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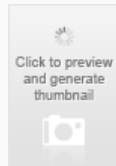
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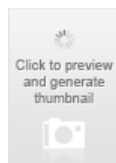
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Dear Reader and Park Friend,

You are part a small group of progressive early-adopters who have requested GMP updates via email. While we can't offer the same features of the new *iPhone*, we hope this update is convenient and informative. Thank you for joining us in this trial, and please let us know how we might improve the service.

The News

In an effort to bring more non-English reading visitors into the planning process we offer Newsletter 2 - Summary of Scoping - **in Spanish and Chinese**. Printed copies are available at park visitor centers and several libraries. PDFs can be downloaded at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/documentsList.cfm?parkId=303&projectId=15075>.

Newsletter 3, which is in production, will describe 4 broad **management concepts** that are different ways to imagine the future of the park. Created to respond to critical planning issues (also described in the newsletter), to focused analyses of the park, and to public comments, we hope you will review these ideas and tell us what you think about them. Your feedback will help ensure that we explore a reasonable range of alternatives that will ultimately form the new GMP. Look for the e-version to arrive shortly.

You are cordially invited to a couple of special events related to the GMP.

* Members of the planning team will join Park Ranger George Durgerian for his popular **360 Degrees of Pacifica** event on Saturday, October 20. In addition to enjoying a terrific 7-½ mile hike (and George's wit and humor) this will be a great opportunity to talk about the future of park lands in San Mateo County. The hike is free but please call (415) 561-4323 to reserve a spot.

* An **Open House** is planned for Tuesday, November 24, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the park's Fort Mason headquarters. These quarterly meetings are informal occasions to discuss the GMP and several other ongoing projects. No reservations necessary. Just come by.

Please come join us for one of these events. **Thank you** for helping create a powerful vision for the park.

GGNRA Planning Division

September 28, 2007

You're receiving this email because of your participation in the GMP planning process for GGNRA and Muir Woods. Please [confirm](#) your continued interest in receiving email from us.

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Dear Friends,

Last spring in E-Newsletter 2 we reported to you what we learned from the public scoping efforts for the new general management plan (GMP). We received detailed information about how special Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Muir Woods National Monument are to you. Your participation has helped us to begin developing a vision for the future of the two parks.

In this E-Newsletter, you will find four concepts that explore different possible futures for both parks. Following the concept descriptions, we present the issues that the general management plan will address. The concepts and issues are presented here in an abbreviated format.

I recommend you see the full newsletter available on our website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>.

Please contact us if you would like a printed copy.

We welcome your comments and suggestions. During the next six months, the GMP planning team will refine the issues and further develop the concepts, creating a range of preliminary alternatives.

As we move forward, exploring different ways to manage the parks for the future, I encourage you to stay connected and be an active participant in this important planning process. Below you will find a number of ways to contact us and access information. Look for an invitation to public workshops in early 2008 where you will be able to review the status of the plan in more detail. With your continued interest and support, we will develop a plan that enhances your experiences of Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Muir Woods National Monument while preserving their extraordinary natural and cultural heritage.

Sincerely,

Brian O'Neill
General Superintendent

WHAT IS GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLANNING?

General management planning is the broadest level of decision-making for national park

system units. The primary role of this general management plan is to develop a vision for the future of Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Muir Woods National Monument.

It has been more than 20 years since a general management plan was completed for these parks. Since that time, Golden Gate National Recreation Area has doubled in size and visitation, and much more is known about the ecological and historical significance of the parks.

For the next 20 years, the new general management plan will guide the National Park Service as it endeavors to achieve the desired conditions for preserving natural and cultural resources while enhancing visitor experiences on park lands.

ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTS: Different Ways to Imagine the Future

In the process of preparing a general management plan, the National Park Service develops a range of management concepts to explore different potential futures for a park. In this newsletter, we present four management concepts for your consideration. The next step is to build these management concepts into alternatives with more detail. Once the alternatives begin to take shape, the NPS staff will issue the next newsletter that describes the preliminary alternatives and will host local workshops to test the alternatives with the public.

Concept 1: Connecting People with the Parks

The emphasis of this concept is to reach out and engage the community and other potential visitors in the enjoyment, understanding, and stewardship of the parks' resources and values. Management would focus on ways to attract and welcome people to connect with the resources; to promote understanding, enjoyment, conservation, and health; and to reinvigorate the human spirit. Visitor opportunities would be relevant to diverse populations now and in the future.

The concept was developed to strengthen the parks' commitment to the idea of "parks to the people," bringing national park experiences to a large and diverse urban population. Because the parks serve a large and diverse urban population, improving connections to people is fundamental to achieving the parks' purposes and to maintaining the public's continued interest and support.

Concept 2: Preserving and Enjoying Coastal Ecosystems

The emphasis of this concept is to preserve and promote dynamic and interconnected coastal ecosystems in which marine resources are valued and prominently featured. Recreational and educational opportunities would allow visitors to learn about and enjoy the coastal and marine environments, and gain a better understanding of the region's international significance and history.

The concept creates a vision for intentionally connecting resources and systems to form contiguous habitat from the ocean to the coastal hills. The more connected the water and land base, the better the ability for ecosystems to adjust and adapt, thus increasing their resiliency to urban pressures and global climate change. The concept also responds to the public's strong interest in having more natural wild lands in close

proximity to the urban communities of the San Francisco Bay area.

Concept 3: Focusing on National Treasures

The emphasis of this concept is to focus on the parks' nationally important natural and cultural resources. The fundamental resources of each showcased site would be managed at the highest level of preservation to protect their value in perpetuity and promote appreciation, understanding, and enjoyment. The National Park Service presence and identity would prominently support resource preservation and educational goals. Visitors would have the opportunity to explore the wide variety of experiences that are associated with national parks - all in one area. All other resources would be managed to complement the nationally significant resources and visitor experiences.

The concept highlights the parks' variety of nationally significant resources. By distinguishing the nationally significant resources and promoting the National Park Service identity, the objective of bringing exemplary national park experiences to an urban population would be met. The concept would also allow the National Park Service to focus the management of the parks' resources, visitor experiences, and partnerships, giving priority to the most significant sites.

Concept 4: Collaborating Regionally

The emphasis of this concept is to manage the parks as a core of public lands that connects local and regional parks, open spaces, communities, and other resources as a seamless whole. Collaboration with other land managers would complement the management of the parks with that of their surrounding natural and cultural resources and enhance visitor experiences. Recreational and educational opportunities would be provided based on site characteristics and management objectives.

Watersheds, viewsheds, ecosystems, and trail and transportation systems extend beyond the parks' boundaries. Their management and preservation require cooperation with managers of adjacent public lands, local jurisdictions, and private landowners. The concept allows the parks to meet the challenges of the future and be part of the network of organizations that are preserving resources and recreational opportunities in the San Francisco Bay area.

PLANNING ISSUES

The first GMP newsletter and public open houses asked people what they valued and enjoyed most about the parks and what were their concerns and suggestions for the future management of the parks. The information was analyzed and reported in Newsletter 2 which can be found on the website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/goga>. In addition, the GMP planning team used this information to assess the parks' fundamental resources and values.

The following section summarizes the major issues that the new general management plan will address. Exploring different ways to address the issues is the basis for developing the range of management concepts and will help create the preliminary alternatives.

Visitor Access: Transportation and Trails

The general management plan will identify the vision for visitor access to and within the parks for improving visitor experiences, for improving connections among park sites and the larger community, and for protecting the resources.

Recreation Opportunities and Conflicts

The general management plan will develop a vision for recreational opportunities in different areas of the parks by identifying the appropriate types of use and experiences at park sites in response to visitor demand and resource sensitivity. The plan will also provide guidance to promote, evaluate, and manage appropriate and desired types and levels of use in the parks.

Sustainable Natural Resource Preservation and Management

The general management plan will develop a vision to understand, sustain, and steward the fundamental natural resources for each park.

Sustainable Cultural Resource Preservation and Management

The general management plan will develop a vision to preserve and manage the parks' historic structures, cultural landscapes, archeological sites, ethnographic resources, and museum collections.

Climate Change

The general management plan will provide guidance on how the parks will assess, respond to, and interpret the impacts of global climate change on fundamental resources, including objectives for reducing the carbon footprint.

Land and Water Protection

The general management plan will provide a vision for future land protection and boundary changes.

Better Communication and Reaching New Audiences

The general management plan will provide guidance to help the National Park Service better connect with all audiences, including the underserved communities and emerging audiences.

Operational Facilities

The general management plan will present a vision for locating operational facilities.

Scenic Beauty and Natural Character

The general management plan will provide guidance in the preservation and enhancement of the parks' most valued scenic resources.

Park Identity

The general management plan will provide guidance on improving and promoting the National Park Service's identity at Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Regional Cooperation

The general management plan will provide guidance to improve communication, coordination, and participation with public and private stakeholders with a goal of protecting ecosystems, watersheds, viewsheds, and visitor opportunities that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

Partnerships

The general management plan will provide guidance for partnership development and management that enables NPS managers to make effective decisions and foster flexible, productive relationships.

American Indian Values

The general management plan will develop a vision for incorporating Ohlone and Coast Miwok values into the preservation, management, and interpretation of the parks' resources.

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

We will continue to keep you informed by email, but you can also contact us by phone at (415) 561-4965 or by surface mail at:

National Park Service, General Management Planning
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

The National Park Service's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/goga> has more information on the GMP and other planning efforts currently underway at Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Muir Woods National Monument.



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Dear Reader and Park Friend,

Thank you for your continued interest in the new General Management Plan for Golden Gate National Recreation Area. This new plan will build upon the visionary 1980 plan, but address significant changes including growing visitation, increased knowledge of the area's ecological and historical significance, and recent additions of land in San Mateo County. Here's what is going on this winter.

Come Walk "Behind the Scenes"

As part of the effort to create the park's new General Management Plan, come join members of the National Park Service planning team on guided walks of key areas in the park and help develop ideas for their future. A series of short walks are scheduled in **Muir Woods** (March 15), **Tennessee Valley** (March 22), and **Rancho Corral de Tierra** - 4,200 acres of open space on the slopes of Montara Mountain managed by Peninsula Open Space Trust which will soon become part of the park (March 29 and April 5). The group will observe the conditions and resources in these areas and share ideas about what they might become in the future. These are excellent opportunities to have your ideas shape the new plan. Call (415) 561-4730 to RSVP and get meeting locations. Discussions about the park's future will also be part of two other spring hikes: the *Redwood Ramble* at the **Phleger Estate** (March 8), and **Sweeney Ridge Saunter** (March 16). Call (415) 561-4323 for information about these longer hikes.

Muir Woods - 3/15 (9:30 AM - 11:30 AM)

Explore a portion of the National Monument (which is celebrating its 100th year) with members of the park planning team, talking about how we might sustain and steward the old-growth redwood forest and its historical resources, while continuing to offer visitors remarkable experiences.

Tennessee Valley - 3/22 (10:00 AM - Noon)

Come to talk about possible changes to the valley that could enhance public enjoyment, improve access and parking, and better preserve the area's rich cultural and natural resources. Meet at the Tennessee Valley Trailhead.

Rancho Corral de Tierra: North - 3/29 (10:00 AM - Noon)

Meet representatives from the NPS planning team and Peninsula Open Space Trust - the organization that saved and currently manages these 4,200 acres - and explore "behind the scenes", talking about the area's future as the southern gateway to the park. This event will focus on the area along Martini Creek, between McNee Ranch State Park and the town of Montara.

Rancho Corral de Tierra: South - 4/5 (10:00 AM - Noon)

Similar to the walk scheduled for April 5, join representatives from the NPS planning team and Peninsula Open Space Trust at Rancho Corral de Tierra. This event will focus on lower San Vicente and Denniston Creeks between the towns of Moss Beach and El

Granada.

Fort Mason - March 1, 7, 8, 21 and April 4, 5, 12

San Francisco City Guides is offering free tours through Fort Mason (a historic waterfront gem and the park's headquarters) and Aquatic Park which is managed by our sister park, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. Friday tours start at 1:30, Saturday tours start at 11. Meet at the NW corner of Van Ness and Bay. For more information visit www.sfcityguides.org.

Where does the General Management Plan Stand?

Presently, the park planning team is exploring **4 broad concepts** for management (*Connecting People with the Park, Preserving & Enjoying Coastal Ecosystems, Focusing on National Treasures, and Collaborating Regionally*) as described in Newsletter #3 which was mailed in October 2007. This newsletter is available on the central NPS public information website, <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?parkId=303&projectId=15075>.

The next steps entail developing management zones and park maps for each concept to communicate the kinds of resource management activities and recreational experiences that would be available under each concept. These **preliminary alternatives** will be the focus of **Newsletter #4** planned for **April 2008**. Along with the newsletter, the park is planning a series of **public workshops** to discuss the alternatives. The locations and dates for these will be announced in the newsletter.

Please continue to participate in the planning process by attending a workshop, reviewing the newsletter, and sending us your comments.

Thank you

for helping create a powerful vision for the park.

GGNRA Planning Division

January 25, 2008

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Dear Friends,

We are at an exciting stage in creating a new vision and direction for managing Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Muir Woods National Monument. In our latest newsletter, the planning team presents **preliminary alternatives** that describe three different future visions for managing the natural and cultural resources and opportunities for visitor experiences within the park. By developing preliminary alternatives, the planning team is able to explore different ways that the park could be managed. Once fully developed, one of these alternatives could be selected as the National Park Service's preferred alternative or a new alternative could emerge that combines elements from some or all of the preliminary alternatives. We will be mailing Newsletter #4 shortly, but you can view and download it on our website

- <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>

At this time, we are pausing to share our progress with you and gather your thoughts and ideas before we proceed with work on the General Management Plan. Your review and comments on the preliminary alternatives will help refine these alternatives and guide the planning team in developing the preferred alternative. In Newsletter #4 you will find summaries of the work we have accomplished so far. Following the summaries is a presentation of the management zones and preliminary alternatives for your review. Your comments are very important, as the planning process is at a stage where the alternatives are still evolving.

We invite you to join us at an **open house** this June in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties where you will be able to discuss and comment on the preliminary alternatives with park staff. The schedule is listed below. We hope you can attend an open house and talk with us about your ideas for the park. Thank you for your interest and participation in the development of the plan.

Sincerely,

Brian O'Neill
General Superintendent

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

HALF MOON BAY - June 4, Wednesday, 3:30 to 6:30PM
Harbor House
346 Princeton Avenue
Half Moon Bay, California 94019
(www.harborhousebandb.com)

PACIFICA - June 5, Thursday, 3:30 to 6:30PM
Sanchez Art Center
1220 Linda Mar Blvd.
Pacifica, California 94044
(www.sanchezartcenter.org)

SAN FRANCISCO - June 7, Saturday, 10:30AM to 1:30PM
Fort Mason Center
Building D, Room 100
San Francisco, California 94123
(www.fortmason.org)

SAUSALITO - June 10, Tuesday, 3:30 to 6:30 PM
SF Bay Model Visitor Center
Sausalito, California 94965
(www.spn.usace.army.mil/bmvc)

WOODSIDE - June 17, Tuesday, 3:30 to 6:30PM
Independence Hall
2955 Woodside Rd.
Woodside, California 94062
(www.woodsidetown.org)

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Thank you for your continued interest in the new General Management Plan for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

GGNRA Planning Division

P . S .

We want to thank those of you who attended our "Behind the Scenes" planning walks in March and April. It was great to meet you and hear your ideas for the park. We hope you'll see how some of your ideas helped shape the preliminary alternatives. Please continue to be part of this planning process! We look forward to seeing you again at an open house.

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Invitation to an Information Sharing Workshop about Rancho Corral de Tierra

Dear Friends,

The National Park Service invites you to participate in an information sharing workshop about Rancho Corral de Tierra. The session is intended to help the Park Service and the community understand the resources, history, and current uses of the 4,200 acre Rancho, in advance of assumption of management responsibility by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The meeting will be held at the Farallone View School multi-purpose room in Montara on Thursday, January 29, 2009, from 7:00 to 9:00PM, and is open to anyone with an interest in the Rancho. The NPS hopes this will be the first of several productive workshops to be held in 2009.

Agenda

- Discuss the purpose of the workshops: what the NPS hopes to accomplish, what participants would like to accomplish
- Share background information: comments on the GGNRA general management plan preliminary alternatives and the evolving preferred alternative
- Additional questions and answers
- Discuss the next steps to take: future workshops

Background

Rancho Corral de Tierra was purchased by the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) in 2002 to preserve one of the signature, world class landscapes of the San Mateo County coast, and with the intention to transfer the property to the National Park Service for long-term management. POST and the National Park Service are working together to complete the transfer and open the Rancho to public visitation as part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). A similar endeavor involved the Phleger Estate, in Woodside, which is now a popular park. The transfer does not have a specific timetable; however, GGNRA is planning for the Rancho in its 20-year general management plan - the park's master plan which creates a broad vision for the next 20 years.

In 2008, the GGNRA developed two alternatives for management of the Rancho. Click [here](#) to learn more about the alternatives. These generated a good deal of interest in the Coastside community, particularly from equestrians who were concerned that one of the alternatives would close the popular stables. The Park Service has responded by creating a preferred alternative that keeps the equestrian centers, and by initiating a series of public workshops where the future of the Rancho can be further explored in an open format.

This first meeting includes time to discuss comments the Park Service received about the general management plan, and to discuss the evolving preferred alternative. Ideas shared at this meeting will help refine the preferred alternative. A synopsis of the

preferred alternative is included below. It will not be finalized until the Draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement is published next winter, when the public will again have an opportunity to comment. The park anticipates publishing the Final GMP/EIS and receiving authorization to implement the plan in 2011.

Preferred Alternative - as revised January 2009

The Rancho would be managed as two distinct zones. The upland areas and land outside the existing equestrian centers would be treated as a Natural Zone. It would be managed to preserve the wild, open character of the landscape and offer trail-based recreation that is light on the land, which would include walking, hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding. Natural habitats and processes in the zone, which includes four creek corridors, would be restored to the greatest extent possible with the help of community stewards.

In this zone, visitors would enjoy the scenic coastal environment through an enhanced and sustainable system of multi-use trails. The trail network would connect local communities to the park and link the ridges of Montara Mountain to the Pacific Ocean. Opportunities for a trail connection to Sweeney Ridge through the SFPUC Watershed's northwest corner would be explored. Unnecessary roads could be converted to trails or removed. Discovery of the park could be facilitated by scenic overlooks, sites for picnicking, primitive camping sites, and possibly a hikers' hut in a remote setting.

A smaller Diverse Opportunities Zone would encompass the existing developed areas of the Rancho. Here, a "portal" would be created - trailheads and other visitor facilities that provide for the enjoyment of the Rancho. Detailed planning following the GMP would determine the mix of uses that would share this zone. However, the park would seek to retain the vital equestrian operations and continue to expand programs that welcome and benefit the public. Park managers would work with equestrian operators to enhance the best management practices employed to protect the environment. Any new visitor facility would be sited where natural and cultural resources would be preserved, and where compatible with adjacent uses such as agriculture. New facilities could include trails, trailheads, a community stewardship/educational center, "warming hut", group picnic area, rustic campsite, and a horse camp.

In addition, safe trailheads would be developed near Highway 1 to support exploration of this large, diverse landscape, and the extensive adjacent public lands. The multi-use trails and trailheads would be compatible with adjacent agricultural uses.

Habitat restoration and community stewardship activities would have a strong presence in both zones. The Park Service would partner with surrounding land managers and the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, one of the richest intertidal areas on the California coast, to protect water quality, restore the creek corridors, reconnect them to the ocean, and to reestablish anadromous fish passage where possible.

Approximately 300 acres of the Rancho are not included in the park. Those acres encompass farmland of "Local Significance" as designated by the State of California Department of Conservation and will remain in agricultural use. The park would connect people to the agriculture history of the Rancho through interpretation of its cultural landscape and adjacent working farms, while not impinging on their operations.

Contact

Other information about the National Park Service's general management plan for the GGNRA can be found online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?parkId=303&projectId=15075>. You may find the GGNRA's summary of the comments received about the preliminary alternatives this summer at

[http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?
parkID=303&projectId=15075&documentID=25038](http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=303&projectId=15075&documentID=25038).

If you have questions about the meeting call Lee Ann Ciacetti in the GGNRA at (415) 561-4930, or email her at Lee_Ann_Ciacetti@nps.gov.

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Open House Stations

- Marin Headlands Fort Baker Transportation Plan (Final Plan/EIS and 2009-2010 Project Schedule)
- General Management Plan (Preferred Alternative)
- Trails Forever-Recent and Upcoming Projects, including Dias Ridge Trail
- Marine Mammal Center New Facility Opening June '09
- Headlands Center for the Arts Upcoming Programs
- Golden Gate National Parks Sustainability and Accessibility Projects and Goals
- Cultural Resource Stewardship Program
- Join the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy!

For a more detailed agenda and for more information on the items above, please check website www.nps.gov/goga. Click Management, Public Involvement, Open Houses.

When: Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 4-7 p.m.
Where: The Bay Model, 2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito
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Update on the Information Exchange Workshops for Rancho Corral de Tierra

Dear Friends,

Many of you receiving this message attended the first workshop in Montara where 150 people signed-in. We want to let you know where you can find a summary of that workshop, and update you about plans for the next one. As a reminder, the workshops are intended to help the National Park Service and the community to understand the resources, history, and current uses of the 4,200 acre Rancho, and its open space context, in advance of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area assuming management responsibilities.

First workshop: Farallone View School, Montara, January 29, 2009

The meeting was opened by Peg Henderson of the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program. Peg asked the participants to introduce themselves, which showed that interest in Rancho was widespread among the Coastside, Pacifica, and other nearby communities. Many in attendance were nearby residents of Montara who had come to express their support for continued dog walking and equestrian uses on the Rancho. There was also a large turnout from people who hike and bike on the property.

Nancy Hornor, chief of the park's planning division, presented an update on the general management plan. She explained the public comments the park received on the preliminary alternatives in 2008, and how those shaped the working-draft preferred alternative for the Rancho. The draft GMP/EIS should be available for public review in about a year. Many asked how the plan would address dog walking. Chris Powell, the park's public information officer, explained the ongoing Dog Management planning process which will establish special regulations for dog walking in the park. The same plan, due in 2011, will also define the process for addressing dog walking on future park lands such as Rancho. More information about the Dog Management planning process can be found online at: www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/dog-management.htm.

At Peg's invitation everyone wrote down on a post-it note their most important issue. The majority of the comments were related to dog walking. Other issues included equestrian use, wildlife, bicycling, open space, and trails. A transcript of the brainstormed notes is posted on the park's GMP website: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/documentsList.cfm?parkId=303&projectId=15075>

To conclude the workshop, Peg asked what went well, and what should be changed for the next workshop. Some stated that it was great to sit down and talk, and that the self introductions were

helpful. Suggestions for next time included advertising the meeting in local papers, supplying more chairs, better audio, and having an opportunity to brainstorm about several topics in groups.

Next Workshop

Although we anticipated meeting on March 12, this workshop will be held at a later date. We plan to rotate among different Coastside locations to get a variety of perspectives, and we are looking for larger spaces with adequate room for break-out groups to better gather your input. We will send you a notice when we have secured a date, time, location, and speaker.

If you have questions, contact the planning team at goga_gmp@nps.gov or call Lee Ann Ciacetti at (415) 561-4930. The National Park Service appreciates your participation in planning the park's future. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to sign up for periodic email news at this link: <http://visitor.constantcontact.com/email.jsp?m=1101462412435>.

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Open House Stations

- GGNRA Accessibility Transition Plan (Public comments will be accepted throughout the meeting)
- Transportation Plans: Doyle Drive and Marin Headlands/Fort Baker (2010 Road Projects)
- Crissy Field Center Temporary Relocation Due to Construction
- Update on General Management Plan
- Lower Redwood Creek Restoration at Muir Beach
- Trails Project (Trails Forever)
- Upcoming GGNRA Projects
- Parks Conservancy Projects
- Point Bonita Bridge Replacement Project

**Tuesday, May 19, 2009,
Fort Mason, Building 201 Bay and Franklin Streets
San Francisco, CA 94123**

- Open House, 4 to 7 PM
- Accessibility Plan Presentations 4:30 PM, 5:30 PM, 6:30 PM

**Thursday, May 21, 2009
Mill Valley Community Center Terrace Room
180 Camino Alto
Mill Valley, CA 94941**

- Open House, 4 to 7 PM
- Accessibility Plan Presentations 4:30 PM, 5:30 PM, 6:30 PM

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Preview the Preferred Alternative GMP Newsletter 5

Park Friends,

We are pleased to announce the publication of **Newsletter 5** - a brief update on the general management plan (GMP) process - and share part of the **draft preferred alternative** as it is evolving. We also want to let you know how helpful your comments have been, and show you how we are incorporating them in the plan. Inside Newsletter 5 you will also find a link to a summary of the public comments and an updated schedule with an outline of the next steps in the process of creating the GMP. Please take a moment to read the full newsletter on:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/documentsList.cfm?parkId=303&projectId=15075&documentId=28961>. Spanish and Chinese language translations are also available on this website.

Ken Burns's documentary - **The National Parks: America's Best Idea** - airing September 27 to October 2, celebrates the vision of our parks and those stewards who helped create and sustain them. We hope that you will continue to be a part of creating the next chapter so together we can develop a first class national park.

Our planning team and I thank you for staying involved with the new GMP through this email service, by attending our regular open houses, and by continuing to visit these remarkable lands preserved for your enjoyment.

Sincerely,

Frank Dean
Acting General Superintendent

Public Comments

In the early summer of 2008, the National Park Service (NPS) distributed more than 8,000 copies of Newsletter 4 which summarized the planning process and described the GMP preliminary alternatives. In addition, Chinese and Spanish language summaries were posted on NPS websites. In June 2008, six public meetings were held in the local area. They were attended by over 400 people.

We were delighted to receive many excellent comments and suggestions from a variety of individuals, organizations, and agencies. Overall, about 700 respondents provided more than 1,500 substantive comments on the preliminary alternatives. Each comment was read and discussed by the planning team. They led to many substantial changes in the alternatives and guided the creation of the parks' draft preferred alternative. Newsletter 4, and a thorough analysis of the comments, broken down by geographic area and topic, is posted on the NPS "Planning, Environment, and Public Comment" (PEPC) website:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/documentsList.cfm?parkId=303&projectId=15075&documentId=23015>

The park also received several comments about areas and topics that the GMP will not address. For example, the new plan will not revise decisions made in recent management plans for the Presidio, Crissy Field, Fort Point, or Fort Baker. The new GMP will coordinate with other ongoing planning processes such as the Marin Equestrian Plan, San Francisco Municipal Railway Historic Streetcar Extension, and the Dog Management Plan. Links to these planning processes can also be found on the PEPC website or accessed from the GGNRA's planning website:

www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/planning.htm

The Evolving Preferred Alternative

The planning team began to identify the draft preferred alternative through a formal process that considers the "advantages" each alternative provides to the park. Five factors considered how each alternative:

- Strengthens the integrity and resiliency of coastal ecosystems
- Strengthens the integrity of resources that contribute to National Register of Historic Places properties and National Historic Landmarks
- Supports a diversity of recreational opportunities and national park experiences, including stewardship
- Improves and promotes public understanding of park resources and NPS values, and
- Provides visitors with safe and enjoyable access and circulation to and within the park

Public comments, capital costs, and operational costs were also included in the evaluation. Following the initial evaluation, the park consulted with numerous organizations, and completed additional analyses of important proposals in all of the alternatives. The draft preferred alternative is shaping up to be a hybrid of all preliminary alternatives that is based on "National Treasures" for Alcatraz Island and Muir Woods, and "Connecting People" for the rest of the park. It will not be fully developed until the Draft GMP/EIS is completed in 2010. An overview of the draft preferred alternative is provided in the full newsletter, with a short list of the key changes the planning team is considering as a result of public comments, further consultations, and continued analysis. Revised zoning maps for the draft preferred alternative will be posted on the project website at a later date.

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Pacifica Moose Lodge, 776 Bradford Way
Pacifica, CA 94044

Open House Stations

- ◆ **GGNRA trails projects, including Mori Point Project (Trails Forever and Site Stewardship Projects)**
- ◆ **Vegetation Mapping at Rancho Corral de Tierra**
- ◆ **California Department of Transportation Devil's Slide Tunnel Project Update**
- ◆ **GGNRA General Management Plan Fall 2009 Update**
- ◆ **Alcatraz Underwater and Electrical Cable and Photovoltaic System Environmental Assessment (Public Scoping)**

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Tuesday, November 17, 2009, 4:00 to 7:00 PM
Park Headquarters, Golden Gate National Rec Area
Bldg 201, Fort Mason (Bay and Franklin Streets)
San Francisco, CA 94123

Open House Stations

- ◆ Fort Mason: Improvements to Trails and Roads
- ◆ S F Maritime National Historical Park Update
- ◆ Project Headlands—Road Construction Starts 2010
- ◆ Presidio Coastal Trail Environmental Assessment
(Public Scoping)
- ◆ Gulf of Farallones NMS Campus Improvements at
Crissy Field
- ◆ Golden Gate General Management Plan Update
- ◆ Energy Infrastructure Improvements on Alcatraz
(Public Scoping)
- ◆ Trails Forever Projects
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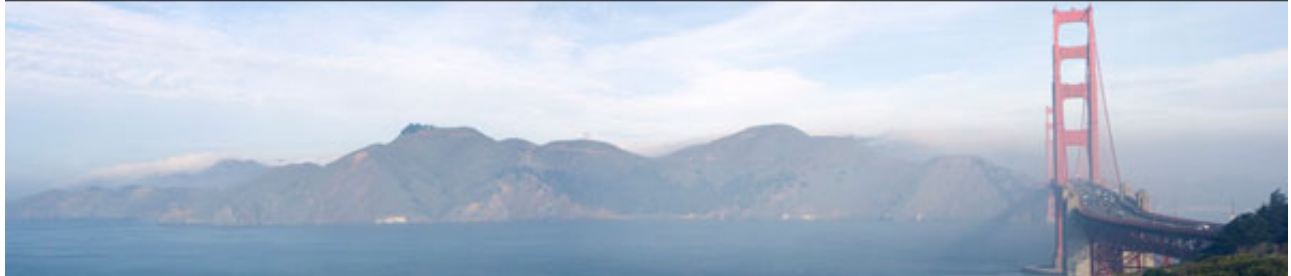
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Marin Equestrian Plan
Trails Forever Projects
 Muir Beach Trail
 Dias Ridge Trail
 Coastal Trail
Redwood Creek Watershed Assessment
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AN UPDATE ON THE NEW GMP

Dear Park Friends,

We would like to provide you with a brief update on the new General Management Plan (GMP) as it moves through the **internal review** process. In the National Park Service, internal review of a draft GMP is a **series** of reviews and revisions first by park staff, then regional office staff, followed by Washington staff, and finally the office of the Director. These cycles will keep us busy through the year. To help you track the plan's progress we will send you a short update after we clear each level of review. We posted an up-to-date project schedule below. It shows the major milestones for the GMP leading to public review of the draft in 2011 and a final record of decision in 2012.

Our goal is to produce a clear, well-written plan that is as durable as the park's first GMP which guided the park for 30 years. The diversity of the park's resources, the complex issues we face, and the dedication of supporters, like you, requires that we give the new plan an extra measure of care and thoroughness. Although we are focused on completing internal review, we are always interested in hearing from you. Our contact information is provided at the end of this message. Please continue to let us know your concerns and interests. Suggestions about how you would like to review the draft plan when it is ready are welcome.

UPDATED PROJECT MILESTONES

- Pacific West Region, Washington, and NPS Director review the Draft GMP/EIS and grant permission to printWinter 2010
- Public review of the Draft GMP/EISWinter/Spring 2011
- Region and Washington review of the Final GMP/EISWinter 2011
- Print and distribute the Final GMP/EISSpring 2012
- Publish the Record of DecisionSummer 2012

A NEW TWIST

Faithful readers of previous newsletters will recall an important deficiency of the 1980 GMP: it does not provide direction for managing the park's natural and cultural resources located **offshore**. The emergence of a new national-level **ocean stewardship policy**, among other factors, helped the planning team formulate goals for these marine and intertidal areas. For example, the ocean waters off Point Bonita on the Marin coast and the wreck of the clipper ship *King Phillip* on Ocean Beach will be covered in the new GMP. For most of the park, the official boundary extends seaward to about a quarter mile from the shore.

In reviewing the early draft, which proposed cooperating with other agencies to manage these areas, we learned that the park's boundary in San Mateo County is very different. Despite managing a number of sites that extend down to the shore, as at Mori Point, the park boundary only rarely extends offshore. We are revising the alternatives to reflect this new information, and are also discussing the pros and cons of requesting an **adjustment to the park boundary**. Although boundary adjustments can be proposed at any time, this is a particularly appropriate time to evaluate the need for boundary adjustments across the whole park.

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

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GOLDEN GATE GMP TAKES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

Dear Park Friends,

In the last update on the General Management Plan (GMP/EIS) sent in April, we promised to send you a note as the draft plan moves through the series of required internal reviews. We are pleased to report that the **review by the National Park Service's Pacific West Region has been completed.** Regional advisors identified several areas needing clarification, such as the description of Common Actions—things proposed in the plan that do not vary among the alternatives—and the organization of a document topping out at nearly 800 pages. In addition, they requested a couple of changes to better align the draft plan with NPS policy, as in the management of museum collections. The park's collection is among the largest in the national park system.

The planning team is working to address the region's comments and **deliver a revised draft to the NPS Washington, DC office shortly.** National leaders in park planning, environmental policy, resource management, transportation and other disciplines will read and comment on the draft. We expect to have this step completed in the fall so we can meet our target for releasing the draft GMP/EIS for public review in 2011.

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH

Meanwhile, you are invited to the park's open house on September 21 where staff will be available to discuss the evolving plan. The open house will be at Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School in Pacifica from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. A message with more details on the open house should arrive in your e-mailbox shortly. If you would like to review any of the documents related to the GMP, they are posted at the NPS PEPC website: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/documentsList.cfm?parkId=303&projectId=15075>

THAT'S ALL THE NEWS FOR NOW

We appreciate your continued interest in the plan and look forward to sending you the next GMP update.

Thank you.

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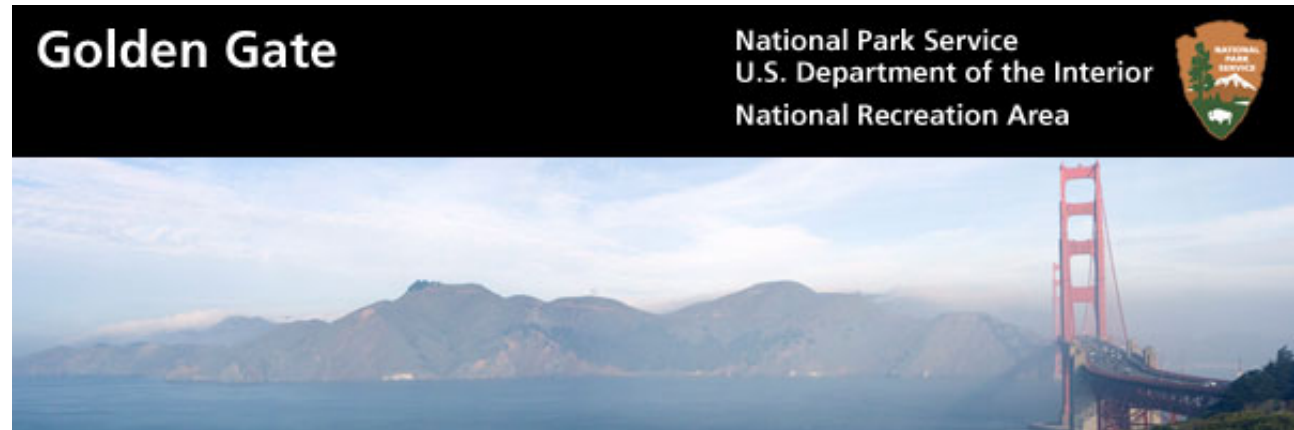
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Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Drop in anytime between 4 and 7 pm

**Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School
1427 Palmetto Ave.
Pacifica, CA 94044
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Open House Information Stations

- **Trails Forever Projects:**
 - Hawk Hill Coastal Trail**
 - Presidio Coastal Trail**

**Redwood Creek Restoration
Mori Point Park Stewardship**

- **Rancho Corral de Tierra Transition**
- **General Management Plan**
- **Collaboration with San Mateo County and San Francisco PUC**
- **Site Improvements at Fort Funston**
- **Lands End Projects - Visitor Facility and USS San Francisco Memorial parking lot**

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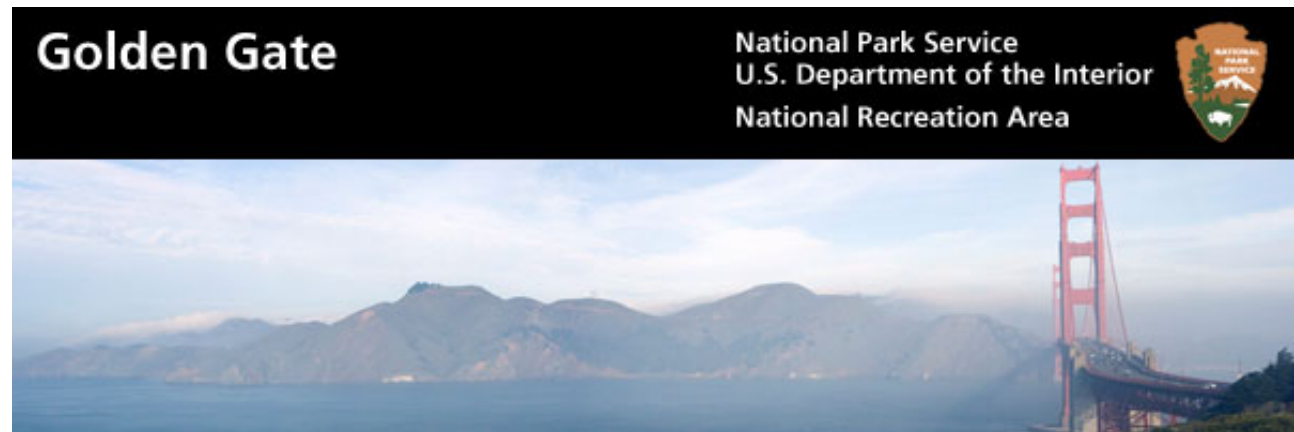
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ACCESSIBILITY PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

4:00 to 6:30 pm

We are gathering public input on improving accessibility at Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA).

If you are a person with a disability, this is your opportunity to give valuable feedback on your experiences with access issues and proposed improvements to GGNRA park areas.

Accessibility Topic Areas

- **Crissy Field**
- **Fort Mason**
- **Fort Point**
- **China Beach**

- **Fort Funston**
- **Baker Beach**
- **Marin Headlands**
- **Ocean Beach**

Booths will be set up showcasing several GGNRA Accessibility improvement projects that are currently in progress. These projects will improve visitor experiences and will be on display for comments.

Family members and representatives from disability agencies are also invited. The public meeting will be facilitated by the National Center on Accessibility on behalf of the National Park Service.

Sign language interpreters, Assistive Listening Devices, summary documents in large print, Braille and audio will be available.

We encourage you to read the summary documents online prior to the meeting by going to the following link:

http://www.nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/public_meeting_access.htm

You may submit comments at this meeting or at the same link above, through November 17, 2010.

For general information about accessibility features throughout GGNRA, please click this link:
www.nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Drop in anytime between 4:30 and 6:30 pm

Open House Topics

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[General Management Plan Update](#)

[Muir Beach Restoration Project](#)

[Fort Mason Improvements & Tree Replacement](#)

[Historic Streetcar](#)

[Muir Woods Entrance Improvements](#)

[Presidio Visitor Center Planning](#)

Please [visit us online](#) at the Planning, Projects and Public Involvement page of our website for more information on these and other plans and projects.

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THE OCEAN BEACH MASTER PLAN and PROGRESS ON THE GMP

Dear Park Friends,

We begin 2011 with a number of important park plans underway. This brief note highlights two of those plans and lets you know how you can participate in their development.

OCEAN BEACH MASTER PLAN - Public Workshop

Under the leadership of [SPUR](#) (SF Planning + Urban Research Association), with strong support from the California State Coastal Conservancy and the City of San Francisco, we are partnering on a new long-range planning effort for Ocean Beach. Please come to a public workshop in the Great Hall of the [SF Zoo Education Center](#) (1 Zoo Road, at Sloat Blvd.) on Saturday, January 15 and contribute your ideas on the future of Ocean Beach.

The workshop will be held as an "Open House." You are welcome to attend at any time between 9 AM and 2 PM, and stay for as long as you wish. The design team will be available throughout the day to provide project background information and collect your input and ideas on a host of issues, including:

- Improvements to Public Access and Amenities
- Protection of Ecological, Aesthetic, and Historical Resources
- Coastal Management in light of erosion, sea-level rise, and climate change
- Infrastructure Planning

- Interagency Management

We are working with many stakeholders, including residents, beach users, activists, elected officials, and other public agencies on this key area of San Francisco.

More information is available at www.spur.org/ocean-beach

facebook: Ocean Beach Master Plan (San Francisco)

twitter: @planoceanbeach

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN - End of Internal Review

Just in time for the holidays in December, we finished the internal review of the Draft General Management Plan/EIS. The working draft was well received by NPS national leadership. The planning team is now focused on addressing internal comments and preparing the document for public review, which will begin in May.

You can expect an email announcement this spring about how to stay involved in the plan and participate in public meetings the park will host to explain the plan and gather comments.

OTHER PLANS

In addition to the Ocean Beach Master Plan and GMP, you can anticipate getting notices from us about other park plans coming out for public review. The documents and other related information (public meeting dates and locations, etc.) will be posted on the web at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>. We hope you will take the time to review and comment on these plans because your input is important to us.

- The **Dog Management Draft Plan/EIS** will be available for public review and comment for 90 days, beginning on January 14 and ending on April 14. The park will host several public meetings in early March to describe the draft and collect comments. A separate notice regarding this plan will be sent to you.

- The **Draft plan/EIS for Extending the F-Line Streetcar Service to Fort Mason/EIS** is scheduled for release in February.

- Publication of the **Marin Equestrian Stable Plan/EA** is targeted for April.

THANK YOU

We appreciate your continued involvement in shaping the management of Golden Gate National Recreation Area and wish you the best in 2011. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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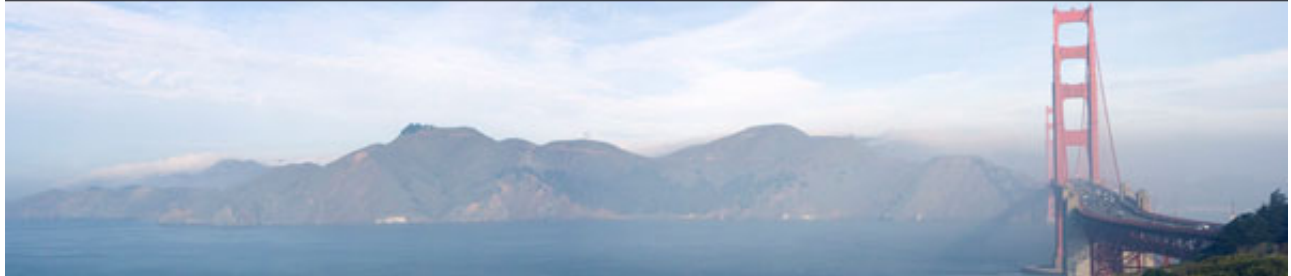
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OPEN HOUSE

Join us for an open house to discuss plans and projects in Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) and San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (SAFR). Meet park staff, learn about ongoing projects, and provide your input.

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Drop in anytime between 4:30 and 6:30 pm

GGNRA Park Headquarters

(Entrance at intersection of Bay and Franklin Streets)

Fort Mason Building 201, San Francisco, CA 94123

Topics from SAFR

[San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park](#)

[Library](#) and [Museum Collections](#)

[Museum](#) & [Visitor Center](#)

[Schooner C.A. Thayer](#) & Municipal Pier

1915 Steam Schooner Wapama

Learn about exciting ongoing interpretive/educational projects at the SAFR Museum and Visitor Center. The maritime library and artifact/archive collections are unique resources for researchers and the general public. Learn how to explore your heritage. Park resource staff will answer questions about Wapama's current condition, and explain the process of dismantling a vessel. Learn about the rehabilitation of 1895 schooner C.A. Thayer, and get an update on the condition of Municipal Pier.

Topics from GGNRA

[Golden Gate Bridge Plaza improvements and 75th Anniversary](#)

The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, and the NPS are working in partnership to enhance the visitor plaza on the east side of the Golden Gate Bridge for the 75th anniversary of the bridge (May 2010). The project includes site circulation and landscape improvements, construction of a 75th anniversary temporary pavilion for visitor services, repairs to the historic Roundhouse, and improved trail connections, signage and wayfinding.

[Doyle Drive & Presidio Parkway](#)

Improvements along the Merchant off-ramp from NB101, within the GGBridge Toll Plaza parking lot, and along Lincoln Blvd are planned to help alleviate the incremental traffic caused by the temporary closures of the NB101 to SB1 and NB1 to SB1 ramps in combination with the recurrent congestion of the area due to seasonal visitors and special events. The planned work consists of widening along the Merchant off-ramp, reconfiguring a concrete curb in the Toll Plaza Parking Lot, and restriping and re-signing the area to improve traffic flow.

[Lands End Lookout construction update](#)

[General Management Plan update](#)

[Ocean Beach Master Plan](#)

[Danes/Alexander Intersection improvement](#)

[Point Bonita Bridge replacement](#)

[Trails Forever update, including Rodeo Valley](#)

[Redwood Creek restoration update](#)

[Hawk Hill habitat restoration and tree removal](#)

[San Mateo County Highway 1 mobility study](#)

Crissy Field improvements schedule and update

America's Cup update

One page updates on these projects will be available:

[Historic F-Line Streetcar Extension](#)

[Marin Headlands FLHP Roads Project](#)

[USS San Francisco Memorial Parking Lot](#)

[Presidio Visitor Center](#)

Implementation of Intelligent Transportation System

Fort Mason Improvements (Bay & Franklin intersection)

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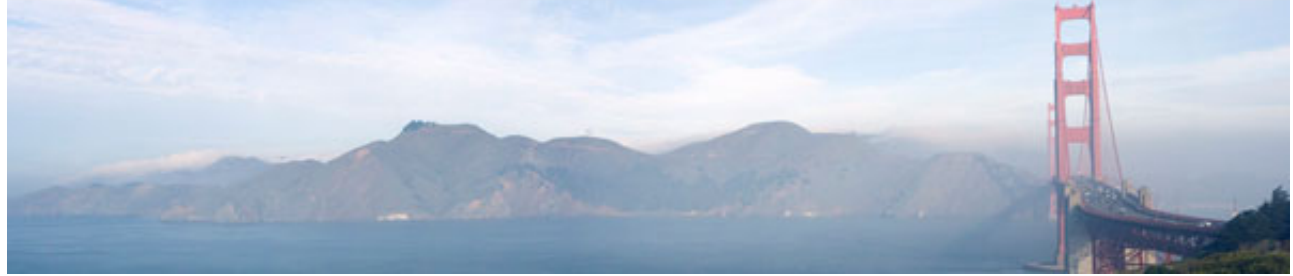
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OPEN HOUSE

Join us to discuss current and upcoming plans and projects in Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Meet park staff and provide your input. We value your participation.

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Drop in anytime between 4:30 and 6:30 pm

Bay Model Visitor Center
2100 Bridgeway
Sausalito, CA 94965

[DIRECTIONS & MAP](#)

List of Topics

*Three projects are open for public comment

- [America's Cup 34*](#)
- [Air Tour Management Plan*](#)
- [Proposed Parking Fee at West Bluff Area Crissy Field*](#)
- [General Management Plan Update](#)
- [Project Headlands Road Construction Update](#)
- [Alexander/Danes Intersection Improvement Project](#)
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America's Cup 34

Public Scoping

In December 2011, the City signed a "Host Agreement" with the America's Cup Event Authority and the America's Cup Organizing Committee to support the 34th America's Cup, an international sailing race event program, in the San Francisco Bay Area, proposed to take place in Summer-Fall 2013, with preliminary "World Series" races in Summer-Fall 2012. Consequent to that, in February 2011, the City issued a Notice of Preparation ("NOP") under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") for the Proposed Project. In issuing their Notice of Preparation, the City identified several national park areas as "spectator venues" for public viewing of AC34 with specific program events and activities proposed within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park, which are both units of the National Park System. The NOP also identified a potential AC34 Race boundary for a series of "racing events" with water "spectator" viewing for recreational boats and yachts, as well as improvements to the Port of San Francisco managed waterfront.

If approved as "spectator venues" along with any or all marine and landside events and activities, two (2) NPS permits, and /or other authorizing instruments will be required from the NPS, one each from GGNRA and SAFR. Similarly, a National Marine permit and special local regulation will be required from the United State's Coast Guard (USCG). In addition, in-water construction and dredging are proposed along the San Francisco waterfront and would be subject to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers authority, and a permit for such. Roads and access managed by the Presidio Trust could also be affected. The City's requirement for issuance of such authorizing instruments by these federal jurisdictions, on behalf of the AC34 Event Authority, triggers the need for a NEPA analysis of the "Project."

The National Park Service and USCG will conduct the environmental impact analysis of the America's Cup Event (Project) on NPS lands and waters, and those of the San Francisco Bay and coastal waters under the United States Coast Guard's jurisdiction in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Presidio Trust. This environmental impact analysis will serve as documentation of the federal agencies' compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (Public Law 91-190) for this proposed "Project."

The public is invited to participate in the scoping process for this project.

Review the public documents and submit comments [online](#)

Attend public scoping meetings:

- **Wednesday, August 17**, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Bay Model Visitor Center, 2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito
(this will be part of the regularly scheduled GGNRA Open House)
- **Thursday, August 18**, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Golden Gate Club, 135 Fisher Loop
Main Post in the Presidio, San Francisco
- **Tuesday, August 23**, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Waterfront Hotel, 10 Washington Street, Oakland

Send written comments to:

ESA

Attn: Erin Higbee-Kollu

550 Kearny Street, Suite 900

San Francisco, CA 94131

Comments on the scoping of the 34th America's Cup project will be most helpful if received by September 7th, 2011.

Also see [America's Cup NEPA website](#)

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[Air Tour Management Plan](#)

Public Scoping for Environmental Assessment

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in cooperation with NPS, has initiated development of an Air Tour Management Plan (ATMP) at GGNRA including Muir Woods National Monument which is managed by GGNRA, and Point Reyes National Seashore (the Seashore). The ATMP would also include San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park which is immediately adjacent to GGNRA. The objective of ATMP is to develop acceptable and effective measures to mitigate or prevent the significant adverse impacts, if any, of commercial air tour operations on the natural resources, cultural resources, visitor experiences and tribal lands within or abutting GGNRA and the Seashore.

Issues and concerns from the public, government agencies, and organizations will

assist the NPS and FAA in preparation of the Environmental Assessment.

Public comments may be submitted through September 28:

[Online](#) at the Planning, Environment and Public Comment website

In writing at public meetings. In addition to the Open House on August 17, a separate public scoping meeting specifically for ATMP will be held on:

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

4:30-6:30 pm

[GGNRA Headquarters Fort Mason Building 201](#)

San Francisco, CA 94123

Send written comments to:

Keith Lusk

Special Programs Staff

Western Pacific Region Federal Aviation Administration

P.O. Box 92007

Los Angeles, CA 90009-2007

Also see [FAA project website](#)

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[Proposed Parking Fee at West Bluff Area Crissy Field](#)

Open for public comment

Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) is initiating public outreach and accepting public comments on a proposed parking fee at West Crissy Field, in Presidio Area A: the portion of the Presidio managed by the National Park Service. GGNRA proposes to implement a parking fee on its lots adjacent to the Presidio Trust Area B: the portion of the Presidio managed by the Presidio Trust at West Crissy Field when the Presidio Trust implements its fee parking program in this area.

Public comments may be submitted through September 9:

[online](#) at the Planning, Environment and Public Comment website

In writing at the public meetings

Send written comments to:

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

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General Management Plan Update

We encourage your participation to help create the vision and framework that will guide the management of the park for the next 20 years. It's been more than 25 years since the original General Management Plan (GMP) was put in place. Since then, the park has more than doubled in size and visitation, and the ecological and historical importance of its resources has become better understood. Now it's time to look forward again - to see how we can best preserve the natural vitality and unique cultural history of our park lands and continue to make them great places for all of us to visit and enjoy.

Additional public meetings on the Draft General Management Plan are being scheduled for September-October 2011.

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Project Headlands Road Construction Update

Project Headlands is a multi-year road construction project that consists of the resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation ("3R") of several roads within the Marin Headlands unit of Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

The first year of work in 2010 included the creation of formalized overlooks along East Road, improved parking and site improvements at Hawk Hill, roundabout construction at the Conzelman/McCullough intersection and the recontouring and revegetation of a hillside damaged by an improperly maintained military era drainage system.

The current construction season (March-October 2011) focuses on Conzelman Road from Alexander Avenue to McCullough, Field Road and Danes Drive. Highlights include improved parking and visitor services at Battery Spencer, creation of a 5'-wide bike lane on Conzelman Road from Alexander Avenue to McCullough, lengthening of the right turn lane on Danes Drive, and slope excavations to improve vehicular line of sight for safety on Field Road.

Common features of all this work include improved directional wayfinding signage, ABAAS-compliant accessibility upgrades, transit upgrades, trail creation and the employment of natural/cultural resource protection mitigations.

Also see [Project Headlands official website](#)

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Alexander/Danes Intersection Improvement Project

The National Park Service and the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD) will soon be releasing an Environmental Assessment to improve the Alexander Avenue and Danes Drive (West Bunker Road) intersection. The proposed project is part of a larger program to rehabilitate multiple Marin Headlands roads within Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

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Point Bonita Bridge Replacement Project

This project entails the replacement of the deteriorated Point Bonita Suspension Bridge. The new bridge will be constructed of similar materials and based on the original design to ensure compatibility with the look of the historic structure. The existing cable anchorages and tower foundations will be re-used and there will be minor improvements for current structural code compliance and/or durability requirements. Additionally, the bridge's western abutment will be stabilized through the construction of steel reinforced sculpted and stained concrete buttressing along with the installation of powder-coated stainless steel netting. Construction is set to begin in September 2011 and will continue through February 2012. On weekends during construction, safe public access will be maintained to the bridge's eastern abutment.

This bridge was constructed in 1954 when the rock land bridge, connecting the lighthouse promontory to the main peninsula, eroded to such an extent so as to prevent safe passage. The bridge was repainted in 1998, but the harsh marine climate has caused the coating to fail, increasing the risk of further deterioration. The bridge is the only access for both visitors and maintenance to the Point Bonita Light House and is the only access



point for U.S. Coast Guard staff to reach their navigational aides.

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Doyle Drive Construction (and 3-day closure) Update

The new Presidio Parkway replacement is based on a world-class design that will improve the seismic, structural and traffic safety of the roadway. It will also be far more sensitive to community needs and to the national park setting, reducing impacts on biological, cultural, historical and natural resources and on the surrounding neighborhoods. The Presidio Parkway design will vastly improve the connections between the Presidio and Crissy Field, increase green space, and allow for enhanced bicycle and pedestrian trail networks.

Construction of the Presidio Parkway began in December 2009 and is expected to be complete in late 2014. As part of the construction phasing which allows traffic to flow during the roadway replacement, Doyle Drive will be closed for a weekend. This closure is expected to occur in late 2011; the date will be determined based on construction progress and weather.

Also see [Presidio Parkway official website](#)

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Golden Gate Bridge Plaza Improvements and 75th Anniversary

The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, and the NPS are working in partnership to enhance the visitor plaza on the east side of the Golden Gate Bridge for the 75th anniversary of the bridge (May 2012). The project includes site circulation and landscape improvements, construction of a 75th anniversary temporary pavilion for visitor services, repairs to the historic Roundhouse, and improved trail connections, signage and wayfinding.

Also see [75th Anniversary official website](#)

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Trails Forever updates

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- [Phase III Redwood Creek restoration](#)
- [Hawk Hill habitat restoration and tree removal](#)
- [Presidio Coastal Trail](#)

- [Battery East Bay Trail](#)
- [Crissy Field/East Beach Picnic Area Improvements](#)
- [Lands End Lookout Visitor Center](#)

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One page updates on these projects available at Open House:

- [Marin Equestrian Plan](#)
- Intelligent Transportation Project
- Caltrans Highway 1 Improvement Project Information
- Rodeo Beach Parking Lot

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General Management Plan

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Golden Gate Draft GMP Now Available for Review

Dear Park Friend,

The park's Draft GMP/EIS is now available for public review and comment. This plan is intended to guide management of GGNRA, including Muir Woods and Alcatraz Island, over the next 20 years. You continue to be an important part of this planning effort and we look forward to your comments on the Draft.

COMMENT PERIOD

The official 60-day public review period will run through **November 7, 2011**. We hope you will take the time to read the draft and give us your comments.

The full document comes in 3 volumes, but there is a short Executive Summary in Volume 1, and a separate Summary Edition which focuses on the preferred alternative. This week we mailed a copy of the Summary Edition to about 3,500 people on our contact list, so you may receive one soon. All project documents are available at www.parkplanning.nps.gov/GGNRA_GMP where you may also submit comments. Reference copies are at most libraries in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin County.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

You are also invited to visit any of the open house style public meetings to discuss the plan with members of the planning team and share your comments. Additional copies of the Summary Edition and CD's of the 3-volume set will be available at the meetings.

(Click on underlined text for maps and directions to meeting sites).

Saturday, September 24, 1pm-4pm

[Fort Mason, Building 201](#), First Floor Conference Room

San Francisco, CA 94123

Tuesday, September 27, 4pm-7pm

[Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School](#), Multipurpose Room
1427 Palmetto, Pacifica, CA 94044

Tuesday, October 4, 4pm-7pm

[Tamalpais High School](#), Student Center
700 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941

THANK YOU

Thank you for helping shape the future of the park.

GMP Team

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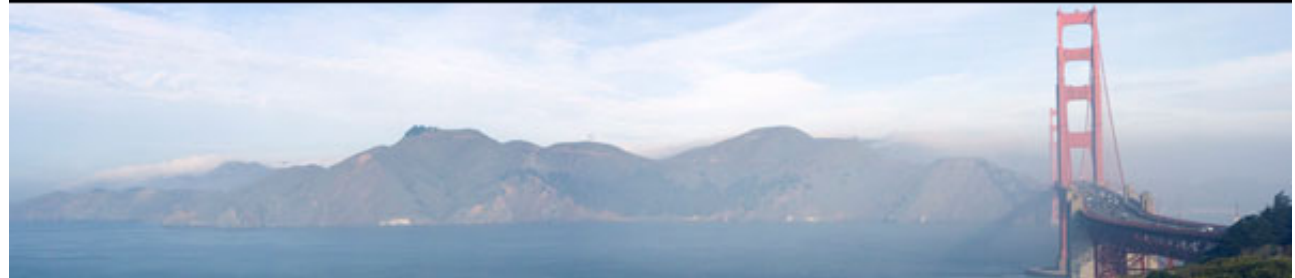
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Public Review and Comment (Through November 7)

We want to hear what you think.

Three ways to comment:

1. Open House
2. Project website
3. Write a letter:

ATTN: GMP
Superintendent
GGNRA
201 Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Download Draft
GMP/EIS [CLICK HERE](#)

Available at these public
libraries:

San Francisco
Bayview
Chinatown

Please Come to Our Open House on the General Management Plan

This Saturday, **September 24** the park will host the first of three public meetings where you can learn more about the draft plan and share your comments.

Drop in anytime between **1:00 and 4:00 pm**
Fort Mason, Building 201
1st Floor Conference Room
San Francisco, CA 94123

The main entrance to Fort Mason is at the intersection of Bay and Franklin Streets

MUNI lines serving this area: 19, 28, 30, 47, 49, 76

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Two More Open Houses

In San Mateo County:
Tuesday, September 27
Drop in anytime: 4:00-7:00 pm

Marina
Mission
Noe Valley
Potrero
Sunset
Visitacion Valley

Marin County

Civic Center
Corte Madera
Fairfax
Mill Valley
Sausalito
Stinson Beach

San Mateo County

Daly City
Half Moon Bay
Pacifica (Sanchez, Sharp Park)
Westlake
Woodside

Visit GMP website
Visit GGNRA website
Contact us

**Thank you for being on
our email list!**

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To conserve resources and reduce our carbon footprint, we are urging postal mail recipients to sign-up for email.

Park Adventures Online

[Ingrid B. Lacey Middle School](#)

Multipurpose Room
1427 Palmetto Avenue
Pacifica, CA 94044

In Marin County:

Tuesday, October 4

Drop in anytime: 4:00-7:00 pm

[Tamalpais High School Student Center](#)

700 Miller Avenue
Mill Valley, CA 94941

About the Draft General Management Plan

The General Management Plan (GMP) is the master plan that will guide planning and management of Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Muir Woods National Monument for about 20 years.

**The Draft GMP/EIS is open for public review
and comment through November 7.**

To review the GMP documents and comment online
[visit the project website.](#)

We look forward to seeing you at one of the scheduled open house meetings and hearing your comments. Thank you for helping shape the future of the park.

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area**

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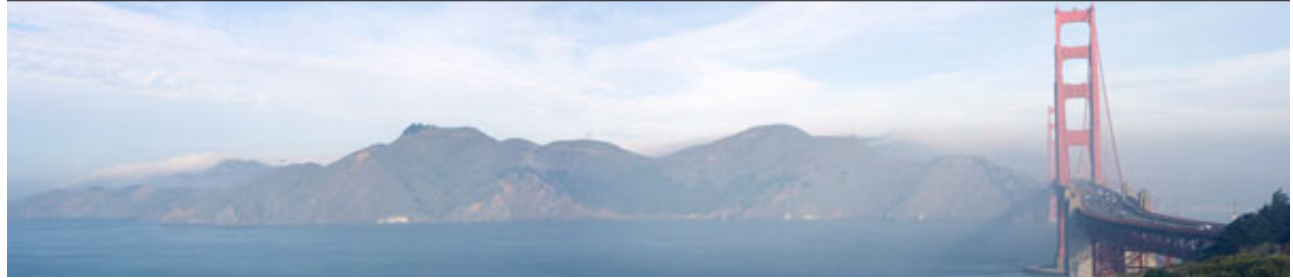
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When

November 15, 2011
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Where

Pacifica Community Center
540 Crespi Drive
Pacifica, CA 94044

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Quick Links

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Open House in Pacifica

Join us for updated plans and projects in Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Meet park staff and provide your input on these projects.

Rancho Corral de Tierra interim trail concepts

General Management Plan

(The review and comment period has been extended through December 9) [read press release](#)

Mori Point Stewardship

Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Improvement Study: Phase 2 (South of Devil's Slide)

Trails Forever:

- **Hawk Hill**
- **Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary and Plaza Project**
- **Presidio Bluffs**
- **Coastal Trail**
- **Golden Gate Overlook**
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Open House in Pacifica

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Rancho Corral de Tierra interim trail concepts

General Management Plan
(The review and comment period has been extended through December 9) read press release

Mori Point Stewardship

Highway 1 Safety and Mobility Improvement Study: Phase 2 (South of Devil's Slide)

Trails Forever:

- **Hawk Hill**
- **Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary and Plaza Project**
- **Presidio Bluffs**
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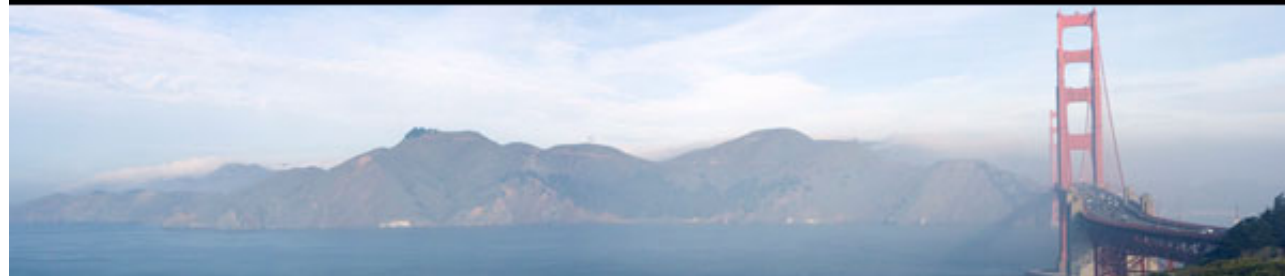
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On **MUNI Routes:**
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Fort Mason Map

Open House

Golden Gate National Recreation Area and San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

Dear Park Friend,

Join us for this combined Open House with Golden Gate National Recreation Area and San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. Meet park staff to discuss and provide your input on projects listed below.

An additional bonus at this Open House: representatives from park partners will be present to discuss their programs, services and upcoming events. A sample include: Miwok Stables, San Francisco Conservation Corps, Point Bonita YMCA, Nature Bridge, and Louis' Restaurant. Click here for a full list of **Partner Programs and Services**.

We hope to see you there. If you cannot make it to the Open House, click on topic titles below for more information.

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Aerial view of Aquatic Park

Status of 1915 Steam Schooner Wapama

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park's 1997 General Management Plan called for the dismantling of the steam schooner Wapama when the vessel could no longer be maintained in safe condition. Park resource staff will be on hand to answer questions about Wapama's current condition, and explain the process of dismantling a vessel.

Maritime Museum/Visitor Center Project Updates

Learn about exciting ongoing interpretive/educational projects. Park staff will fill you in on plans, progress, and projected opening dates.

Maritime Library and Museum Collections News

The Park's maritime library and artifact/archive collections are unique resources for researchers and the general public alike. Learn how to explore your heritage with Park librarians and curators.

Updates on Schooner C.A. Thayer and Municipal Pier

Learn about the ongoing rehabilitation of the 1895 schooner C.A. Thayer, and get an update on the condition of Municipal Pier from Park resource specialists.

Golden Gate Topics



Portrait of John Muir

Park Archives - 40 Years of Golden Gate NRA

Meet park archivists and learn about the origins and history of Golden Gate National Recreation Area, featuring objects and images from the permanent museum collection.

Special Events and Filming

Office of Special Park Uses staff will be available to answer questions and receive comments about our draft Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), including Alcatraz, Fort Mason, and Crissy Field.

Ocean Beach Master Plan

This plan will address the impact of rising seas, the physical and ecological processes shaping the beach, and improved integration with its natural, recreational, and urban contexts. SPUR is the project manager of this plan. NPS is part of the steering committee, the planning advisory committee, and is offering technical advice. Staff from SPUR will be on hand to answer questions.

F-Line Streetcar Extension to Fort Mason Center

The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to announce the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) for the Extension of F-Line Streetcar Service to Fort Mason Center.

Presidio Parkway Update

Come learn about current construction progress, the upcoming weekend closure in the Spring, and the new temporary driving condition for Phase II of the project.

America's Cup 34

Several sites proposed for America's Cup spectator areas and events include national park areas and facilities.

Park Stewardship

Spring is a great time to get involved with stewardship

activities. Learn more about upcoming volunteer activities throughout the park.

Trails Forever Updates:

- **Presidio Coastal Trail**
- **Battery East Bay Trail**
- **Lands End Lookout Visitor Center**
- **Middle Green Gulch Trail Closure Map**
- **Hawk Hill**
- **Redwood Creek**

Other topics and updates



View of Golden Gate Bridge Pavilion Improvements

- **Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary**
- **General Management Plan**
- **Dog Management Plan**
- **Project Headlands Phase 2**
- **Point Bonita Bridge Reconstruction**
- Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation Project
- Alcatraz Water Tower Project
- Alexander Avenue Planning Study
- Muir Woods Transportation & Access Improvements
- Long Range Transportation Plan

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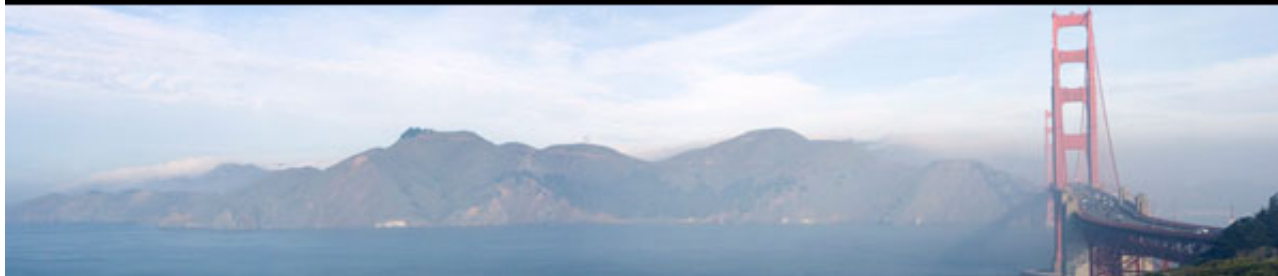
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Mill Valley, CA 94941

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Open House Golden Gate National Recreation Area

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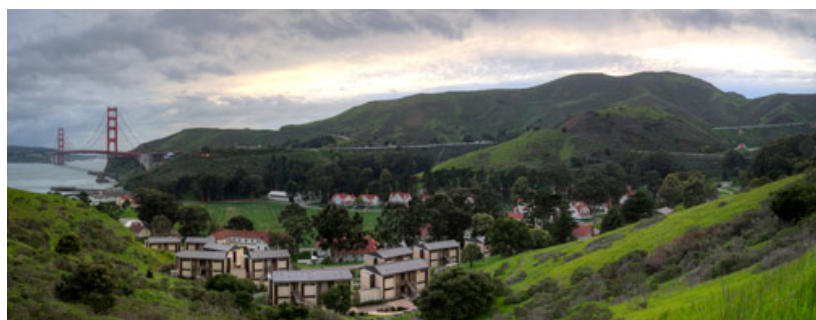
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Projects/Topics

Vista Point Multi-Use Trail, Fort Baker

The eventual construction will include a paved multi-use trail with rest areas and interpretive signs, drainage with inlets and culverts, railing and retaining wall where needed. These elements will create a positive visitor experience, remove cyclists and pedestrians from walking on the roadway, provide park visitor access to spectacular views of the Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco that are not currently available, and improve user safety.





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Satterlee Road Upgrades, Fort Baker

The upgrades to the road will include: a paved/all weather surface with retaining walls, better transitions to both parking areas & adjacent buildings, vehicle circulation around the sewer lift station, and some additional pedestrian paths and trails.

Cosco Busan Recreational Use Restoration Projects

Due to a large oil spill in 2007, NPS has received a substantial settlement to compensate for lost recreational uses in San Francisco and Marin counties. Projects are expected to focus on shoreline recreation, fishing, boating and other water-based recreation.

Fort Barry Rifle and Pistol Ranges Remediation and Restoration

Five former firing ranges at the Fort Barry Range Complex, in the Marin Headlands, are known to have resulted in environmental impacts from Army use. The Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is the Responsible Party required to investigate and remediate the site. Continued NPS assistance will be required for successful remediation and conclusion of this important project.

Marin County, Hwy 1: Proposed Storm Damage Projects

California Department of Transportation will present information on four proposed storm damage projects along Highway 1 in Marin County.

Other topics and updates

- **Marin Equestrian Stables Plan**
- Park Stewardship
- Parkwide Accessibility
- **Installation of Gun Barrel at Battery Townsley**
- And more...

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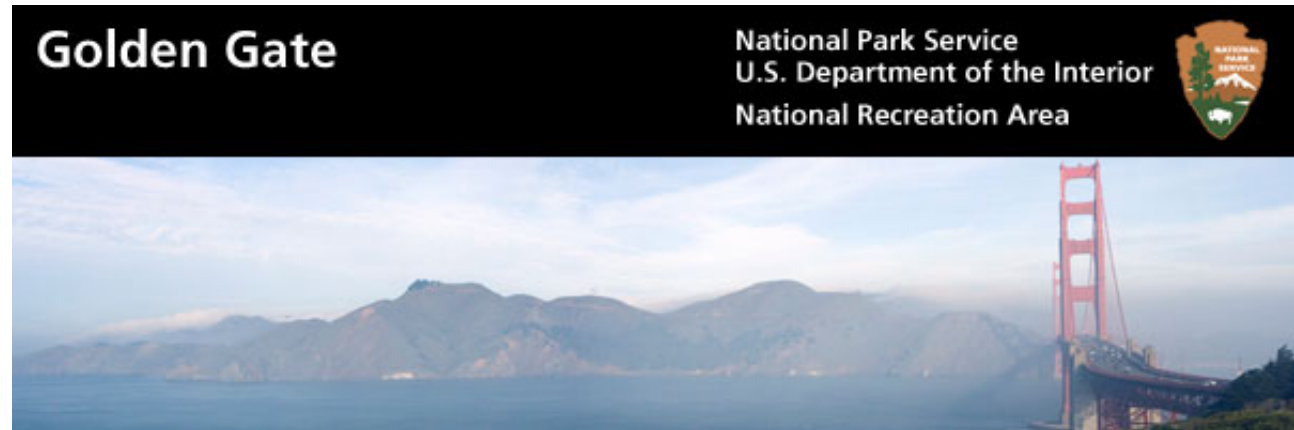


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Open House in SF Save the Date



You are invited to attend the park's annual San Francisco Open House on March 19 at Fort Mason from 4:30-6:30 PM. It will be a great opportunity to learn about ongoing projects and programs. An email with more information will be sent soon.

Trail Closed by Pacific Overlook

General Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement

Informational Update

Dear Park Friend,

Later this year the National Park Service (NPS) will release the Final **General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS)** for **Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)** and **Muir Woods National Monument**. The planning process began in 2006, with public review of preliminary alternatives taking place in 2008, and the Draft GMP/EIS in 2011. The park anticipates publishing the Final GMP/EIS this fall, which will be followed by the formal Record of Decision.

Public Comments

The park received comments on the Draft GMP/EIS from more than 500 individuals, agencies, and organizations. In analyzing the comments, park planners identified about 1,500 specific, substantive concerns. The concerns expressed by stakeholders covered many topics, each of which the team reviewed carefully. Some of the topics that the team is spending the most time analyzing and preparing responses for include:

- Proposed management zoning that could restrict recreation, including dog walking,
- Proposed management zoning that could affect waterbird habitat, particularly on Alcatraz Island,
- Priorities for expenditure of funds for maintenance and other capital projects,
- Cooperation with San Francisco Public Utilities



A segment of the Presidio Coastal Trail, just north of the Pacific Overlook, is closed. Signage will alert visitors to use extreme caution. All are encouraged to use alternate routes. The closure, due to storm damage, will remain in effect indefinitely. Trail engineers and staff are reviewing the site and determining a repair plan. [Click here for a map and more information.](#)

Commission in the administration of the NPS easements over the Peninsula Watershed lands, and

- Coordination with partners such as the Presidio Trust, San Mateo County Historical Association, and the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary on issues of mutual concern.

Responding to Comments

The park will formally respond to public comments in a chapter of the Final GMP/EIS. That chapter will also include copies of specific letters received from stakeholders as well as concern statements that summarize the comments.

The planning team is completing the responses chapter, and making changes to the plan as a result of public comment, in order to begin the final cycle of internal review that will result in releasing the Final GMP/EIS. The team is also completing the required consultation under the Endangered Species Act and National Historic Preservation Act, including consultation with Native Americans.

Using a variety of media including this email service, the NPS will announce the availability of the final document this fall. Federal policy requires the park to wait at least 30 days before the Regional Director signs the Record of Decision, at the recommendation of the park Superintendent, which will conclude the planning process.

Thank You

The NPS thanks you for your enthusiastic participation in general management planning for GGNRA and Muir Woods to date. These lands have a rich tradition of being "parks for the people," which is in itself, an invaluable resource. Hopefully you will find the Final GMP/EIS is faithful to the vision crafted with so much public input some 40 years ago, while recognizing new management responsibilities, and laying out new aspirations for the next two decades.

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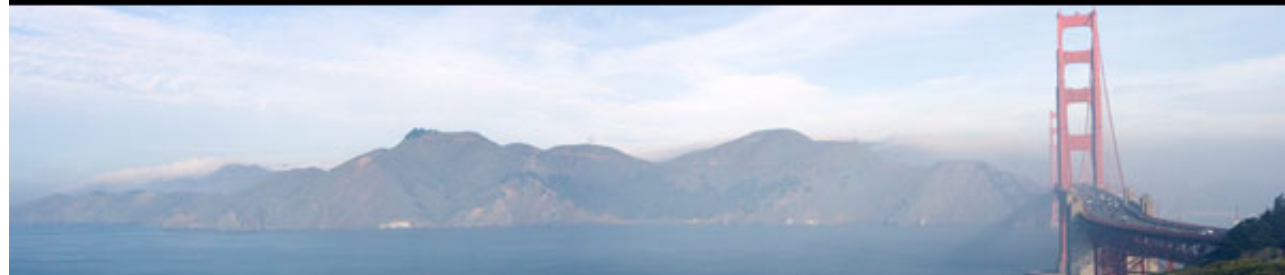
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Temporary Marine Closure Around Alcatraz



From July 3 to September 22, 2013, a temporary 500 foot marine buffer zone is in effect, closing the perimeter of Alcatraz

Open House - Marin Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Dear Park Friend,

You are invited to join us for the Annual Golden Gate National Recreation Area Open House held in Marin at the Bay Model Visitor Center, Sausalito, on July 16. Come anytime between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. to meet park staff and Park Partners to discuss and provide your input on the projects listed below.

You can click on the topic titles for more information. If a link is not provided please email goga_planning@nps.gov to request information.

Projects/Topics

Project Headlands Road and Trail Improvements

Learn more about Phase 2, which began in February, 2013, and will continue throughout the year. Hear about planned detours and delays, as well as completed projects. This is the final phase of this multi-year project that is improving 11-miles of roads, trails and parking lots in the Marin Headlands.

Muir Beach is Closed for Construction: Redwood Creek Restoration at Muir Beach Update

The next big phase has begun, which includes the replacement of the parking lot in a new alignment that allows restoration of Redwood Creek's natural floodplain.*Access to Muir Beach is **CLOSED** during construction, July 8 through November, 2013. There are no services or restrooms available at Muir Beach at this time.*

Island to all vessels. This closure is necessary to protect the nesting seabirds during America's Cup racing.



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SMCSD Facility Upgrade Project at Fort Baker

The Sausalito-Marín City Sanitary District (SMCSD), in coordination with NPS, will release an Environmental Assessment/ Initial Study for public review and comment in Spring 2013. The project would upgrade the SMCSD's wastewater treatment facility at Fort Baker.

Muir Woods Transportation and Access Planning

The GGNRA is in the process of planning for more active management of transportation and access to Muir Woods National Monument. There is an immediate need to address traffic, natural resource, visitor experience, and safety impacts related to growing visitor demand at the monument. This demand has risen to levels that frequently exceed the capacity of the area, causing traffic and parking conditions that are unsafe and undesirable for visitors, and natural resource impacts to Redwood Creek, which is critical habitat for federally listed threatened and endangered species (Steelhead Trout and Coho Salmon). Planning is underway and will begin a public NEPA process with scoping planned for summer 2013. Existing conditions, resource maps, and other info will be presented at the open house and the planning team will be available for discussion.

Become a National Park Service Volunteer in

Marin Share your love and enthusiasm for your National Parks by becoming a volunteer. What better way to ensure the protection of the parks than by becoming a volunteer and helping others discover the fascinating history, beautiful landscape, and abundance of recreational opportunities that are part of Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Stop by and visit with Ranger Sarah at the Open House to discuss volunteer opportunities in Marin or for more information on volunteering at GGNRA.

Marin Headlands Tennessee Valley and Redwood Creek Nurseries- Grow With Us!

Come grow with us! The three Marin Nurseries and team of staff and volunteers are growing 60,000 plants this year for preservation and restoration projects from Ft. Baker to Olema. Learn more about the program and how you can be part of it.

Public Transportation to Marin Headlands and Muir Woods

NPS has worked with SF Municipal Transportation Agency and Marin Transit to expand and improve service on **MUNI's Route 76 to the Marin Headlands**, and **Marin Transit's Route 66 to Muir Woods**. Saturday Route 76 service began in November 2012 as part of a two year long Transit Effectiveness Project pilot.

Future Muir Beach Bus Stops

New bus stops will be constructed during the spring of 2014, on Hwy 1 near the intersection of Pacific Way. They will provide the infrastructure necessary to improve public transportation services to Muir Beach.

Dias Ridge Trail Connector - Phase II

This project will construct approximately ¼ mile of multi-use trail parallel to Hwy 1 in Muir Beach, connecting the Dias Ridge trail junction at Golden Gate Dairy with the Redwood Creek Trail near the intersection of Frank Valley Road and Hwy 1. Preliminary designs will be shared at the Open House. NPS is seeking funding to complete design and compliance for future construction of this link.

Point Reyes National Seashore- Verizon Wireless Proposed Cellular Communications Facility, Point Reyes Hill- Scoping

Verizon Wireless has proposed a cell tower in the Point Reyes National Seashore near Mount Vision where an FAA site and Marin County Emergency communication antennae have been for many years. The NPS is now in the initial stage of the NEPA review process called the scoping period. During this 45-day scoping period, the NPS is soliciting comments from the public and other agencies on the range of issues, potential environmental impacts and alternatives to the proposal that should be considered in the EA.

Also...

Follow the progress of projects and the parks on Twitter.
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@GoldenGateNPS
@ProjectHeadland

Coming Soon. . .

Final GGNRA/Muir Woods General Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement release planned for this fall.

Future Public Meetings:

- **The Marin County Equestrian Plan**
- **Dog Management in Golden Gate National Recreation Area**

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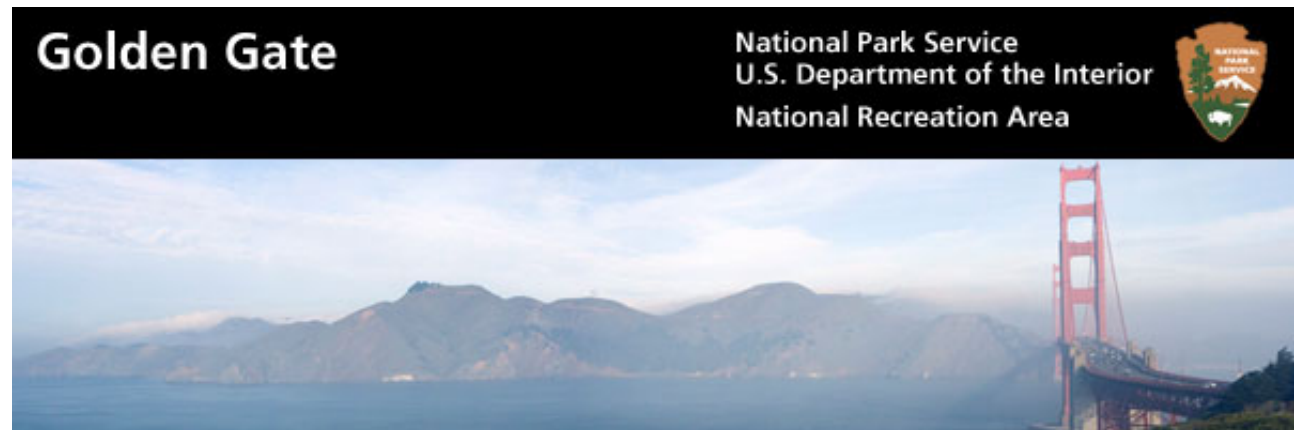
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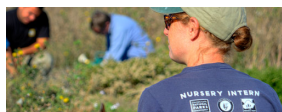
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Internships & Long-Term Opportunities



Internships are offered in restoration ecology, inventory and monitoring, education and outreach, trail work, and more. Interns earn a weekly stipend, receive personalized training, and gain marketable work experience.

Internships are competitive and generally one year positions. You will work hard but have lots of fun! Check

General Management Plan Development of a Programmatic Agreement for National Historic Preservation Act Compliance

Dear Park Friend,

Golden Gate National Recreation Area is expecting to release the General Management Plan Final EIS this fall. As part of finalizing the GMP, GGNRA will be completing National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) compliance in consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), interested parties, and tribal representatives. Because implementation of the GMP may result in adverse effects to cultural resources, NPS is developing a Programmatic Agreement (PA) that will provide a framework for future consultations with the SHPO associated with GMP implementation actions.

NPS submitted the draft PA to the SHPO and other interested parties in September 2013, and is also releasing the draft document for public review and comment.

out the listings on the **NPS** and **Conservancy** websites.



Historic photo of Fort Cronkhite (PARC, NPS)

Obtaining the Draft PA & Submitting Comments

The Draft PA is available on our GMP public website at the following web address:

http://parkplanning.nps.gov/gmp_nhpa

In addition to the Draft PA, a few other supporting documents are also available, including:

- Finding of Effect Letter to the SHPO, with attachments (APE Map, Summary of Effects, Summary of Historic Properties, Summary of Proposed Undertakings with the Potential to affect Cultural Resources)
- Current Nationwide Programmatic Agreement
- Example letter to Native American Tribes

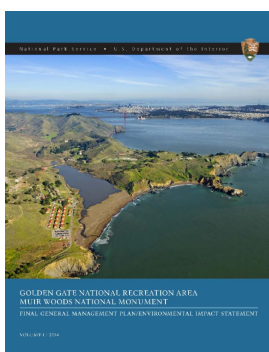
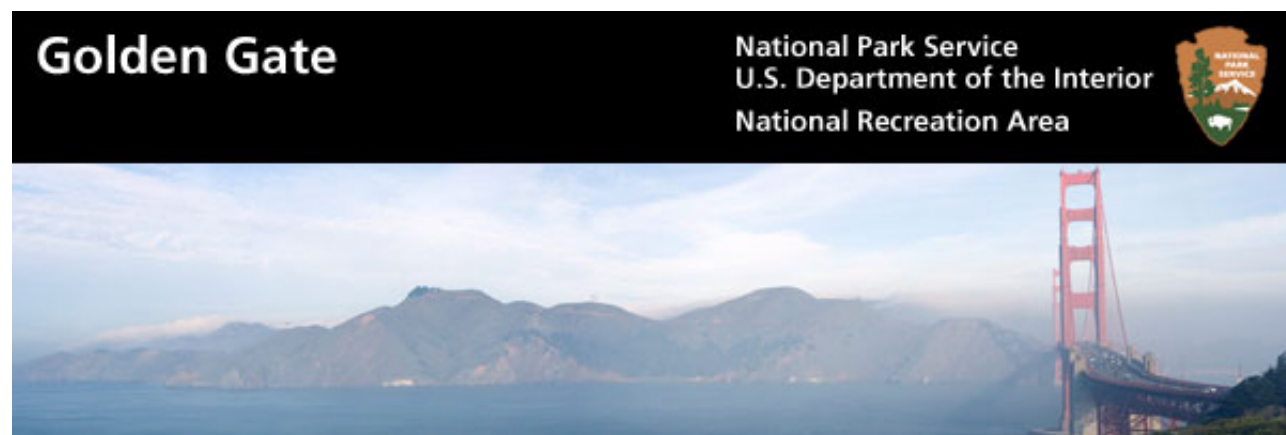
Comments will be accepted from September 25 to October 25, 2013.

You can submit comments by:

- Going to the document online via the link listed above
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Final GMP/EIS

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Final General Management Plan/EIS NOW AVAILABLE

Dear Park Friend,

We are pleased to announce the availability of our new General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS). This plan is the culmination of several years of effort involving the thoughtful input and participation of thousands of individuals, dozens of public agencies, and numerous outside organizations and stakeholder groups. This plan replaces the 1980 GMP which effectively guided the park for more than three decades.

The new plan identifies the preferred alternatives -

Connecting People with the Parks

(for parkland in San Mateo, San Francisco, and Marin counties) and

Focusing on National Treasures

(for Muir Woods and Alcatraz Island)

- as reshaped by public comments on the Draft GMP/EIS. The plan includes a summary of comments and the NPS responses to them.

You may **download** a copy of the plan at:

http://parkplanning.nps.gov/GGNRA_GMP

A limited number of CDs and printed documents will be available at GGNRA headquarters in Fort Mason, Building 201, San Francisco. Printed copies have been sent to the following libraries: San Mateo County-Main, San Francisco-Main, Marin County-Civic Center.

A Record of Decision (ROD) documenting the ultimate choice of the alternatives, mitigation measures, and decision rationale will be prepared for the Regional Director's signature. Following the required 30-day waiting period after the Notice

of Availability for the Final GMP/EIS is published in the Federal Register (*requested for April 25, 2014*), the ROD may be signed. With the signing of the ROD, the plan can then be implemented.

How to get a printed copy:

If you would like to have a convenient **summary edition** of the plan mailed to you once the ROD has been signed, please contact the park at goga_gmp@nps.gov or (415) 561-4700.

Thank you,

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