

# Welcome

## **Proposed Rule for Dog Management in the GGNRA** **Public Meeting Agenda**

5:45 PM – Information Stations Open

6:15 PM – Formal Presentation

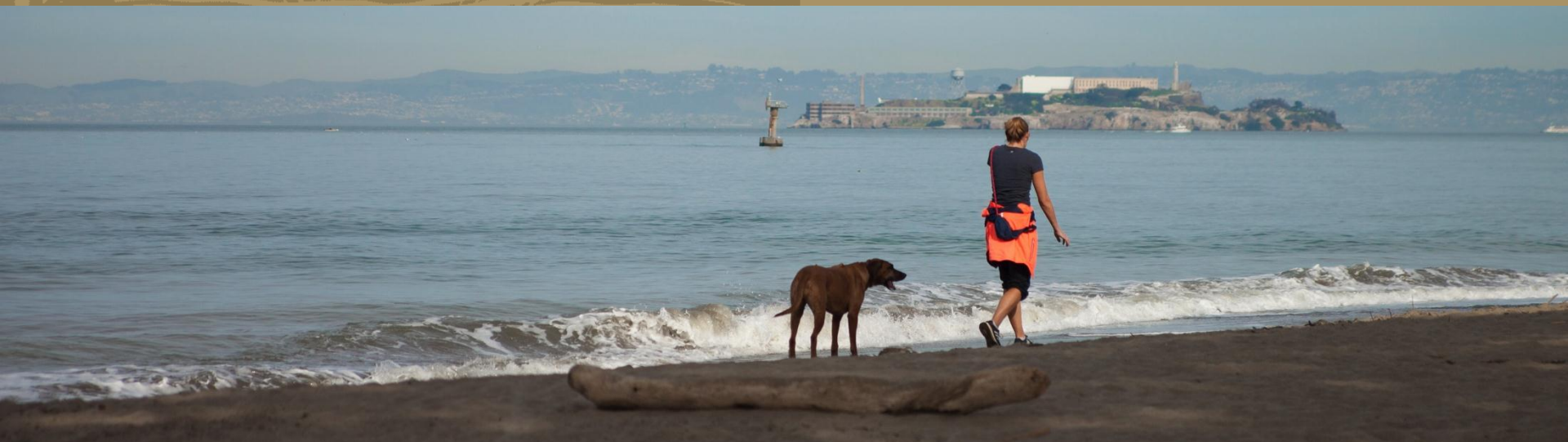
6:30 PM – Question and Answer Period

7:30 PM – Information Stations Reopen

8:00 PM – Meeting Adjourned

National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area

# Proposed Rule for Dog Management in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)



March 2016

# Meeting Objectives

- To educate and inform the public about the Proposed Rule
- To provide a safe space for questions about the Proposed Rule and thoughts to be shared
- To provide direction on how to comment on the Proposed Rule



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# Why does the park need a special rule for dog walking?

- Preserve and protect natural and cultural resources for future generations
- Better accommodate a variety of visitor experiences and reduce visitor use conflicts
- Ensure visitor and employee safety
- Clarify rules for all visitors

# DOG MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS

## TIMELINE

1979	2002	2002-2006	2011	2013-2014
GGNRA Advisory Commission recommends guidelines for a pet policy	Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – Formal Dog Management Planning Process begins	Public Scoping for development of a Dog Management Plan and Negotiated Rulemaking process	Release and public comment period for Draft Dog Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	Release and public comment period for Draft Dog Management Plan/ Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) with six alternatives, including a NPS Preferred Alternative
● WE ARE HERE		2016	2017	
WINTER/SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	
Release and comment on <b>Proposed Rule</b> based on SEIS Preferred Alternative	Review of public comments on <b>Proposed Rule</b> along with SEIS comments*	Release of Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)*	Record of Decision, with selected alternative and Final Rule, signed and published; implementation may begin 30 days later.*	

\*Dates subject to change

# What is in the Proposed Rule?

- A proposal that would become a federal rule governing dog walking in the GGNRA.
- Proposes where and how people would be able to enjoy the GGNRA in 22 locations; with on-leash and off-leash dogs, as well as places that are dog-free.
- Defines terms like 'voice and sight control.'





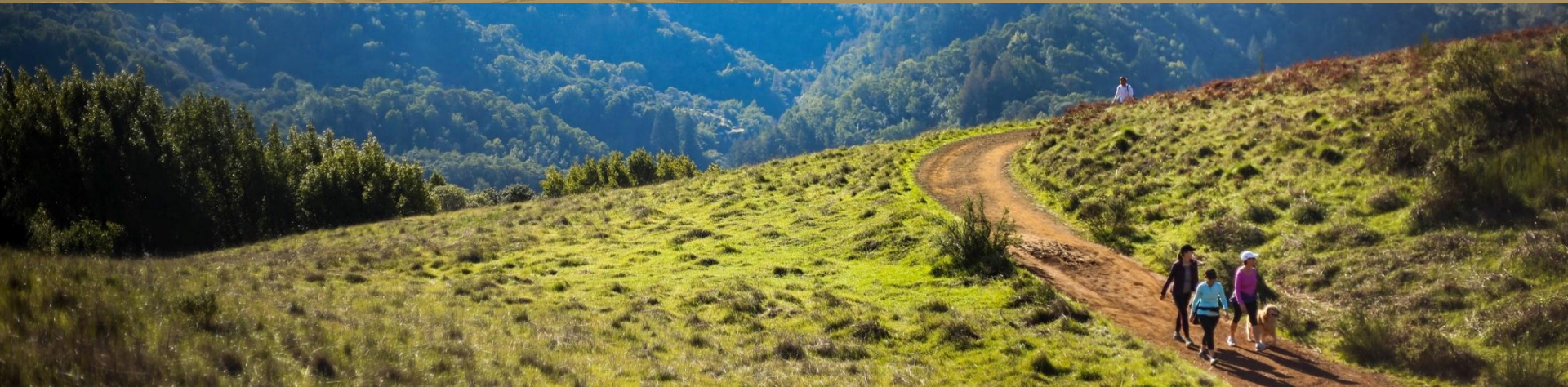
# Where would dogs be allowed?

- Proposes 22 dog walking locations in GGNRA, as well as places that would be dog-free
- Dog walking would be allowed:
  - On almost one-third of the miles of beaches, mostly off-leash
  - One-third of the miles of trails
- Off-leash dog walking would be allowed in seven areas
- Specific areas would be designated for walking 4-6 dogs under permit.



# Some Basic Elements of the Proposed Rule

- Requires rabies vaccinations, county licenses, and evidence of ownership
- Limits number of dogs brought into any permitted GGNRA site to six (SF and Marin)
- Defines key terms such as 'uncontrolled' and 'unattended' dogs



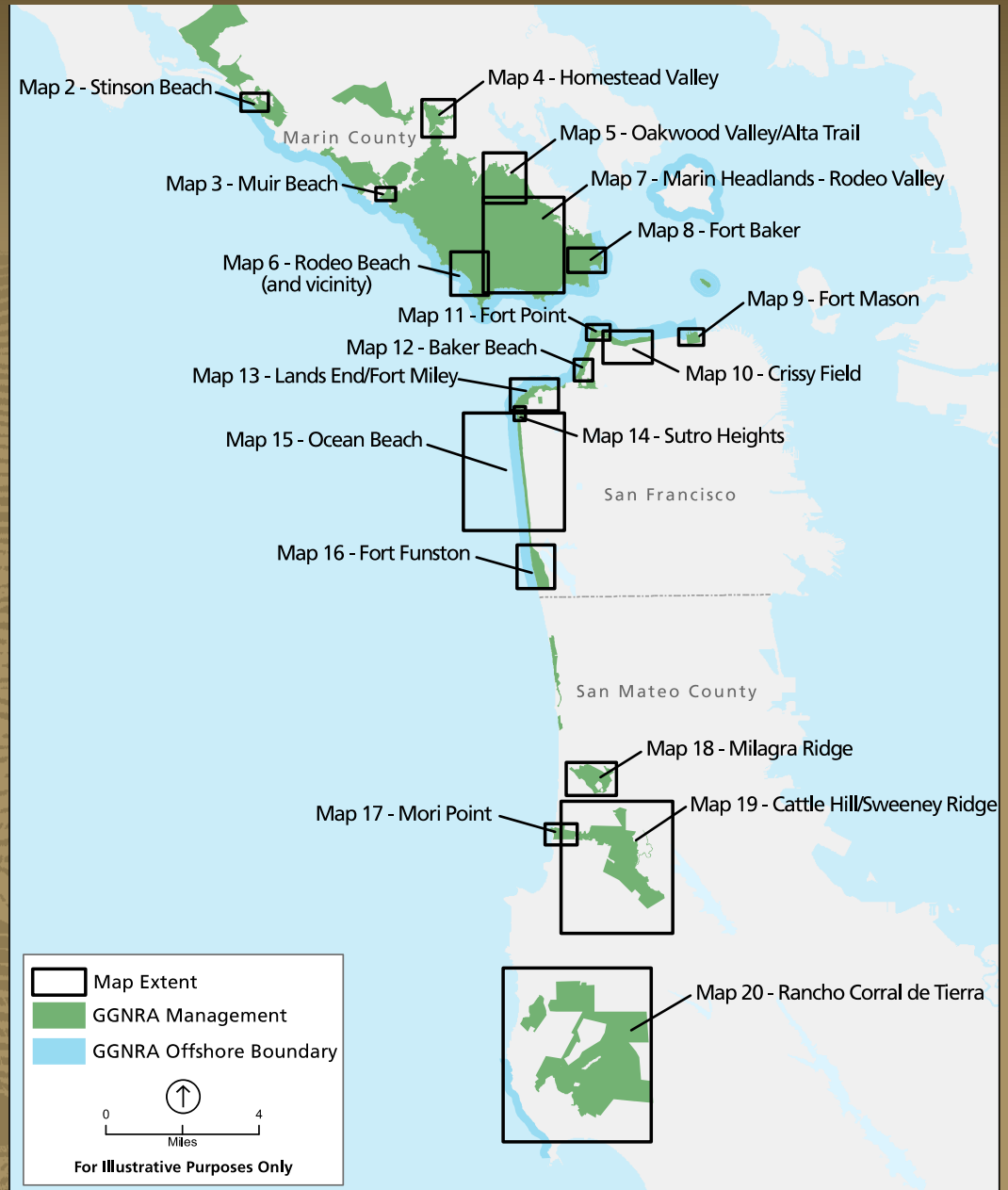
# Permitted Dog Walking

- Limits number of dogs brought into any permitted GGNRA site to six; NPS permits required for walking four to six dogs (SF and Marin)
- Requires training certification and insurance for NPS permit
- Authorizes permitted dog walking Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm within seven park locations



# Overview Map

- Marin County (8 locations)
- San Francisco County (9 locations)
- San Mateo County (5 locations)



# Marin County Locations

- Stinson Beach
- Muir Beach
- Homestead Valley
- Oakwood Valley
- Alta Trail
- Marin Headlands – Rodeo Beach
- Marin Headlands – Rodeo Valley
- Fort Baker



# San Francisco County Locations

- Fort Mason
- Crissy Field
- Fort Point
- Baker Beach
- Lands End
- Fort Miley
- Sutro Heights Park
- Ocean Beach
- Fort Funston



# San Mateo County Locations

- Mori Point
- Milagra Ridge
- Sweeney Ridge
- Cattle Hill
  - If NPS assumes management
- Rancho Corral de Tierra



# How to Comment

Comments can be submitted through May 25, 2016:



1) At [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)  
(search RIN: 1024-AE16)

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2) By letter to:  
Superintendent, GGNRA  
Attn: Dog Management  
Building 201 Fort Mason  
San Francisco, CA 94123

*Due to federal regulations, comments cannot be accepted over the phone or via email. Bulk comments in any format will not be accepted.*



# Tips for Making Effective Comments

- Comments supported with data, facts, and/or personal experience are the most constructive.
- If you disagree with an element of the rule, make a suggestion that meets the same objective.
- Include examples of how the proposed rule would affect you positively or negatively.
- The comment process is not a vote. One well-supported comment is more effective than numerous form letters.

# Question & Answer Period

- Please keep your question to under one minute
  - Timekeeper will provide a 30 second notice and a notice to stop at the one minute mark
- One question at a time to ensure clarity
- Questions submitted in advance (*online or via the question box*) will be interspersed with questions



# THANK YOU

For more information visit: [www.nps.gov/goga](http://www.nps.gov/goga)



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