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Amy, Neal, and Becky:

Try this ...

1. Golden Gate petitioned the NPS regional and national directorate to be able to develop a GOGA-specific rule for dog management that both met the preservation and recreation mandates of an NPS site, and also acknowledged the then-30 year tradition of off-leash dog use in areas of the park, and park ownership of most of the beach areas in San Francisco and southern Marin. It is a significant stretch for NPS to even consider off-leash dog use.
2. Of 407 areas of the NPS, not one permits off leash dog use.
2. Unlike single-issue stakeholders, NPS is required to consider the desires of a broad array of park users.
3. The sites that are most contested in the park are those which are popular with all users - Fort Funston, Ocean Beach, Crissy Field, Rodeo Beach, and Muir Beach. Four of these areas have proposed off-leash areas. Others of the 22 areas originally evaluated for use zoning are also used and enjoyed by a broad spectrum of visitors.
4. NPS carefully assessed every area governed by the 1979 Pet Policy, and later added key San Mateo County sites that were not owned or managed by the park in 1979, to determine if there were any areas where dogs could be permitted off leash without threatening sensitive or threatened wildlife and plants, and which also permitted opportunities for those who want a dog-free experience. We identified 7 areas where we feel off leash dog use can occur.
5. In addition to the 7 proposed off leash areas, there are 21 areas (including some that also permit off leash) that propose on-leash dog walking.
6. Commercial dog walking is permitted in many park areas; NPS authority to permit this use is contested by several groups.

Howard

On Fri, Jul 10, 2015 at 4:42 PM, Amy Meyer <a7w2m@ (b) (6)> wrote:
Dear Chris,

Neal, Becky, and I have pulled together all but the last piece of paper for the meeting with Dan on Wednesday. They are 1) a shortened version of the preamble Howard sent us and 2) the chart he sent showing what neighboring agencies do. I found 3) the CFR citation and will provide Dan with a copy, highlighting sections 1 and 2..

Howard said he'd get on the paper that summarizes the relevant sections of the Dog Management Plan as soon as he returns on Monday. This has to be in bullet or other short

form— it's my experience that Dan does not have the time to deal with anything of any length. He will simply want to know the essentials.

I need the paper by Tuesday morning because I want to send the 4 papers to Dan ahead of time and want him to be able to share them with the person he is including in our meeting from their Washington office. I also have to go over the paper with Neal and Becky before I use it.

I have to leave by 9:30 Monday morning for an event for the opening of the New Presidio Parkway. I will be back about noon. I leave for a doctors appointment at 2:15. Back near 4.

Best,

Amy