



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, San Francisco, California 94123

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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RE: *Golden Gate National Recreation Area Fire Management Plan
Final Environmental Impact Statement*

Dear Friend:

The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to announce publication of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Fire Management Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The FEIS has been developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be publishing a Notice of Availability for the FEIS in the Federal Register in the coming weeks.

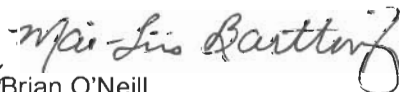
This is an important document for the GGNRA, setting forth how the park complies with current federal wildland fire management policy, and meets objectives for public and firefighter safety, resource management, and hazard reduction in the wildland urban interface. The public's involvement has been a key element in the fire management planning process. We wish to thank all of the organizations, agencies and individuals who provided comments, attended public meetings, and showed interest in the Fire Management Plan EIS.

Copies of the FMP FEIS may be obtained from Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Building 201, Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123 or by email request to goga_fire@nps.gov (please mark the email subject line "FMP FEIS Copy Request"). A bound copy of the FMP FEIS, or the FEIS on compact disc (CD) will be sent to those requesting it, as well as to those who requested a copy of the Draft EIS. In addition, the document will be posted at NPS's Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/goga>. The FEIS will also be available at park headquarters at Fort Mason, Building 201 (on the Review Table just inside Building 201 front entrance, directly across from Visitor Center), and at other park Visitor Centers and local libraries.

The official responsible for the final decision on the Fire Management Plan is the National Park Service Regional Director of the Pacific West Region. A Record of Decision, describing the selected alternative and project commitments, will be signed by the Regional Director no sooner than 30 days after the listing of the FEIS Notice of Availability in the Federal Register by the EPA. The date of publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register will also be posted with the document on the PEPC website. Once the Record of Decision is released, a notice to that effect will be published in the Federal Register and in local newspapers. Following the issuance of the Record of Decision, implementation is the responsibility of the General Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Any questions can be directed to the Fire Management Office at (415) 331-6374.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,


Brian O'Neill
General Superintendent