



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: October 15, 2015

Agenda Item: East Gallatin Site – Lease Termination (Parks Affiliated Lands Parcel)

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background

The East Gallatin Recreation Area is located northwest of Bozeman. The initial 29 acre portion of the site was purchased in the 1984 time for \$420,000 utilizing funds from the Coal Tax Parks Proposal Program. Two subsequent parcels were added to the site, a 47 acre parcel owned by the City of Bozeman and leased to the Parks Division and a 6 acre parcel donated to FWP.

At the March 2015 meeting The Parks Board directed staff to enter into negotiations with the City of Bozeman to terminate the lease held by FWP on the City's 47-acre parcel at the site. This agenda item involves the proposed mutually-agreed-upon termination of the lease agreement between Montana State Parks and the City of Bozeman on the 47-acre City owned parcel. The City of Bozeman has management responsibility for the property and considerable investment has been made in the recreational site over the past two decades. The Parks Division performs no management, maintenance, or has any other active involvement with the City parcel. The termination of the 1985 lease arrangement on the City owned parcel is an overdue housekeeping item.

Public Involvement Process & Results

The City of Bozeman has agreed to the proposed termination of the lease arrangement and has prepared a Termination of Real Property Lease Agreement for signature by both parties. No public involvement is necessary for this administrative action. The site will remain open to the public and managed by the City of Bozeman.

Alternatives and Analysis

This site is one of the several Parks 'Affiliated Lands' in the Department records. This administrative action will bring to a conclusion a decades-old lease arrangement between Montana State Parks and the City of Bozeman in a manner that is agreeable to both governmental entities and a public benefit.

Agency Recommendation and Rationale

It is the agency recommendation that the mutually agreed upon lease termination be executed between Montana State Parks and the City of Bozeman.

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

I move to approve the termination of the February 19, 1985 Lease Agreement on the 47-acre City owned parcel at East Gallatin Recreation Area and direct staff to fully execute the Termination of Real Property Lease Agreement with the City of Bozeman.