

APPENDIX H: PUBLIC USE AND ENJOYMENT DETAIL

This appendix contains potential recommendations that the Point Reyes National Seashore (Point Reyes) and the north district of Golden Gate National Recreation Area (north district of Golden Gate) (collectively referred to as the park) would consider to implement the programmatic guidance described in chapter 2 of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for a general management plan amendment (GMP Amendment) related to facilitating public use and enjoyment of the planning area. The recommendations presented below would most likely require additional site-specific planning and environmental analysis and cost estimates before project implementation could occur. Similarly, implementation of the actions and developments proposed in the EIS would depend on the availability of funding. The approval of this GMP Amendment does not guarantee that the funding and staffing needed to implement the GMP Amendment would be immediately forthcoming. Instead, it establishes a vision of the future that will guide future management of the planning area.

Development of Trails and Trail-Based Recreation Additional Detail

The following section describes potential routes the park would consider to implement the programmatic recommendations contained in chapter 2 of the EIS. Potential routes to implement the general recommendations above could include:

On the Point Reyes Peninsula:

- Connect L Ranch Road to Pierce Point Road using an old road grade to allow bicycles to ride a large loop using these two roads and to facilitate access between Marshall Beach and Pierce Point Road. This connection ultimately could be extended to create a loop that connects Pierce Point Road to Sir Francis Drake Boulevard using old alignments.
- Connect Kehoe Trail to L Ranch Road using an old road alignment through K Ranch.
- Create a loop with the Estero Trail and Home Ranch roads and consider alignments around the core of Home Ranch.
- Create a new trail alignment that highlights Drakes Estero. Also consider using this opportunity to pilot a project that provides for a more self-guided discovery with parking at Bull Point and signage that encourages people to reach the Estero without a formalized trail. This approach would be for pedestrian use only and could help the park determine the feasibility of less-structured exploration to key destinations in other areas.
- Connect Drakes Beach to Drakes Estero using an old ranch road.
- Connect the Drakes Estero Trailhead to N Ranch Roads to create a loop.
- Enhance access and provide interpretation of the former life-saving station and the Point Reyes Naval Radio Compass Station listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Create a loop from D Ranch to Barries Bay—only under alternative C and alternative F, because of the potential to disturb elk.

In the Olema Valley and north district of Golden Gate lands:

- Improve and promote loop trail opportunities that connect the Olema Valley Trail and the Bolinas Ridge Trail.
- Extend the Bolinas Ridge Trail north of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and connect the Bolinas Ridge Trail to Five Brooks using an existing ranch road.
- Create trails on ranch roads in the north district of Golden Gate northeast of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, using the former Cheda Ranch complex as a trailhead.

Potential trailhead improvements could include:

- Improve parking for the Bolinas Ridge Trail on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.
- Formalize Platform Bridge parking.
- Create a trailhead in the former Cheda Ranch complex.
- Expand the Randall Trailhead to provide for additional parking.
- Improve parking to facilitate visitor access to the tree tunnel and create a more comprehensive visitor experience to this increasingly popular park destination. Include updated interpretation and additional facilities, such as restrooms, that may be needed to support visitor needs.
- Create a trailhead on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard for hiking to the Naval Radio Compass Station, a National Register of Historic Places property (see recommendation above).