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CONFIDENTIAL Dear All: I spoke with Spencer Michels, who is producing the PBS News Hour story on Golden Gate dog mgt. He told me his interview line up is Chris Lehnertz, Amy Meyer, Cindy Margulis, Sally Stephens of SF Dog and Save Our Recreation, Huey Johnson, speaking on behalf of dog walkers in general, and maybe Martha Walters of Crissy Field Dog. Amy, it's interesting he's got Huey on his list; I wanted you to know, in case Spencer's questions attempt to pit you against Huey. Huey seems to mostly reflect the interests of Muir Beach dog walkers - he apparently is connected in some way to Laura Pandapas, a very hysterical Muir Beach voice. Three key points re Muir Beach are: a) there are very high resource values at Muir Beach that need protecting, including shorebirds riparian habitat, and creek biota; b) Muir Beach is relatively small and it would be impossible to allow both an off-leash and a dog-free experience, which is possible at the other areas NPS proposes for regulated off-leash use; c) NPS proposes on-leash on the entire beach, which means visitors could still enjoy the beach with their dogs very close at hand - 'on leash' is not 'no dogs.' Meanwhile, a big thanks to each of you for helping to assure that more than one side is heard from in this overheated issue. Gratefully, Howard