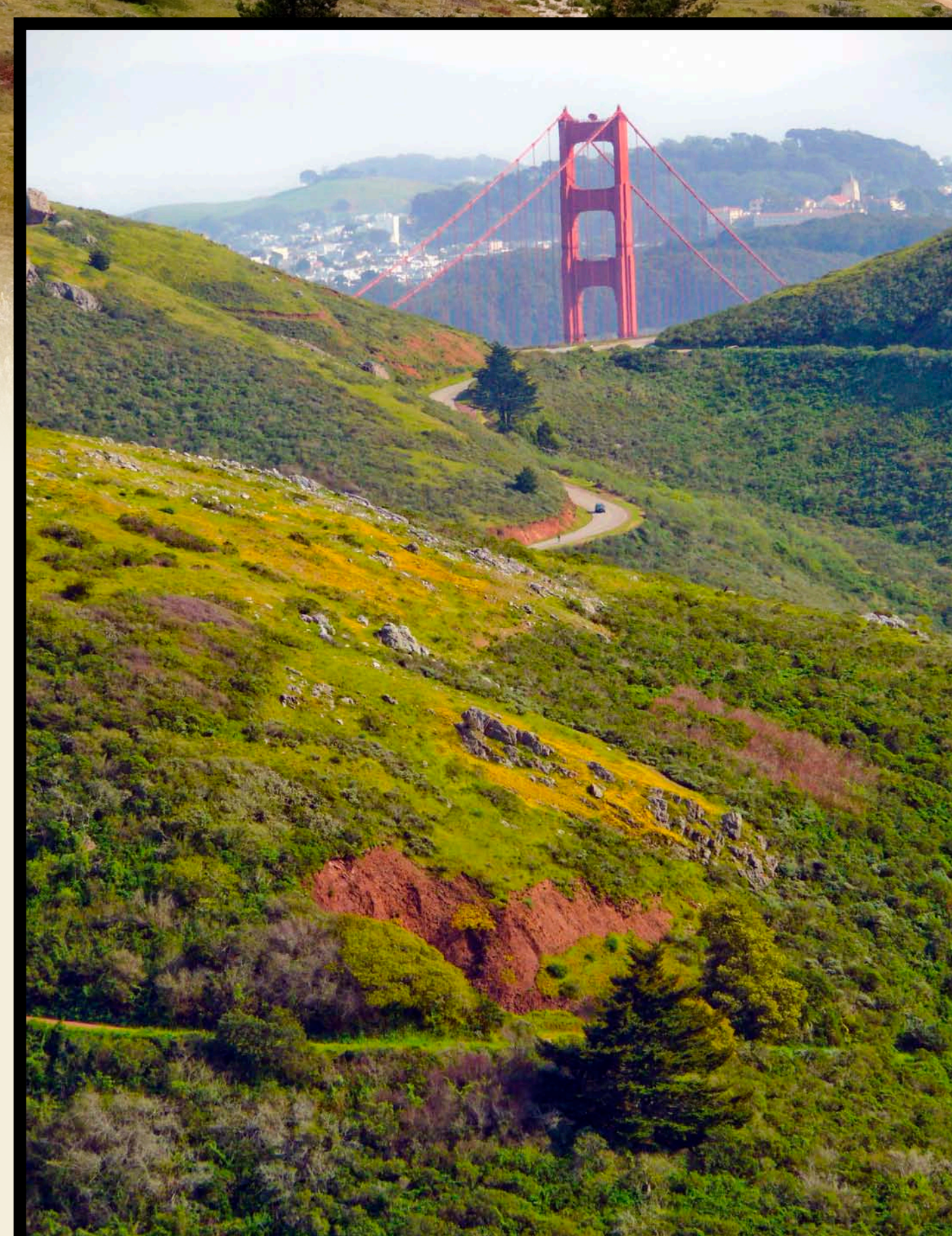




Purpose and Need for Management Action

Need for Action

- Under current conditions, park resources and values could be compromised to the extent that, without action, these resources and values in some areas of the park might not be available for enjoyment by future generations.
- A dog management policy inconsistent with NPS regulations and increased public expectations for use of the park for dog recreation have resulted in controversy, litigation, and compromised visitor and employee safety, affecting visitor experience and resulting in resource degradation. These conflicts will likely escalate if not addressed in a comprehensive plan/DEIS.



Purpose of Action

- Provide a clear, enforceable policy to determine the manner and extent of dog use in appropriate areas of the park;
- Promote the preservation and protection of natural and cultural resources and natural processes;
- Provide a variety of visitor experiences, improve visitor and employee safety, and reduce user conflicts; and
- Maintain park resources and values for future generations.