

Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee for Dog Management
at Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)

Guiding Principles for Design and Evaluation of Options

Preamble: The following principles are intended to assist the Committee in evaluating “starting points” and related proposals for dog management within GGNRA, consistent with National Park Service statutes and policies, including the Organic Act, GGNRA enabling legislation, and current management plans.

Guiding Principle 1: Minimize conflicts with other visitors and park staff.

Guiding Principle 2: Protect sensitive species and their habitat. Sensitive species means federal-listed, state-listed, unique or rare species.

Guiding Principle 3: Protect native wildlife and their habitat.

Guiding Principle 4: Minimize soil/water resources degradation.

Guiding Principle 5: Ensure consistency with National Park Service visitor experience definition.

Guiding Principle 6: Continue recreational use including special events.

Guiding Principle 7: Avoid obstructions/barriers to wildlife, except where the purpose of barriers would be protective of wildlife.

Guiding Principle 8: Ensure public safety/visitor protection [Note: a verb has been supplied by the Facilitation Team].

Guiding Principle 9: Consider historic and social use values.

Potential Additions:

Proposed Guiding Principle 10: Identify appropriate opportunities for dogwalking at the locations defined by GGNRA’s Negotiated Rulemaking Parameters document.

Proposed Guiding Principle 11: Ensure that any dogwalking option does not preclude future restoration and/or enhancement activities at areas currently identified by the GGNRA.

One additional possibility: Subcommittee members discussed the possibility of an additional Guiding Principle reflecting a shared interest that the Dog Management Plan be consistent with adaptive management of existing and future park resources and areas.

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