roads elsewhere).</p>
207	P	<p>Fort Funston -- Alternative 1 is the only acceptable alternative since it allows recreational access and uses throughout the area. The other two alternatives do not provide enough recreational access opportunities.</p>

207	P	Ocean Beach -- Alternative 1 is the only acceptably alternative since it allows recreational access and uses throughout the beach. The other two alternatives do not provide enough recreational access opportunities.
212	L	<p>The Golden Gate Audubon Society, representing about 6000 members in San Francisco and the Bay Area, wishes to thank the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the National Park Service for the opportunity to comment on the General Master Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.</p> <p>In general, the Golden Gate Audubon Society wishes to express our support for Alternative 2. We oppose major elements of Alternatives 1 and 3. Our detailed comments explain our position. We did not comment on Muir Woods or other Mann County areas. Most of our comments are limited to Alcatraz Island and San Francisco.</p> <p>[211 and 212 are from the same letter - Audubon Society]</p>
212	L	<p>FORT MASON: The presence of the community garden and its value for the public and for the wildlife it attracts is significant. It should be mentioned as a fixture that will remain at Fort Mason. Much of the rest of upper Fort Mason possesses significant habitat areas. The trees over the batteries, the eucalyptus and palms all have value in our urban landscape and should be preserved. It would probably be wise to develop a reforestation plan for this area since it is likely the trees are at or near the end of their expected lifespan.</p>

212	L	<p>LANDS END: We do not concur with any of the alternatives for Land's End. This area possesses two very significant assets that need to be described and need to be addressed. First, the exotic habitat has significant value for migrating birds in both spring and fall. It is likely hundreds of migrants stop along Lands End, and in fact the entire coastline to the Golden Gate Bridge, during spring migration. Landbirds migrating along the coastal edge of the Pacific Flyway depend on the resources available on this stretch of GGNRA to continue their migration northward over the channel of the Golden Gate. In fall thousands of birds follow the coast southward and may stop to feed after long and stressful migratory flights from the north. Of course this is a rich bird habitat for resident and wintering birds as well, but it is most significant for migrants and it must be acknowledged as such. The second element that must be addressed in this document is the recreational value of Lands End for birders. Particularly during September and October, Lands End is a heavily used birding site in San Francisco. Since rare birds regularly stop in the area, birders visit the area to see them. This recreational activity should be acknowledged and supported in this document. We do not concur that native habitat and natural process should be restored. It would be far more prudent to support much of the existing urban habitat. Some exotic trees provide critical feeding, roosting and nesting habitat for many bird species. Blackberry, fennel, and other exotic plants support migrating birds in fall. It would be far more productive to focus restoration on opening springs and seeps, and controlling exotic species like cape ivy and ice plan that provide little or no habitat value and in fact destroy habitat. The goal for this is area should be one in which a balance between our urban exotic plant community and our natural plant community share the site. It is critical that when trees are trimmed they are not left devoid of all deadwood as was the case in the recent work done between Merrie Way and the Lands End Parking Lot. It would be most productive to develop a snag policy in which guidelines are developed for dead limbs and for standing dead trees.</p>
212	L	<p>FORT MILEY: This area should be treated much the same as Lands End. We oppose increased vehicle access. We are concerned that no mention is made of its value to migratory birds. Like Lands End, Fort Miley is a significant resource to spring and fall migrating birds and to the birders who enjoy them. Another element that is missing from this and all other areas of this plan is the historic value of trees around batteries. The groves of mixed eucalyptus, pine and cypress were presumably planted to provide some level of cover from aerial surveillance. They should be a significant part of the historic interpretation of the gun emplacements. The trees also provide islands of habitat critical to migratory birds. Like on Alcatraz, both a historic/cultural value and a natural history value should form the foundation for preservation and interpretation. It would be wise to identify significant natural resources for Fort Miley. Beach tansy and other more common native plants have been found near Battery Chester and Fort Miley. This is the only area in San Francisco where chipmunks have been observed recently. This is the only population of these native mammals in the north peninsula. Increased public access could threaten them. As with other parts of GGNRA, increased access would also be accompanied by the release of feral cats and by an increased number of off-leash dogs. Both of these would impact birds, mammals and native plant communities.</p>

<p>212</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>OCEAN BEACH: We have serious concerns about Alternative 1. While expanded visitor amenities including a coastal promenade may seem attractive and may be part of a major project in the future, it must be constructed in conjunction with a plan to preserve a dune structure that will probably have to be supported with infusion of sand from some other source. Even if there is no construction along the beach, it is important to support a beach and dune community that provides habitat for Western Snowy Plovers and other shorebirds, gulls and terns that roost there. That dune structure must include the following: a flat, tide washed flat beach, a fore dune with a brack line and a loose low dune formation; a dune line that is high enough to provide refuge during extremely high tides, particularly ones that are enhanced by winter storms. Dogs should not be permitted on this stretch of beach. Human activity should be restricted during the peak hours of winter high tides. During those tides dunes can become islands and the only refuge for shorebirds. Allowing people to compete with them for the dune tops creates an unnecessary stress on the birds. This is a manageable problem that should be adopted for the area between Noreiga and Santiago Sts. Any plan adopted for this area should be consistent with the Western Snowy Plover Recovery Plan.</p>
<p>212</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>Though we support Alternative 2 it is important that any alternative that is adopted must include a minimum of two wildlife protection zones. First is the area is used by Western Snowy Plovers. The other is the beach and adjoining bluffs at north end of Fort Funston where the Bank Swallows nest. We are concerned about the proposal in Alternative 2 regarding the Natural Zone in the southern portion of Ocean Beach. We assume that refers to the beach south of the north parking lot at Fort Funston on the Great Flighway. We agree that natural processes should be allowed to proceed along the beach between Fort Funston and southward to Mussel Rock. However that is inconsistent with other plans to preserve Battery Davis as described in Alternative 2 for Fort Funston. Actually, it would be much more clear if Ocean Beach were divided into 3 zones. Zone 1, from the north end of the beach to Lincoln Way, could be managed for maximum visitor beach use. Zone 2, from Lincoln Way south to Fort Funston, would encompass that area of beach inhabited by many shorebirds, provides habitat suitable for wintering Western Snowy Plovers, has a dune feature and may need to be managed to protect infrastructure associated with the Great Highway. This zone needs special attention that would preserve natural values and city infrastructure while permitting recreational access consistent with those preservation goals. Should a promenade be part of the eventual plan for this zone it should be one designed to focus some recreational activity on it and not the beach. Zone 3, from Fort Funston to Mussel Rock should be viewed like the area described as the southern portion of Ocean Beach.</p>

212	L	<p>FORT FUNSTON: The alternatives for Fort Funston are questionable across all alternatives. Battery Davis is our first concern. If it is preserved as a historic seacoast fortification it will be in conflict with the goal of permitting natural process to prevail on the beach. It would be better to maintain the fortification until it is threaten by erosion. A removal plan should be in place, because when the cliffs erode to the point they threaten the battery, there will be a significant threat to the public and to the resource. It would be best at this point to develop a plan for it's removal when the times comes. Discussion of the Natural Zone in Alternative 2 is completely inadequate. Preservation of Bank Swallow habitat must be incorporated in this alternative and in the others. It should be noted that there are only 3 Bank Swallow colonies remaining on the entire California Coast. This is down from over 50 historic colonies. Sadly, the Fort Funston colony is the largest of the three. It needs to be recognized as an almost unique resource and it needs special protection that must be defined in this document. The terrace that composes upper Fort Funston is dealt with inadequately. If dog walking is to be allowed at all, it should be in a designated zone, not everywhere. The restored areas at the north end of Fort Funston and the at the south end bordering the Olympic Club should be acknowledged and they should be expanded so they are contiguous. If any historic interpretation is adopted, it should include preservation of tree cover at Battery Davis, at the Y intersection and along the Skyline Grove. All three are historic features planted by the US Army to provide some cover for the fortifications there. They were viable with brush understory until off-leash dogs were allowed to run free through the entire area. As a result one of San Francisco's most productive fall birding areas was lost. It would be wise to restore the understory with vegetation similar to that used by the army and not with natives. Like Land's End, Fort Funston should be vegetated with a mix of native and non native plants so it reflects it's natural and historic vegetation types. We urge the National Park Service to enforce the same regulation here as they do in all units of our National Parks by restricting dogs to paved areas and requiring the use of leashes.</p>
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212	L	<p>OFFSHORE MARINE AREAS: We are deeply distressed with the narrow interpretation of marine areas. Though we support the concept of a marine reserve to protect seabirds and marine mammals from Eagle's Point to Seal Rocks, we think it is far too limited. That protection should include the entire channel of the Golden Gate. We do not object to use of that area for aquatic commerce, but it should be preserved as a natural resource as well. We also strongly support designation of the waters offshore from Fort Funston as part of marine reserve. Not only does this area support a rich and varied fishery, it also provides resources for tens of thousands of seabirds. Birds roost on the waters throughout the year. Summering shearwaters sometimes feed as close as the surf zone. Diving ducks flock in large numbers and feed on bivalves on the ocean's bottom. Loons and grebes can number in the thousands. This is truly an incredible resource that needs protection. The threat comes from development like the sewage pipeline from the Westside Sewage Treatment Plant that apparently was laid on top of a significant feeding area for wintering scoters. It also comes from dumping sand and dredged material to replenish Ocean Beach. The impact of commercial fishing should be evaluated in terms of its effects on native birds. A survey should be done of the entire coast of GGNRA to determine exactly what areas provide significant habitat resources to be included in the marine reserve. Mori Point is one such area that is likely to be significant.</p>
216	L	<p>a) OCEAN BEACH: Alternative One (1) is best. It is important to keep the current conditions and management practices for the Ocean Beach. Ocean Beach needs to continue to provide high levels of recreational beach use. The proposed trail connection to Lands End and Fort Funston are very welcomed ideas as it will enhance the experience of all users. Separate parking for horse trailers should be planned in the development of parking areas.</p>
216	L	<p>FORT FUNSTON: This area should be managed to provide recreational activities in a more natural setting with limited support facilities as proposed in Alternative Three (3). Restrooms and picnicking facilities are fine ideas. A place to tie horses should be provided as well.</p>
217	L	<p>In addition, the current conditions need to acknowledge and recognize the GGNRA's lax approach to special events and their impacts, while discouraging less intensive regular uses. For example, in 2006, there were 200 special events at Crissy Field and this number and SIZE of these special events are growing out of control. The GGNRA, we believe, needs to recognize and acknowledge that the historic and cultural aspects includes long established recreational uses, as these directly affect the culture of San Francisco, Mann and the Bay Area and have a significant cumulative impact.</p>

<p>217</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>Upper Ft. Mason Need to clarify the “informal uses and occasional large special events” in this section. There is no mention that UFM is located in the Marina District of San Francisco and the GGNRA Park headquarters is surrounded by three sides of houses, apartment buildings and a large Safeway located directly across from Park Headquarters. In addition, there is high parking use by the local high school during the school year that makes parking a nightmare for anyone who is attending a meeting, etc. at the Park Headquarters or at the Old Army’s Officers Club (again, there is no mention of the Officer’s Club). And why is there a need to enhance Congressman Burton’s memorial? By it’s very geographic location, it’s hard to imagine that Ft. Mason could serve as the primary visitor entrance to the GGNRA.. it’s very location in the Marina dispels that notion. UFM is heavily used by the local neighbors and used for informal recreation for hikers, joggers, walkers, off leash dog walkers, morning Tai Chi class for the elderly, sunbathers (on a rare sunny day) and non-organized sports activities. There is moderate to high use by bicyclists, runners and walkers on the paved trail through the Great Meadow. Because of the location of the International Youth 1-lostel there can be a variety of international visitors. UFM has seen an increase of large special events, basically doubling its special use permit from 29 in 2000 to 61 in 2006. Is this what the GONRA wants for the future, a dramatic increase of special events and destination areas? And it is unclear by what is meant by a “Stewardship Hub “in Alternative 2. China Beach Again, it’s important to accurately describe the current conditions of this locale. For example, China Beach is well known for folks primarily surfing. It is a very rare day when folks can picnic at China Beach due to the foggy and windy conditions. We are not sure what is meant by improving visitor facilities and access to support current uses. And again, China Beach is located adjacent to the Seacliff and Richmond neighborhoods in San Francisco.</p>
<p>217</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>Lands End The current conditions section need to accurately reflect the use of this site. This is a multi-use recreational area (again located in the San Francisco) where folks walk, jog, bike ride, walk their dogs off leash and hike. Local neighbors have been going to Lands End for years and enjoy the relative “quiet” of this area of the Park. There have been reports of vandalism, heavy drinking and sexually deviant behavior activities in the wooded areas. We understand that the GGNRA wants to make this into another “destination area”, much like Crissy Field, which needs to be further evaluated. Tourists come here to enjoy the ocean vistas. Special use permits have increased from 20 in 2000 to 37 in 2006.</p>

217	L	<p>Ft Miley</p> <p>Again located in San Francisco, this area is predominately visited by local neighbors and activities include walking, some picnics and off leash dog walking. Folks here enjoy the quiet and are not interested in developing the site into a destination area or feel the impacts in being adjacent to a destination area such as Lands End.</p>
217	L	<p>Ft. Funston</p> <p>Current conditions include hang gliding in a one section of Ft. Funston, off leash dog walking and commercial off leash dog walking (primarily on weekdays), and reduced handicap access on the north end of the Sunset Trail. FT Funston Dog Walkers hold a monthly cleanup with large number of volunteers. Is it necessary to have a warming hut there? If so, it may be a great opportunity to have dog-training seminars held there.</p>
222	L	<p>Upper Fort Mason</p> <p>Alternative 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McDowell Road should be kept as an pedestrian and bicycle path
222	L	<p>Lands End</p> <p>Alternative 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lands End proximity to the Cliff House attracts many tourist and visitors, a visitor center, to replace the one closed in the Cliff House, would be appropriate.

222	L	<p>Fort Funston</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the dog issue is not being resolved and your alternatives do include high levels of dog walking. there is no need to have any plans what so-ever. Right now dogs have taken over even the fenced in natural areas, because the Park has not been able to keep the fences repaired. The biggest offender are the professional dog walkers, who let the dogs run all through the landscape, consistently creating new trails. • A solution would be to keep the area between the parking lot and Battery Davis as a dog running area, as it is totally ruined already. Create a distinct trail system which would require dogs on leashes. This means most of FoFu would be fenced in and could be restored. • A trail along the cliffs makes sense in theory but there are natural processes taken place, like blow outs, which would require high maintenance. Also visitors should stay away from the cliffs, to avoid dog rescues and to protect the bank swallow nesting sites • Hang gliding can continue • No warming hut with information and bookstore. In the 1990's a visitor center was established in one of the existing buildings, but was closed due to lack of interest. (Admittedly it was away from the main parking lot). Visitors are mainly dog walkers • Park operations, stewardship, education support facilities and housing should remain. • Preserve Battery Davis
223	L	<p>For equestrian facilities/trails in San Francisco & San Mateo counties, I support the recommendations of the equestrian facilities located in the affected areas, and the local Horse Councils/Associations.</p>
240	L	<p>Crissy Field Site:</p> <p>Located at the Northern tip of the South Bay, the Crissy Field site would honor and highlight the Costanoan/Ohlone people. This site would build upon the outstanding work and foundation the Crissy Field staff has already accomplished through Civic Engagement. Since Crissy Field already has on-going interpretive programs for the community, and has public transportation access it would be ideal for the CILM's education and outreach center. Educational programs could be created that are appropriate for the site.</p>
1002	C	<p>Ocean Beach - insure off leash dog areas remain part of master plan - I have walked/ran my two retrievers on O.B for 12 years - there is nothing more liberating or enjoyable than to watch these beautiful creative/companions run. Keep beach wild/natural - no garbage cans on beach - no concession stands/food/drink. Northern snowy plovers - this is not a good nesting area for this species - all sorts of natural predators (crows, hawk, sea gulls, wild cats, raccoons) and no beach at high tides.</p>

205, 204, 158, 141, 201, 162	P	Topic 2: An element missing from all the alternatives is the importance of off-leash dog walking. This is especially important at Fort Funston where off-leash activity is the most common use, and the park that can often be cold, windy and otherwise unattractive to tourists. Dog walking is enjoyed by a diversity of park visitors (unlike most National Park activities, where poor people and people of color are severely underrepresented). And finally, Fort Funston was deeded to the GGNRA with the understanding that the existing recreation, such as dog walking, would NOT be eliminated
97, 93, 106, 107, 99, 87, 94, 140,	P	The Fort Mason community garden is an important bird habitat, as well as a wonderful and vital source of beauty, food, and the wildlife it supports.
97, 93, 106, 107, 99, 87, 94, 140,	P	Lands End is a significant resource for migrating birds. Please remove non-native invasive plants and replaced with native plants to better serve the local habitat.
97, 93, 106, 107, 99, 87, 94, 140,	P	Fort Miley is an important site for resident wildlife and for migrating birds. Please consider mitigation measures in your discussions regarding expanded access, such as asking dog owners to leash their dogs at all times. Dogs should be on leash.
97, 93, 106, 107, 99, 87, 94, 140,	P	Ocean Beach includes a Wildlife Protection Area which should be designated a sensitive resource.
97, 93, 106, 107, 99, 87, 94, 140,	P	Fort Funston is important as a Bank Swallow nesting habitat and for supporting shorebirds, migrating ducks, and pelagic birds. Please designate Fort Funston a sensitive resource! The Bank Swallows are in great need of our protection as their nesting area is easily accessible to humans and dogs.
		Ocean Beach The current conditions of Ocean Beach include a variety of recreational users, including but not limited to, surfers, walkers, off leash dog walkers, horse back riding, and family outings on the rare sunny days. Most of this use is on the northern portion of the beach as parking limits access in the main beach area, so the southern portion is less crowded. In addition, there is no mention about the Ocean Beach Task Force and their goals. It is unclear whether the goals of this Task Force are compatible with how the people who recreate at Ocean Beach visualize their future recreational opportunities.