




Presidio
Trust

Memorandum

April 21, 2021

To: NEPA/NHPA Administrative File

From: Jean S. Fraser, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: Playground Closures and Upgrades Project: Written determination under 36 CFR 1001.5 for closure of one playground

As the Chief Executive Officer of the Presidio Trust, under Presidio Trust Board Resolution 04-15, *Authority of Executive Director to Establish Public Use Limits and Closures*, **I am closing the playground in the Sanches neighborhood.**

Effective in the spring of 2021, the playground in the Sanches neighborhood will be closed. The play equipment was removed in November 2019 due to safety concerns. The playground to be closed is in a residential neighborhood away from public view and is not accessible. The closure is consistent with Trust resource management objectives, implements the Trust's management plans, and is necessary to maintain public health and safety and provide equitable allocation and use of facilities. Also, the closure is neither of a nature or magnitude that will result in a significant alternation in the public use pattern.

The project was reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and a Categorical Exclusion was issued on December 9, 2019 and updated on April 13, 2021 (Project 20-011). Currently, the Trust maintains and operates six playgrounds and is constructing a new two-acre play area (the Outpost) as part of the Tunnel Tops project. The Trust will make additional resources available for the operation and maintenance of the five playgrounds to remain and the future Outpost. Currently, approximately 63% of residential buildings are within a 5-minute walk of a playground and 87% of residential buildings are within a 10-minute walk of a playground. Closure of the Sanches playground will slightly reduce the level of service such that 56% of residential buildings will be within a 5-minute walk of a playground and 87% of residential buildings will be within a 10-minute walk of a playground.

Less restrictive measures were determined to be impractical or infeasible. Costs to rebuild the playground are estimated at \$850,000 to \$1,000,000. Annual maintenance costs for a typical Trust-maintained playground are estimated at \$17,500 per playground. Following closure, the playground will be converted to open space.

The public will be notified of the closure through communication to the tenants in neighborhoods near the playground.