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Frank Dean, General Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Building 201, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123
Attn: Dog Management Plan

Subject: Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Dog Management Plan, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties, California (CEQ# 20130261)

Dear Mr. Dean:

The Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Dog Management Plan for Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties. Our review and comments are provided pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

The National Park Service has developed a Dog Management Plan that is intended to provide a clear, enforceable policy regarding dog use in Golden Gate National Recreation Area lands. EPA provided comments on the Draft EIS on May 27, 2011 and gave the document a rating of Environmental Concerns- Insufficient Information (see enclosed "Summary of EPA Rating Definitions"). We expressed concerns with indirect impacts to lands outside the park's jurisdiction, including city and county parks that could receive additional adverse impacts regarding changes to dog use on GGNRA lands. EPA appreciates the Park Service's inclusion, in the Supplemental Draft EIS, of the additional analysis that was conducted regarding this impact, including the identification of specific parks and the potential for induced resource impacts. Based on our review of the Supplemental Draft EIS, we have rated the document Lack of Objections.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3521, or contact Stephanie Skophammer, the lead reviewer for this project. Stephanie can be reached at (415) 972-3098 or Skophammer.stephanie@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosures: Summary of EPA Rating Definitions