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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 **Phieger 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=1507 5. 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.

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