

Golden Gate National Recreation Area Draft Dog Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement

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Dear Park Friend,

We would like to update you on our progress reviewing the many ideas and suggestions received during the public comment on the Draft Dog Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and let you know about an important next step in the environmental analysis.

Given the substance of many of the 4,713 comments received on the DEIS, information from additional data and studies, and potential changes to the alternatives and impacts analysis resulting from that information, a Supplemental DEIS is being developed and will be released late this summer for public comment. This revised document will supplement those sections of the DEIS where there have been substantial changes in the proposed action or significant new information relevant to environmental concerns.

What this means to you is that there will be an additional opportunity to comment on the future of dog management in GGNRA before we issue the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for public review and comment in 2013. This added step of issuing a Supplemental DEIS for the dog management plan will affect the project timeline, adding approximately a year to the schedule.

Thank you for your continued interest and participation in this important planning process.

Sincerely,

Frank Dean



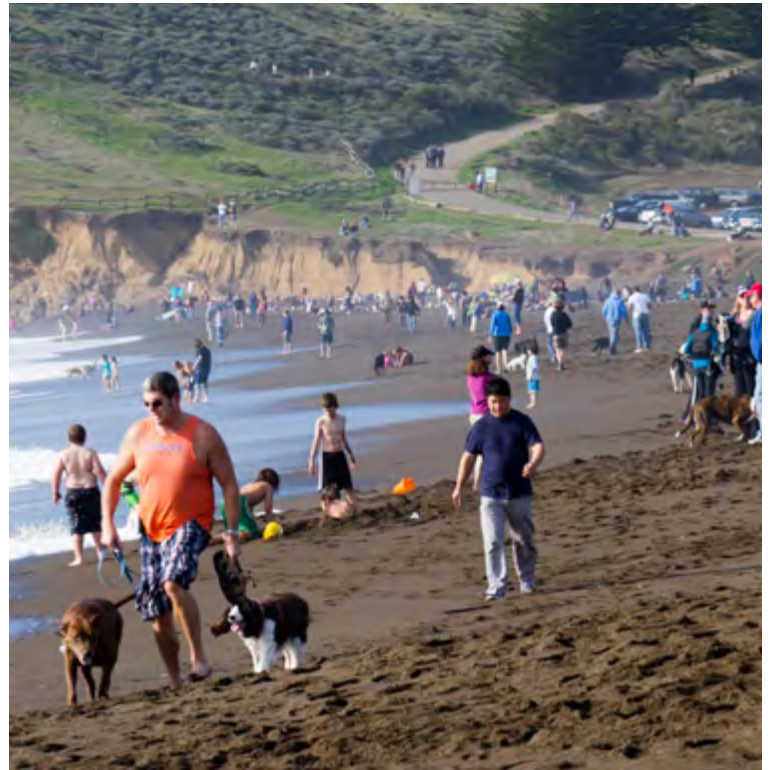
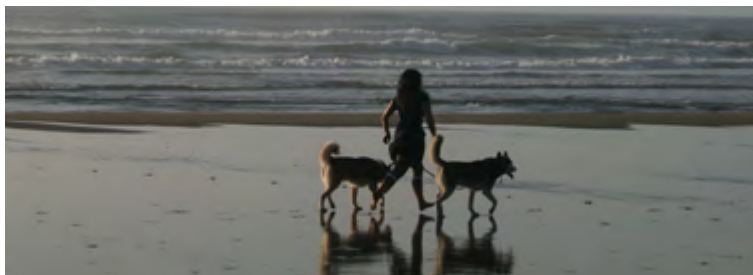
March 2011 DEIS Open House Meeting



About the Supplemental DEIS

Some of the changes we are considering for the Supplemental DEIS after evaluating public comment include:

- Developing site-specific alternatives for Rancho Corral de Tierra
- Evaluating additional access for dog walking, both on leash and under voice control
- Re-evaluating the impacts to adjacent federal, city and county parklands that could result from reducing areas open to dog walking in GGNRA
- Revising the compliance-based management strategy by including natural and cultural resource monitoring, removing automatic triggers and restrictions, and incorporating additional education and enforcement
- Providing additional visitor use information and law enforcement statistics for the impacts analysis
- Incorporating additional studies into the impacts analysis
- Further evaluating compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Re-evaluating fencing as a method to minimize dog walking impacts.



NEXT STEP

VISITOR SURVEY

To better evaluate impacts to adjacent park lands, in February 2012 we will be sending a postcard with a link to an online survey to all individuals on the GGNRA Dog Management Plan mailing list. Our goal is to obtain input on what other areas dog walkers and non-dog walkers might visit if some GGNRA sites limit off-leash dog walking, require on-leash dog walking or are closed to dog walking.

This survey should only take a few minutes to fill out. Your input is important and we hope you will participate.



Vicinity Map for Plan/DEIS
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Areas labeled in **red** are the twenty-two park areas addressed in the Plan/DEIS.

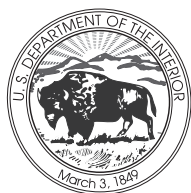
Map Legend

- GNRA Boundary
- GNRA Managed Lands
- State Parks
- County Parks
- City Parks
- Non Profit
- Coastal Trail
- Highway / Interstate
- Streets and Roads
- Special District

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Revised Project Schedule

Dates	Planning Phase
Late Summer 2012	Release Supplemental DEIS for public comment
Fall 2012	Incorporate public comment on Supplemental DEIS into the Proposed Rule
Fall 2013	Release Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for public comment
Winter 2013–Spring 2014	Incorporate public comment on proposed rule into Final EIS and final rule
Fall 2014	Release Final EIS
Winter 2014	Issue Final Rule

For further information about the Dog Management Project, including a summary of the public comments received, please visit the GGNRA Dog Management Planning webpage at www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/dog-management.htm. For questions about the project, call the Dog Management Project Information Line (415) 561-4728.