



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: October 17, 2013

Agenda Item: Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 20 minutes

Background: The department's authority to administer commercial use is currently established in ARM 12.14.101 through 12.14.170. In December 2011 the FWP Commission adopted the Biennial Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule which is applicable to all FWP lands and scheduled to expire on December 31, 2013. The Parks Division seeks to adopt a state parks specific Commercial Use Permit Annual Rule under the authority of the new Montana State Parks & Recreation Board and over the course of the next year address proposed changes to the Commercial Use ARM Rule which reflect staff recommendations and feedback from commercial service providers.

Public Involvement Process & Results: Following Board approval, the proposed Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule would be subject to public review and adoption by the Board.

Alternatives and Analysis: Alternative # 1: 1) Establish a state park specific Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule under the authority of the Montana State Parks and Recreation Board that maintains current commercial use fees for a period of one year and, 2) over the course of the coming year address proposed changes to the Commercial Use ARM Rule which reflect staff recommendations and feedback from commercial service providers.

Alternative # 2: Do not develop a state park specific Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule which would eliminate the parks division's authority to administer commercial use fees effective December 9, 2013.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale: State Parks staff recommends the Board authorize the Parks Division to solicit public comment on a proposed Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule and proposed State Parks Biennial Fee Rule for review and final consideration at the December 2013 Board meeting.

Proposed Motion: I move that the Board approve the Parks Division to seek public comment for the proposed Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule for review at the December 2013 Board meeting.