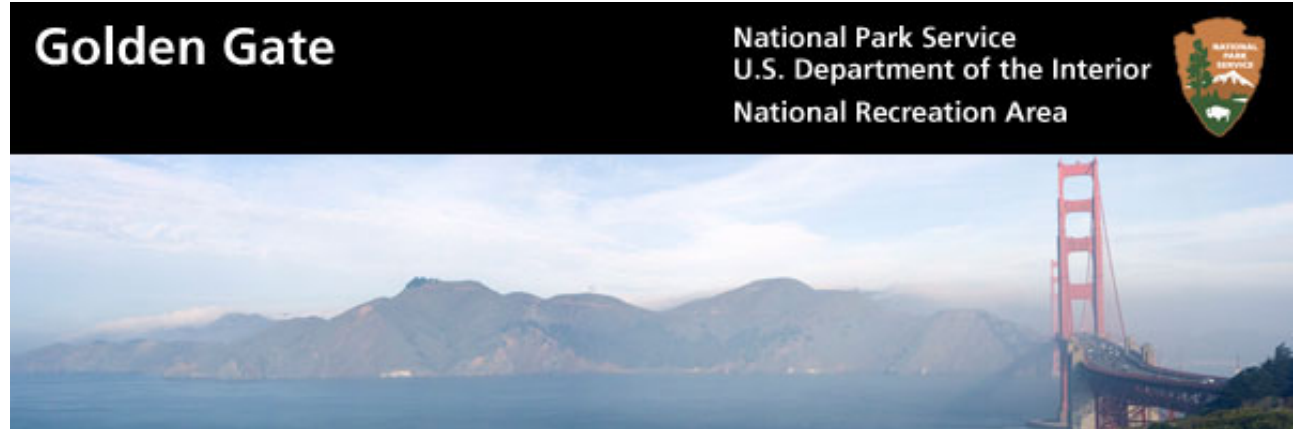


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Ocean Beach Fire Program Update

Dear Park Friend,

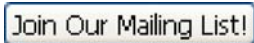
On February 5, the National Park Service hosted a public meeting on the topic of fires on Ocean Beach. There were 81 people in attendance and there was productive dialogue among attendees and NPS staff. Thank you to Supervisor Eric Mar and all who were present and contributed to a successful evening.

The NPS presentation as well as a transcription of all the notes written on the easel charts can be found on the [project website](#). Discussion was wide-ranging, but there were some clear themes.

We heard support for continuing beach fires, a willingness to consider a permit system tempered by concern that it not become too complicated or too costly, a broader understanding of the challenges of enforcing rules and cleaning up after fires, and some understanding of the value of a period of winter closure to coincide with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Winter Spare the Air Season and to give the beach a break.

All updates can be found on the project website:

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



Next Steps

For the upcoming spring/summer season fires will be allowed at Ocean Beach while we continue to work out the details of the future program. All current rules will still be in effect: go.nps.gov/beachfires

The park is currently examining the following topics for the future program:

Permit system - We are pursuing the implementation of a permit system using Reserve America, an online reservation system that is used effectively by many federal agencies. There are various details still to be determined, however, our objective is to ensure this activity remains as affordable as possible while also assisting NPS in being able to provide a sustainable, quality visitor experience.

Seasonal closure - NPS is considering a winter rest period during **Winter Spare the Air Season**, which is defined by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District as November through February. [Click here to download more information on this topic.](#)

New signage and fire rings - We are exploring the option of installing sturdy, steel framed signage on the beach, that includes the beach fire rules, located between the promenade and the fire rings. Additionally, because the current fire rings are not holding up to the heavy use and harsh beach environment we are looking to acquire sturdy, long-lasting custom built rings. However, these improvements are largely contingent on funding availability.

City partnership - NPS is hopeful that we can enter into a partnership with the City of San Francisco that will allow the City to assist us with the high level of maintenance needs in the area where fires occur.

A public meeting will be scheduled in the late summer this year to share the additional information gathered on the topics listed above.

We welcome input on any of these topics. Please send an email to goga_planning@nps.gov to provide your feedback.

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