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Dear Secretary Norton, Director Mainella, Regional Director Jarvis, and
Superintendent O'Neill:

On behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our 850,000
members and supporters, I urge you to support the adoption of regulations requiring
dogs to be leashed while in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, as described in
the petition dated August 16, 2005.

As the largest international nonprofit organization dedicated to animal protection, our
main concern is for the countless birds and other wildlife species that are terrorized and
killed by dogs roaming off-leash. The majority of dogs will chase any species of
wildlife if given the opportunity, regardless of whether they are hungry or aggressive.
In recognizing the critical importance that the GGNRA plays in the conservation of
wildlife, it is our position that off-leash dog walking has made it exceptionally difficult
to ensure that imperiled species in the park are not jeopardized.

These impacts need not occur. Dogs and imperiled wildlife can coexist at the GGNRA,
but only if the National Park Service's reasonable leash law is promulgated at the
GGNRA and enforced. In order to preclude unnecessary threats to other animals, we
hope you will give this petition serious consideration.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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