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To: [Strickfaden, Charles](#)
Cc: [Corwin Christine](#); ex 6; ex 6; ex 6; ex 6; [Bernal, Dan](#); [Edmonson, Robert](#); [Katrina Rill](#); [Callaway, Jenny](#); [Carr Chris](#); [Amy Brees](#); [Joss, Laura](#); [Stan_Austin@nps.gov](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Any updates needed about your GGNRA compendium questions?
Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 7:56:19 AM

Hi Charlie,

Thank you for reaching out to us. We are planning to submit substantive comments to the compendium. In the meantime, if you are willing, we would prefer to meet and talk in person in a setting that gives us an opportunity to thoroughly review the Compendium documents and maps together. We have serious concerns with many parts of the Compendium, and we are seeking clarification and to fully understand the intent of its broad scope.

We would be happy to meet at your office or, if that is not feasible, to have a call at your earliest convenience.

In the future, out of respect for their time, we will no longer be cc'ing our U.S. Representatives' staff members on our email exchanges for this request.

Andrea Buffa
Save Our Recreation

On Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 2:54 PM Strickfaden, Charles <charles_strickfaden@nps.gov> wrote:
Dear Sally, Christine, Cassandra, Laura, Dave, Andrea, and Congressional staff;

I am just following up on your questions about the recent park advisory on the park compendium. We've also heard from about 20 citizens and a number of our elected officials staff. I have not received any comments directly about the compendium, or response to my clarification below, and want you to know we are happy to provide an update if you would like an individual call. We've also received a request for compliance information, though that information is already available on the compendium website.

We'd like to emphasize that we view this as a routine matter, and in no way related to past activities between the park and your groups. We recognize we may have not provided adequate preparation about the compendium process and I offer my personal apology for failure to do this. We are a busy park, and the current management and staff really do try to get it right most of the time.

Please let me know how I can help.

Sincerely,

Charlie

Charles Strickfaden
Chief, Communications, External Affairs, and Special Park Uses

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Stretched across 82,000 acres north and south of the Golden Gate Bridge, these parks also constitute one of the world's largest national parks in an urban setting- ...more than 130 miles of trails, and 1,200 historic structures.

On Thu, Sep 5, 2019 at 3:26 PM Strickfaden, Charles <charles_strickfaden@nps.gov> wrote:

Dear Andrea and Golden Gate National Recreation Area dog groups,

Thank you for your comments about our compendium notice. As we indicated in the notice the compendium includes management of all areas of the park, and all NPS units are required to review and update this document periodically. I have been involved throughout the process and can address comments and questions personally so they receive the attention they deserve.

The compendium changes are listed in a table, as an effort to be very transparent, and the document is 90% unchanged from that signed by Acting Superintendent Muldoon in 2017. This revision focused on making it more readable and providing better maps. The compendium provides for use on park lands with over 17 million visitors at the three park areas we manage (Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Muir Woods National Monument, and Fort Point National Historic Site), and only about 5% of this document deals with pets in the parks.

I am sorry to hear you received the impression that this is only a dog management issue. Pet management is not the intent of this document and we disagree with your assessment that this is an implementation of parts of the former Dog Management Plan. You are correct in stating that that Plan ended in October, 2017. The current management staff is in agreement that this planning effort ended in 2017.

Since then we appreciate that the dog community has been fully and actively engaged in helping craft pet use maps and signage for Crissy Field, and efforts to reduce conflicts at Fort Funston. The current staff has recognized how painful this chapter was in the history of the park and its communities and has sought to move past it.

The compendium notice was sent to the thousands of people that subscribe to our newsletters, stakeholders, the media, and our elected officials and demonstrates a deliberate intent at transparency. If you have any substantive comments or questions we welcome your comments to "goga_public_affairs.gov" and appreciate your reaching out to us. We appreciate the emails we have already received from your members about this issue and thank you for including our elected officials on your note. I have copied them as well so they can be sure we address your concerns. I hope this alleviates some of your concerns and thank you very much for reaching out to us.

Sincerely,

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From: **Andrea Buffa** <ex 6 >
Date: Tue, Sep 3, 2019 at 11:56 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request to meet ASAP re: serious concerns about the new Superintendent's Compendium
To: Joss, Laura <Laura_Joss@nps.gov>
Cc: Corwin Christine <christine@greensrc.com>, cassandra fimrite ex 6 >, Laura Lovitt Pandapas <ex 6 >, Sally Stephens <ex 6 >, D Emanuel <ex 6 >, Bernal, Dan <dan.bernal@mail.house.gov>, Edmonson, Robert <Robert.Edmonson@mail.house.gov>, Katrina Rill <katrina.rill@mail.house.gov>, <Jenny.Callaway@mail.house.gov>, Carr Chris <chris.carr@bakerbotts.com>, <amy_brees@nps.gov>

Dear Superintendent Joss,

I'm writing on behalf of San Francisco Dog Owners Group, Coastside Dog Owners Group, Marin County Dog Owners Group, Save Our Recreation, and Save Off-Leash Dog Walking to request a meeting as soon as possible regarding the superintendent's compendium released by the GGNRA on Friday, August 30. Considering the public comment period is set to close at the end of September, we expect you to open up time on your schedule within the next week.

We were disappointed to have just learned of the compendium via your public email announcement on Friday, especially considering we've been communicating with you and the GGNRA on a regular basis, and you were very much aware of our interest in proposed changes to the dog policy at the GGNRA. Your release of the compendium on the Friday before Labor Day weekend also concerns us, because many people will have missed your email due to end of the summer vacations.

Our preliminary assessment of your proposal is that you are trying to implement parts of the Dog Management Plan via superintendent's compendium, which would be contrary to the National Park Service's [October 2017 permanent withdrawal of the dog management plan](#). In addition, we have found major discrepancies between the compendium text and the accompanying exhibits which should be clarified so that the public understands the GGNRA's intent and can provide accurate comments.

Given the document release timing and content issues, we urge you to extend the public comment period to at least the end of November to provide the people who enjoy the GGNRA 90 days to become aware of, have time to digest and understand, and comment on the proposal.

Thank you for your prompt reply to this email,

Sally Stephens, SFDOG
Christine Corwin, Coastside DOG

Cassandra Fimrite and Laura Pandapas, Marin County DOG
Dave Emanuel, Save Off-Leash Dog Walking in the SF Bay Area
Andrea Buffa, Save Our Recreation

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