



## MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

**Meeting Date:** October 15, 2015

**Agenda Item:** Hell Creek State Park – draft Master Site/Management Plan (MS/MP)

**Division:** Parks

**Action Needed:** Proposed

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 30 minutes

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**Background** (Brief description of the issue, decision to be made, history, etc.):

In late 2014 a Master Site/Management Planning (MS/MP) process was initiated for this important state park located on Fort Peck Lake. A Billings-based private consultant was retained for the project. The consultant team review included visits to the site, interactions with state park staff at all levels, as well as with the on-site private concessionaire at the park.

The draft MS/MP document provides background on park issues from both the management and infrastructure side. The draft Plan identifies site infrastructure, code compliance, and site capacity issues to be addressed. The draft Plan also defines management issues such as maintenance needs, addressing site capacity issues, the concession operation, and other factors directly related to Montana State Park's management of the site.

**Public Involvement Process & Results** (Brief description of the type of public involvement and summary of what we heard from the public):

Following discussion and the proposed tentative approval by the Board, the draft MS/MP would be issued for public review and comment. This public comment period would be for a minimum of 30-days, with the results reported to the Board at the scheduled December meeting.

**Alternatives and Analysis** (Brief description of alternative solutions with analysis of the pros and cons of each):

Alt. #1 – issue the draft Hell Creek State Park Master Site/Management Plan for public review, along with the Parks Division's recommendations for the site.

Alt. #2 – not issue the draft Hell Creek State Park Master Site Plan/Management Plan for public review at this time.

**Agency Recommendation and Rationale** (Brief description of our recommendation to the Board and the reasons for it):

Issue the draft MS/MP for public comment. The results of the public comments and input would be presented to the Board at the scheduled December meeting.

**Proposed Motion** (Draft language the Board could use to adopt the agency recommendation):

I move to provide tentative approval of the draft Hell Creek State Park Master Site/Management Plan. Parks staff will issue the draft plan for public comment and report the results at the December Board meeting.