



Memo To File

To: Superintendent

From: Kirsten Holder, Project Leader

Through: Park Interdisciplinary Team

Subject: Adequacy of National Environmental Policy Act Documentation

A. Project Information

Park Name: Golden Gate National Recreation Area

PEPC Project Number: 54722

Project Title: Official Trail Name Changes, Parkwide

Project Type: Other Administrative Activities (ADM)

Project Location:

County, State: Marin, California

County, State: San Mateo, California

County, State: San Francisco, California

Project Leader: Kirsten Holder

B. Project Description

Official Trail Name Changes, Parkwide, PEPC 54722
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The park is undergoing an update of the existing trail names within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The update is intended to establish a single list of official trail names that can be distributed to park partners, provided to park staff, and communicated to park visitors. Previous to this update, some trails segments were referred to by various names or did not have an official name. With various sign orders, planning efforts, and map updates underway, the quick timing of this update is needed. Name changes do not change the permitted uses (bicycle, hiker, equestrian, dogs). Management for all roads and trails would remain unchanged; trail crew will continue to manage all designated trails and roads crew will continue to manage all designated administrative roads regardless of the name changes.

Project goals:

- 1) Establish a single list of trail names that can be distributed to park staff, partners, and the public
- 2) Name new or un-named trails

- 3) Clarify trail names where multiple names exist
- 4) Update GIS data for recently changed names

Background

- Trail Crew proposed a list of trail and road name changes, winter-spring 2013-14
- IDT met three times, spring 2014
- Met with senior staff, summer 2014
- Updated GIS, summer 2014
- Project Review, fall 2014
 - Receive final approval
 - Develop an outreach strategy

Purpose and Need

- Establish an up to date single list of trail names that can be distributed to park partners, park staff, and visitors
 - Name new or un-named trails
 - Clarify trail names when there are multiple names
- Place new map and sign orders

Specifications

- Changes are in name only and intended for the benefit of the public
- No change to permitted use
 - Hiker, bicyclist, equestrian use remain the same
- No changes to park maintenance designation
 - Roads Crew or Trail Crew responsibility remain the same
- No changes to trail design
 - Trail width, tread, grade, and slope remain the same

Types of Name Changes: Please note that some of the changes below apply to small sections of trail and not to the entire segment.

- Inter-Agency Coordination: names to be contiguous between neighboring lands
- Coastal Trail: maintain single name
- Data Fix: incorrect in GIS
- New Name: where no name or no consistent name was used
- "Fire Road" or "Road" to "Trail": consistent communication on non-motorized routes open to the public

Marin County		
Inter-Agency Coordination	Names as of 2013-14	Updated Names 2014
	Coastal Trail Coastal Trail	Bolinas Ridge Trail (small section) Coast View Trail (small section)
Coastal Trail	Conzelman Trail Julian Fire Road/Coastal Trail	Coastal Trail Julian Trail
Data Fix	Coastal Trail Miwok Stables Trail Battery Alexander Trail Coastal Trail Coastal Trail Coastal Trail San Francisco Bay Trail	Pirates Cove Trail Miwok Stables Road South Rodeo Beach Trail Upper Fisherman's Trail SCA Trail Slacker Trail Fort Baker Trail
New Name	Main Trail Main Trail Ocean View Trail Muir Beach Overlook Kaasi Road Oakwood Valley Trail Coastal Trail Battery Smith-Guthrie Loop Trail Rodeo Valley Connector Trail Kirby Cove Spur Trail 1 Kirby Cove Spur Trail 3 Rodeo Valley Fire Road Bay Trail	Redwood Creek Trail Bohemian Grove Trail Canopy View Trail Muir Beach Overlook Loop Trail Kaashi Way Oakwood Meadow Trail Tennessee Point Trail Batteries Loop Trail Smith Trail Battery Wagner Trail Kirby Cove Trail Upper Rodeo Trail Old Conzelman Trail (this trail is still in the planning process and will likely have a new name)
Fire Road/Road to Trail	County View Road Miwok Fire Road Marincello Road Oakwood Valley Road Hawk Camp Fire Road Slacker Road Rodeo Avenue Fire Road Alta Avenue Fire Road Pacheco Fire Road Orchard Fire Road Drown Fire Road	County View Trail Miwok Trail Marincello Trail Oakwood Valley Trail Hawk Camp Trail Slacker Ridge Trail Rodeo Avenue Trail Alta Trail Pacheco Trail Orchard Trail Drown Fire Road (does not change)

San Francisco		
	Names as of 2013-14	Updated Names 2014
Inter-Agency Coordination	Battery East Trail	Presidio Promenade
Coastal Trail	Presidio Bluffs Trail Sunset Trail	Coastal Trail Coastal Trail
Data Fix	San Francisco Bay Trail Sand Ladder Trail Chamberlin Staircase to Baker Beach Legion of Honor Staircase Mile Rock Staircase Sutro Ruins Trail Balboa Staircase	Fort Mason Bay Trail Presidio Sand Ladder Battery Chamberlin Trail Legion of Honor Trail Mile Rock Trail Sutro Baths Trail La Playa Trail
New Name	Marcus Miller Trail Great Meadow Paths Staircase McDowell to Parade Ground Great Meadow to LFM Staircase USS San Francisco Memorial Trail Sutro Baths Trail 48th to Sutro Loop Trail Horse Trail Fort Miley Road	Bowman Trail Fort Mason Bay Trail Parade Ground Stairs Fort Mason Stairs Memorial Stairs Sutro Baths Upper Trail Sutro Heights Trail Funston Horse Trail West Fort Miley Trail
Road to Trail	Andrews Road	Andrews Trail

San Mateo County		
	Names as of 2013-14	Updated Names 2014
Data Fix	Sweeney Ridge Trail Sweeney Ridge Trail	Notch Trail Skyline College Trail
New Name	Milagra Ridge Milagra Trail Milagra Ridge Staircase Horse Trail Wicklow Fire Road Ember Ridge Road San Vicente Overlook Trail	Milagra Ridge Road Milagra Creek Overlook Trail Milagra Summit Trail Sweeney Meadow Trail Deer Creek Trail Ranch Road Ranchette Trail
Place Name	Bluff Trail Headlands Trail Peak Trail Horse Trail Sweeney Ridge Trail	Mori Bluff Trail Mori Headlands Trail Mori Peak Trail Sweeney Horse Trail Mori Ridge Trail
Road to Trail	Old Mori Road	Old Mori Trail

Issues and Concerns Raised by Staff:

Issue or Concern	Response
Reason for renaming the San Francisco Bay Trail to the McDowell Road?	This did not change. While a sign post for McDowell Road remains at the top of the hill and the park often refers to this portion of road as the McDowell Road, the official park name for the trail that runs along the northern edge of Fort Mason will remain San Francisco Bay Trail. This is consistent with other segments of the Bay Trail that runs through NPS land.
Reason for renaming the Great Meadow Paths to the Fort Mason Bay Trail?	Only the northern portion of trail that runs through Fort Mason is re-named as part of the Bay Trail. The other trail/path segments in Fort Mason are still known as Great Meadow Paths.
Why Wicklow Fire Road was not renamed as the Wicklow Trail, instead of the Deer Creek Trail?	Wicklow was in reference to a nearby property owner who owns land outside of Rancho. It did not seem appropriate to use a current landowner's name as a trail name. Deer Creek is the name of the creek adjacent to the trail.
Whether the proposed change in spelling of Muir Beach's "Kaasi Road" to "Kaashi Way" had been vetted through someone at the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria?	Copy of consultation email between Holloway and Monroe is attached in PEPC, titled Kaashi Way Consultation. Completed 11/3/14.
If there were historic road names that might be lost through name changes?	Bob determined that at least ten of the proposed trail/road name changes affect properties within nation register historic districts. Though in all cases the name change retains the essential portion of the name containing a historical association (Julian, Drown, Andrews, McDowell etc.), a decision was made to complete a NHPA Section 106 assessment of effect of No Adverse Effect to historic properties. Bob will make notations in the park's List of Classified Structures for each of the affected property names.
Craig Scott and Steve Kasierski will be included on the IDT.	Both were consulted during IDT meetings and after Project Review

Item to be provided to Park Archives	Date Sent
A record of trail name changes.	7/17/2015
A memorandum describing the process used by project team for reviewing and updating the trail names parkwide.	7/17/2015
All previous GIS digital park trail map files.	7/17/2015
All previous hard copy trail map printouts.	7/17/2015

C. Step 4 NEPA: Memo To file

<p>Added to File Date:</p>	<p>Explanation: The Project Leader, Kirsten Holder, will document the completion of the above condition in PEPC and upload all pertinent documentation to PEPC. With completion of the condition, the project would not have an adverse impact on the environment, would not trigger any D.O. 12 Section 3.5 Exceptions, and could be categorically excluded from further NEPA review {D.O. 12, Section 3.3} in conformance with the following NPS category: <i>R. Adoption or approval of surveys, studies, reports, plans and similar documents which will result in recommendations or proposed actions which would cause no or only minimal environmental impact.</i></p>
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D. Conclusion

The interdisciplinary team (IDT), consisting of the IDT members listed below, conducted internal scoping to review the proposed project. After careful review the team concurs that the previous document adequately describes and analyzes the impacts for Project ID#: 54722. There is no change to project scope, the description of impacts (context, intensity and duration) remain as described in the previous NEPA document, and site conditions have not changed since preparation of the environmental assessment. No additional public involvement is required. Neither the original compliance document (i.e., EA or EIS) nor this evaluation have identified adverse resource impacts that would lead to an impairment of National Park System resources and values from implementation of this project. This assessment is consistent with the original decision document (i.e., FONSI or ROD).

Interdisciplinary Team Leader Name	Field of Expertise
Kirsten Holder	Project Leader
Technical Specialists Names	Field of Expertise
Kirsten Holder	Project Leader
Bob Holloway	NHPA Specialist
Larry Miranda	NEPA Specialist
Steve Kasierski	Fort Baker Real Estate Project Manager
Craig Scott	GIS Specialist
Christine FitzGerald	San Mateo Planner
Amy Hoke	Historical Landscape Architect
Chad Marin	Law Enforcement
Keith Stegall	Trails Supervisor
Theresa Griggs	Interpretation – San Francisco
Nancy Hornor	Planning Division Chief
Mia Monroe	Interpretation - Marin

E. Signatory

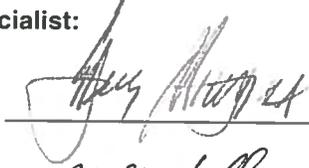
Based on the environmental impact information contained in the statutory compliance file and in this environmental screening form, environmental documentation for this stage of the subject project is complete.

Recommended:

Compliance Specialist:

NEPA

Larry Miranda



Date: July 20, 2015

NHPA

Bob Holloway



Date: Oct 15, 2014
(date of NHPA Sec 106 approval)

Superintendent:



Date: 07/22/15