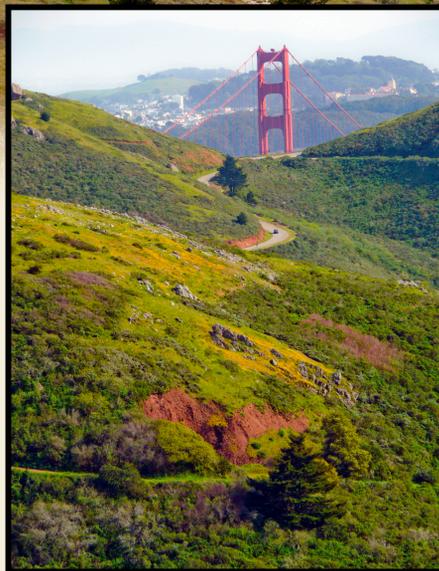




Purpose and Need for Management Action

Need for Action

- Under current conditions, park resources and values could be compromised to the extent that, without action, those resources and values in some areas of the park might not be available for enjoyment by future generations.
- A dog management policy inconsistent with NPS regulations and increased public expectations for use of the park for dog recreation has resulted in controversy, litigation, and compromised visitor and employee safety, affecting visitor experience and resulting in resource degradation. These conflicts will likely escalate if not addressed in a comprehensive draft plan/EIS.



Purpose of Action

- Provide a variety of visitor experiences;
- Improve visitor and employee safety;
- Reduce visitor conflicts;
- Provide a clear, enforceable dog management policy;
- Preserve and protect natural and cultural resources and natural processes; and
- Maintain park resources and values for future generations.