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**Dear Reader:**

We are pleased to provide you with the Final Dog Management Plan and Environmental Assessment, and approved Decision Record and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Fort Ord National Monument in Monterey County, California. The plan provides dog management and other key public use direction in our agency's management of the Fort Ord National Monument. The management plan replaces the "interim" dog-leash restriction on Fort Ord National Monument that has been in place since April 8, 2015.

Work on this important dog management plan began immediately after issuance of the "interim" dog leash restriction last year. Preparation of the plan is a required component of the BLM's approved Record of Decision for the Southern Diablo Mountain Range and Central Coast of California Resource Management Plan (RMP) of 2007. The BLM is aware that this plan covers a topic that is important to many people that recreate on the national monument, and we appreciate your patience in waiting for the plan to be prepared, analyzed and released for public review and comment, and finally approved.

The BLM released a draft plan for public review on May 13, 2016 and accepted written comments on the document until June 13, 2016. The BLM received 15 written comments on the plan and responded to those comments within the Environmental Assessment. The Final Dog Management Plan is the culmination of a 14 month long planning process.

Sincerely,

Eric Morgan  
Fort Ord National Monument Manager

Sincerely,

Rick Cooper  
Central Coast Field Office Manager