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# PART 1

## The Big Picture



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# Montana State Parks System



54 State Parks

7 National Historic Landmarks



# Recreational Grant Programs

- Recreational Trails Program
- Land & Water Conservation
- OHV Program
- Snowmobile Program

**\$2.19 million in 2013**



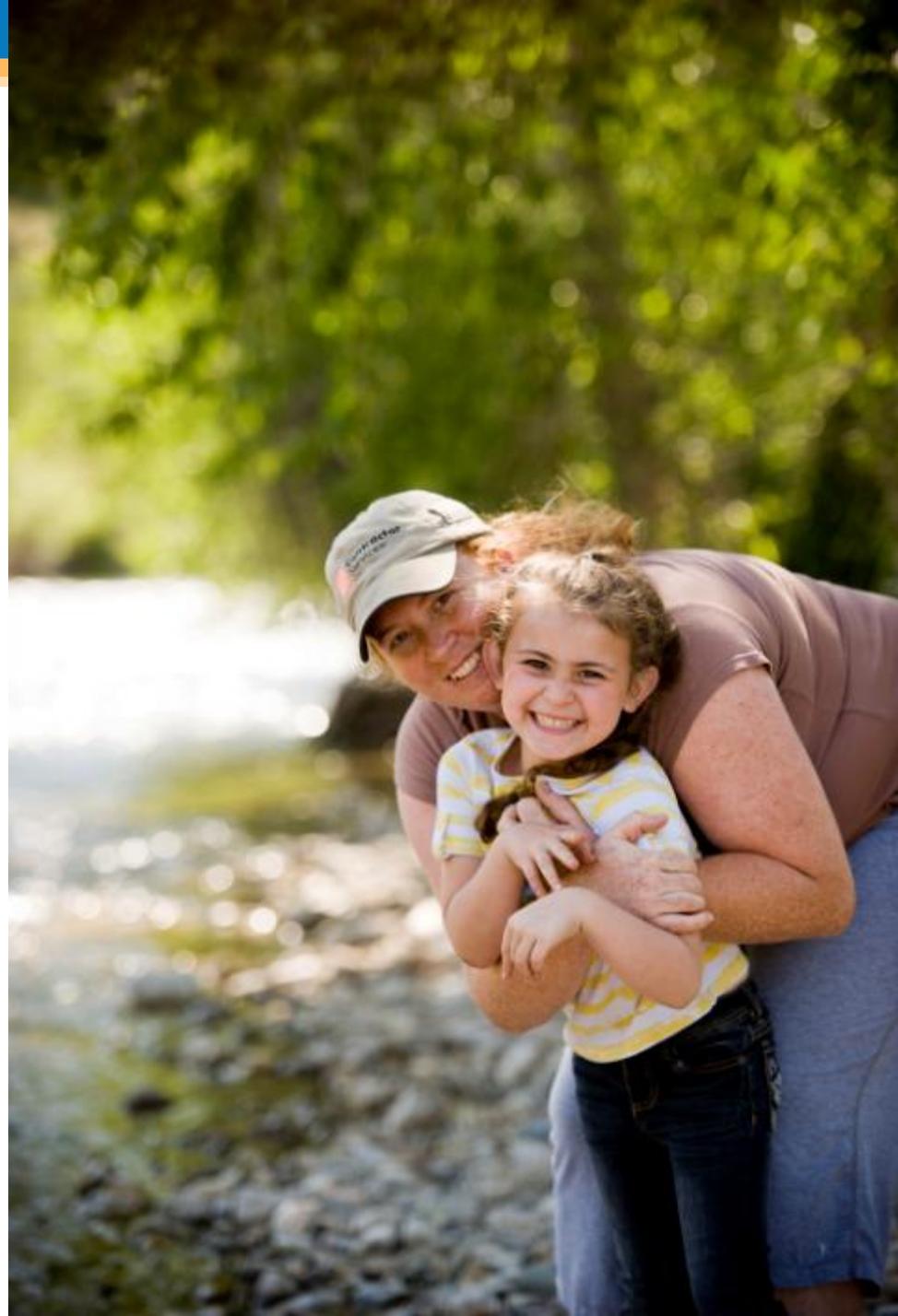
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**Family**

**Community**

**Economy**





# State and Local Economic Contribution

**\$289 million** in total visitor spending

**1600 jobs** sustained annually

# Our Mission

*is to preserve and protect our state's heritage and the natural beauty of our public lands for the benefit of our families, communities, local economies and out-of-state visitors.*



A scenic landscape at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. In the foreground, there are green shrubs and bushes. In the background, there are rugged mountains and hills. The overall mood is peaceful and natural.

# Our Objectives

*are to provide excellent land stewardship, public safety and service through recreation, innovation and education.*



# Our Goals

are to provide an extraordinary experience for our visitors and to keep our state park system strong now and for generations to come.

**No general fund dollars**

**No hunting and fishing  
license dollars**



# Vehicle Registration Fee is the largest source of funding

Your vehicle registration expires on: \_\_\_\_\_ Renew by: \_\_\_\_\_ Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE INFORMATION
Plate No.
Plate Type
Title No.
VIN
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GVW
GVW Class
Tax Value
Plate Issue Date

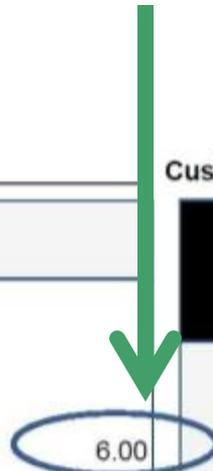
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County Tax:
Registration Fees:
Sponsor Plate:
GVW:
State Parks:
County Convenience Fee:
<b>Total:</b>
<b>Renewing by Mail?</b>
Postage + _____
State Parks Opt-Out* - _____
Donate to: Organ Donor + _____
Brain Injury + _____
<b>Adjusted Total</b> (*see #5 on back):

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<https://app.mt.gov/vrr>

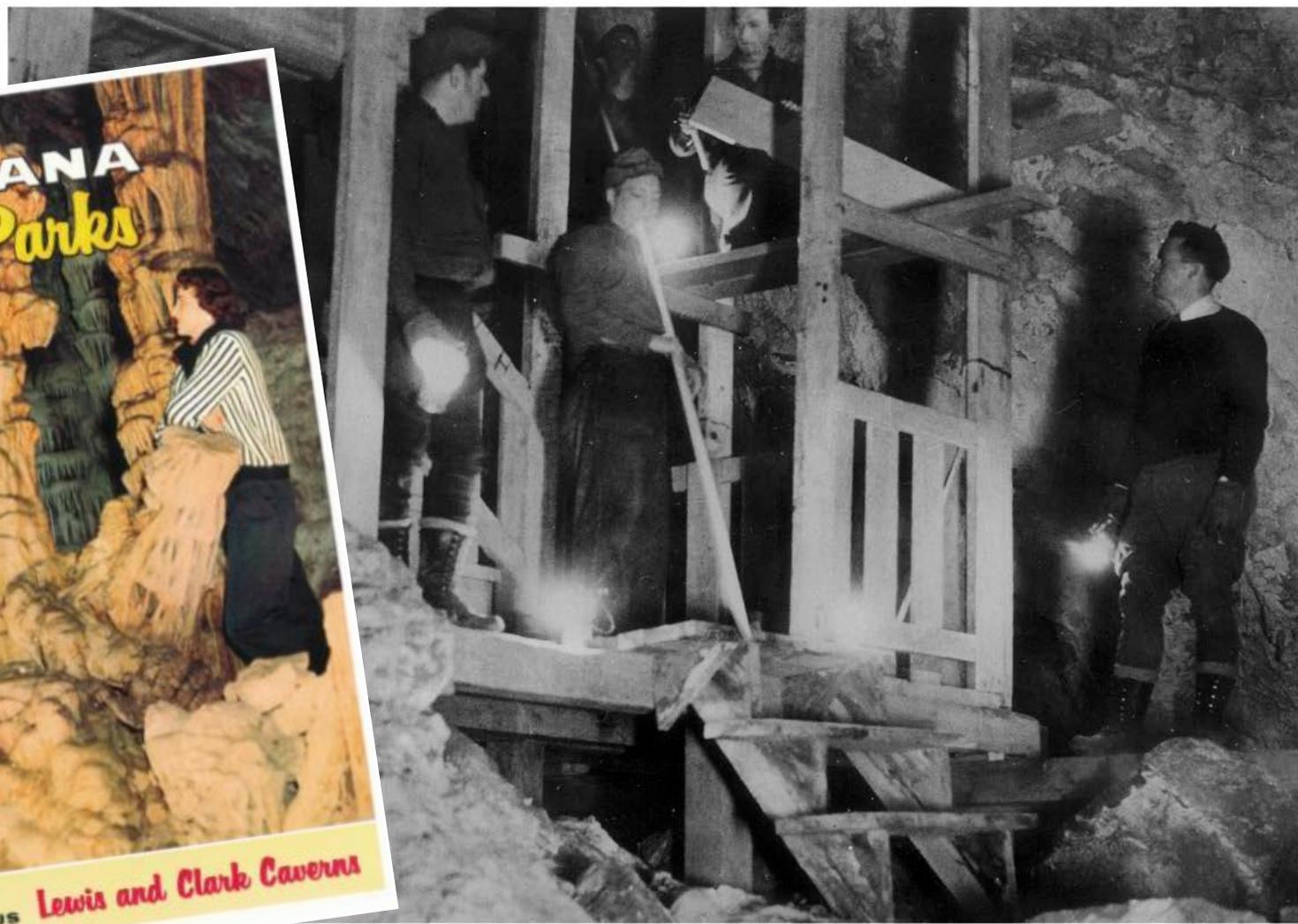
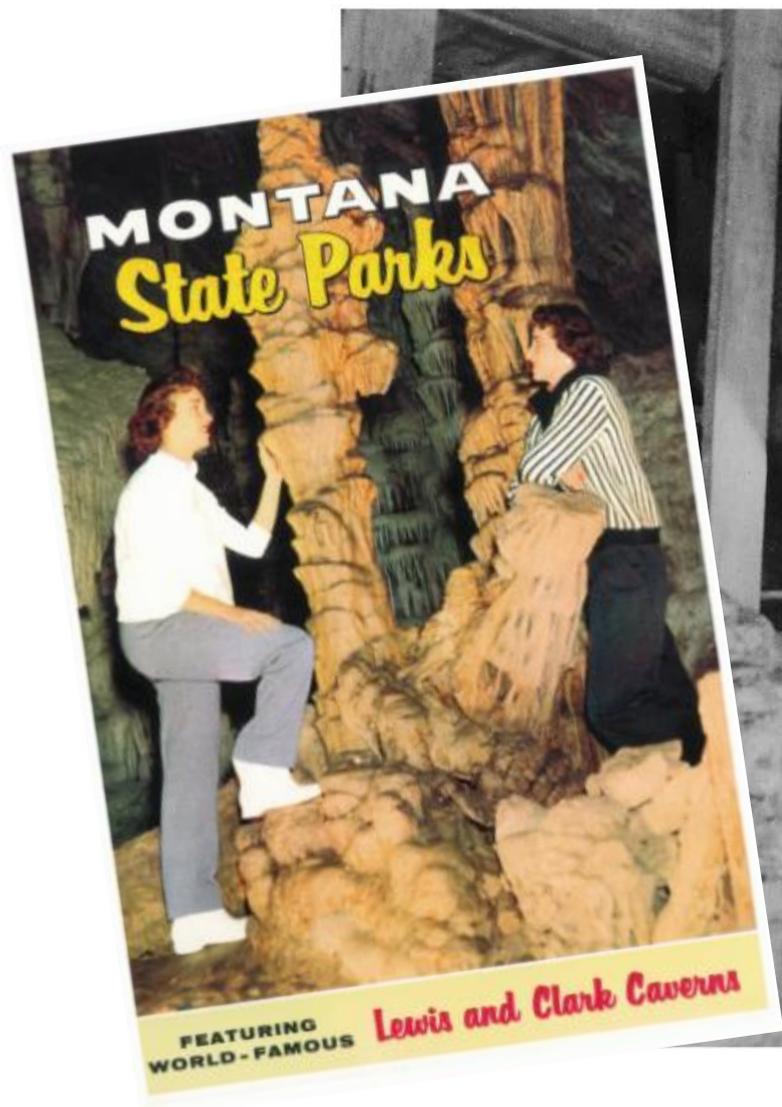
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Adjust your total and make check payable to:

## 77%

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# Montana State Parks Established in 1939





***Montana Fish,  
Wildlife & Parks***



**1990**



**HJR 32**  
**A Study of State Parks, Outdoor Recreation,**  
**and Heritage Resource Programs**



**2012**

Environmental Quality Council  
P.O. Box 201704  
Helena, MT 59620-1704  
Phone: (406) 444-3742  
Fax: (406) 444-3971  
<http://leg.mt.gov/eqc>

A report to the 63rd Legislature  
October 2012  
Prepared by Hope Stockwell



**Recommendations**  
**State Park System**

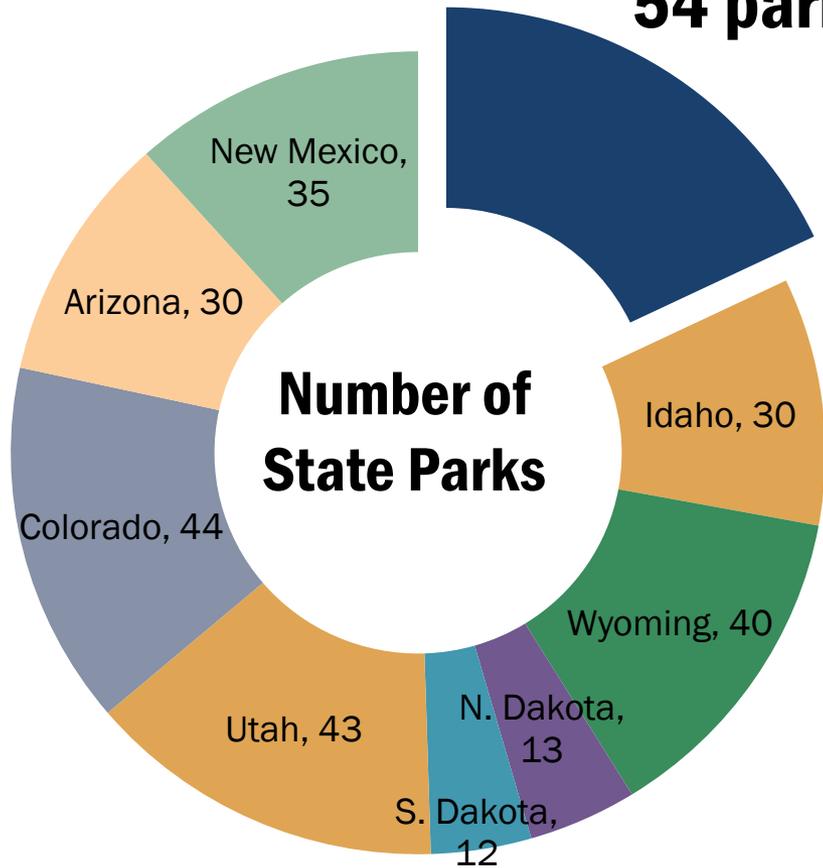
Martz and the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

**2002**

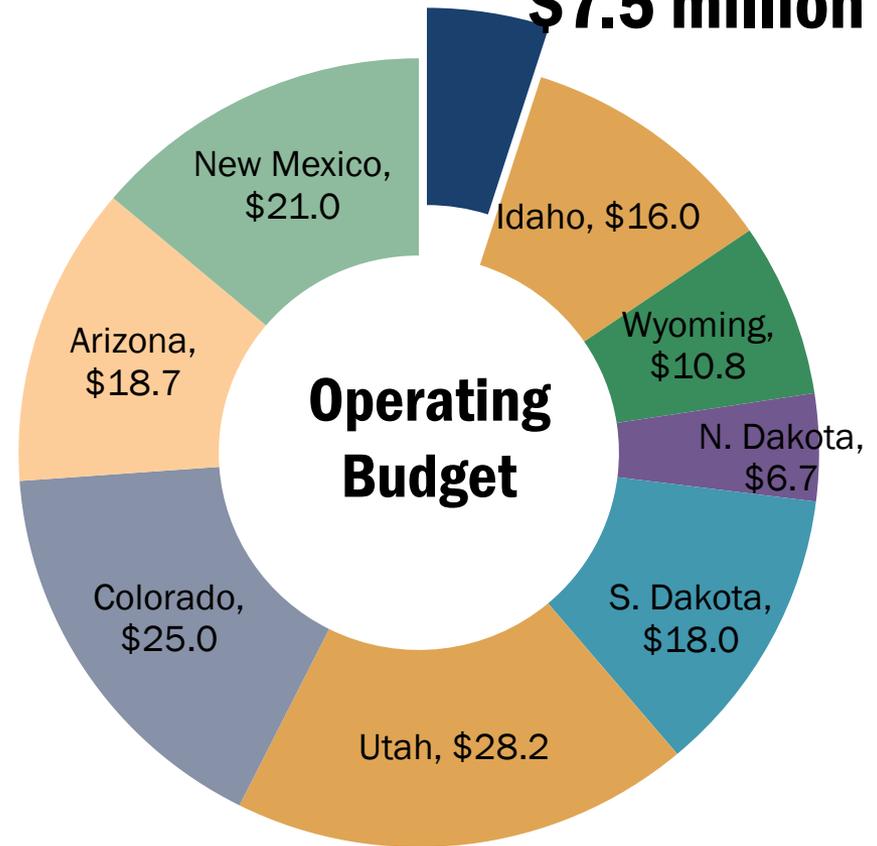
**Future Committee II**  
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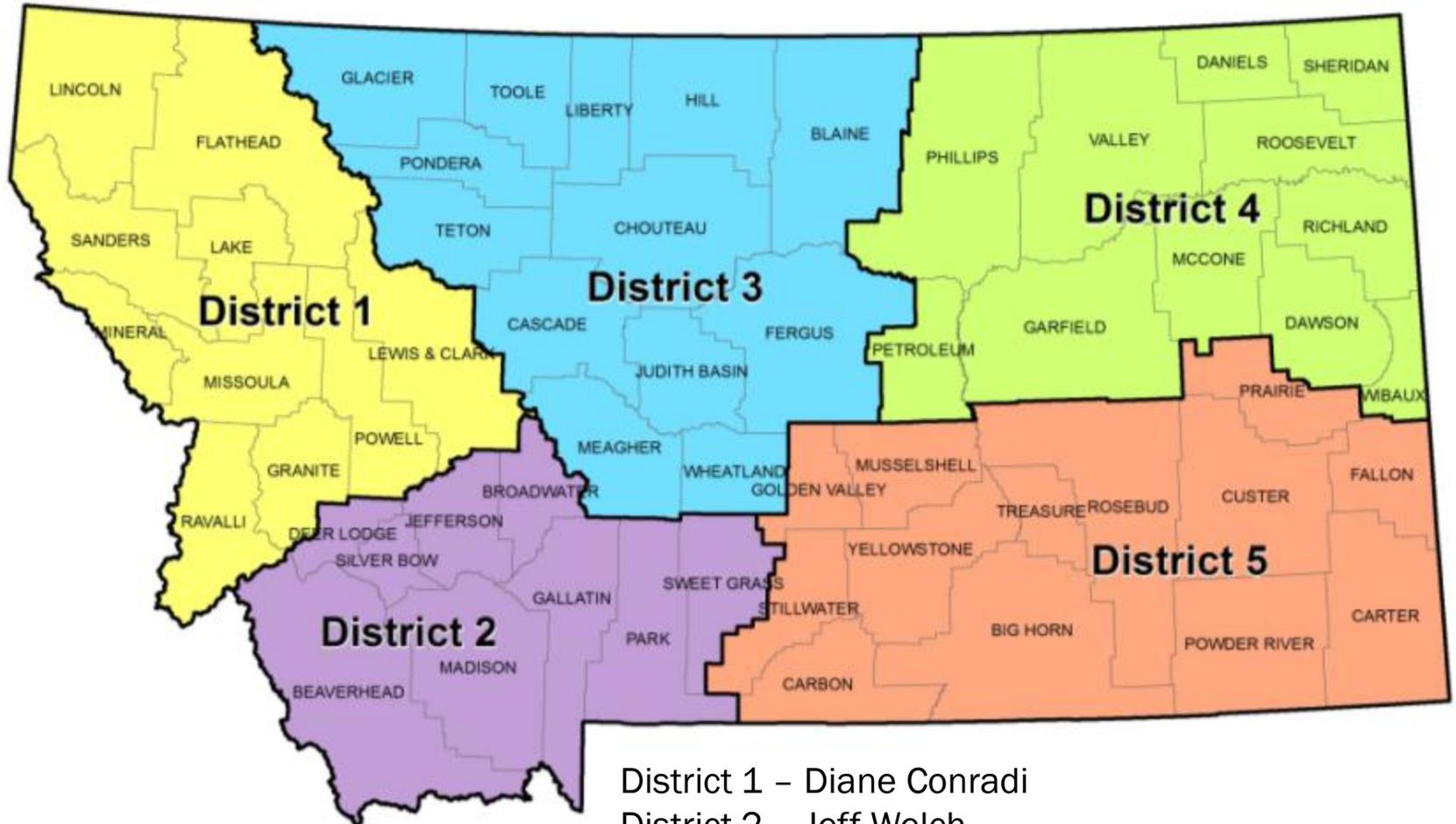
**Montana, 54 parks**



**Montana, \$7.5 million**



# Montana State Parks & Recreation Board



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- District 2 – Jeff Welch
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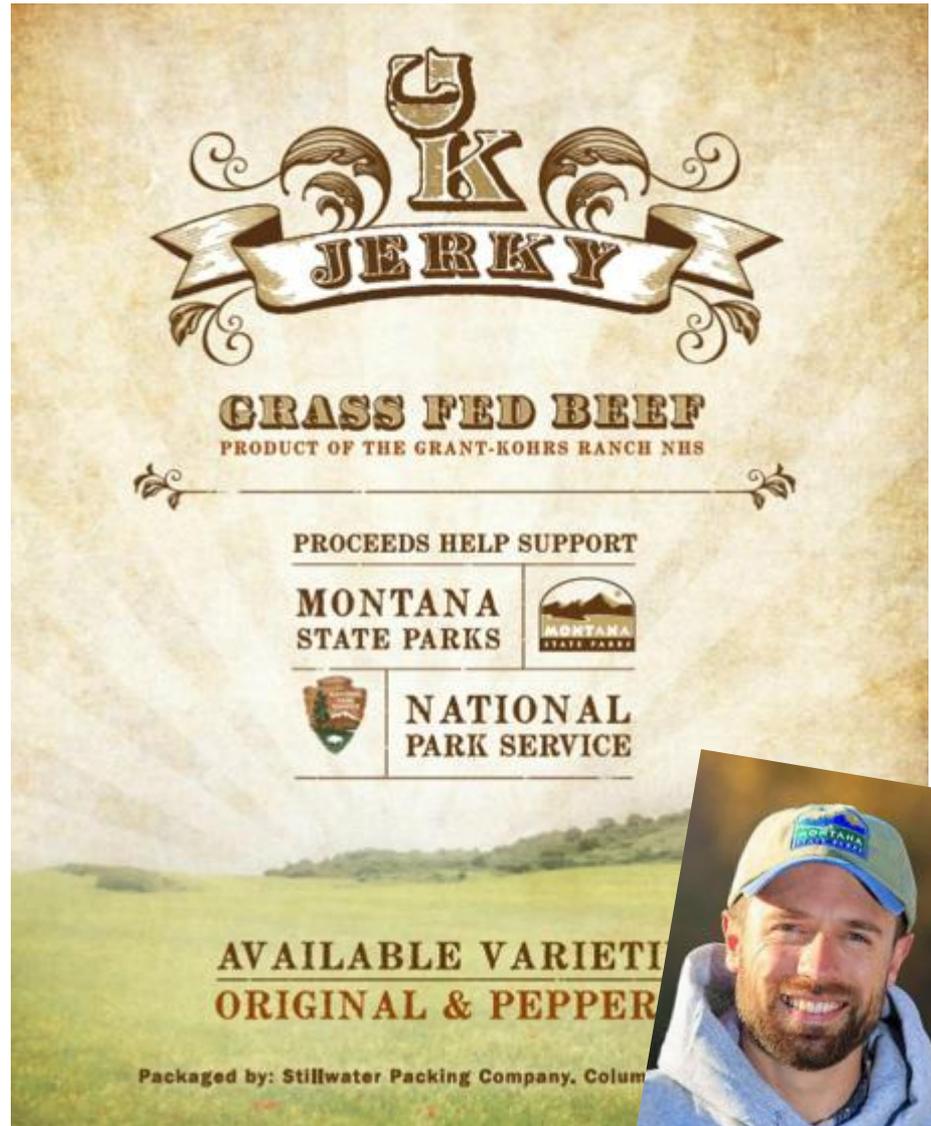
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# PART 2

## Funding and Organizational Strategies



# Happy Trails

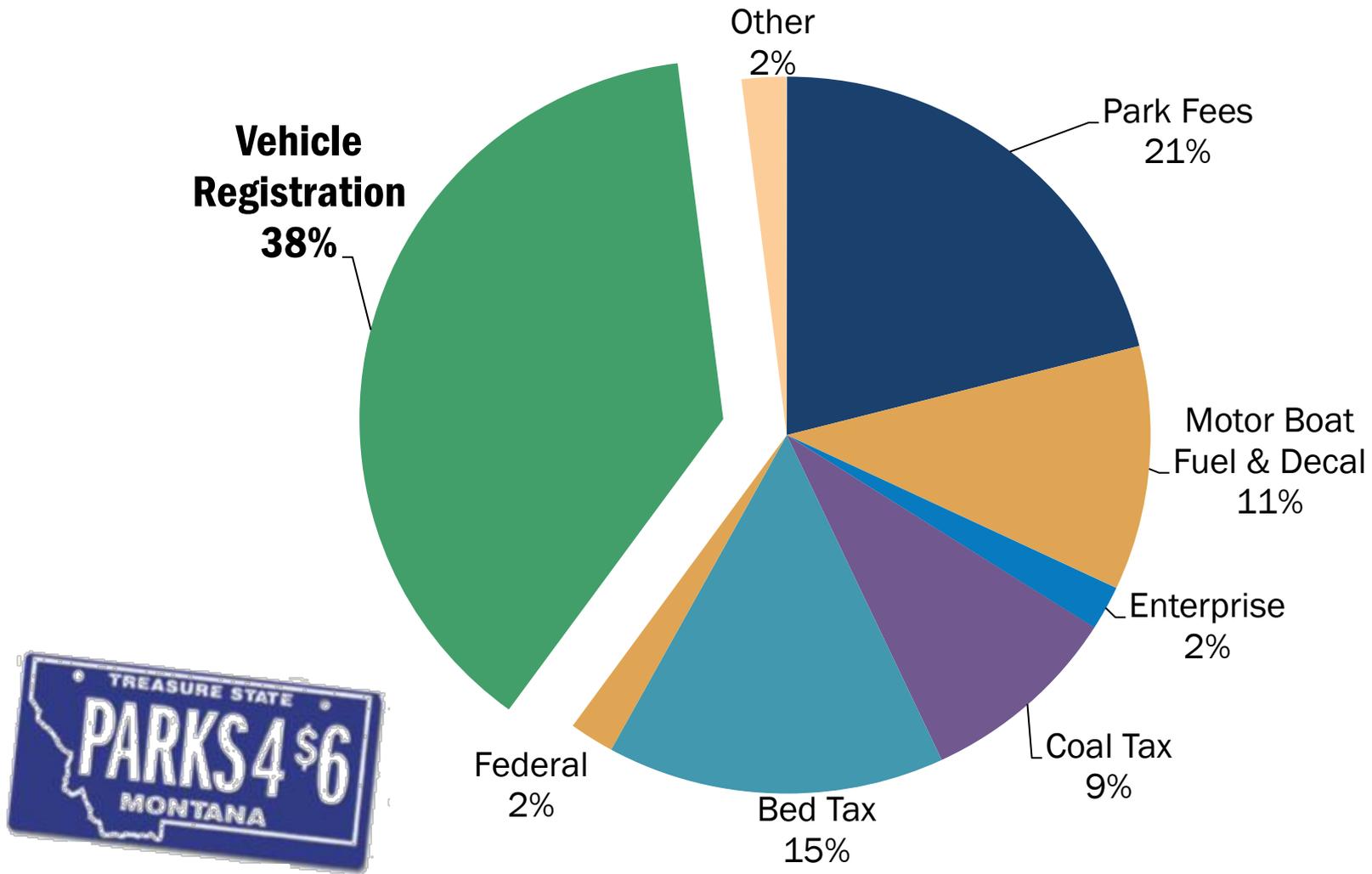
**Your vehicle registration fee connects kids to the outdoors.**

Wild Horse Island State Park



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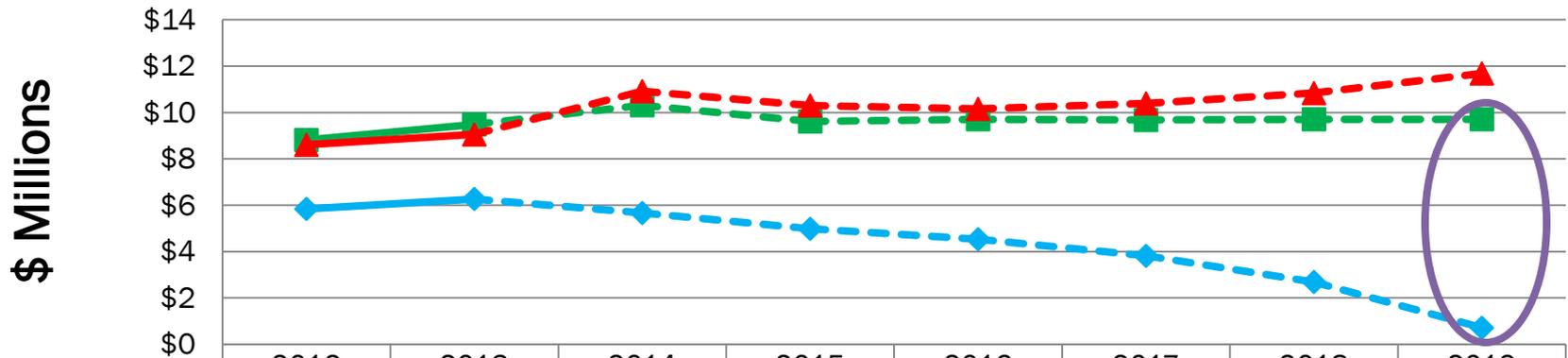
# How are Montana State Parks Funded?



# Parks “Big 4” Fund Balance

As of 12/18/13

FY12 - 19



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Revenues	8,810,45	9,482,44	10,312,3	9,612,55	9,706,82	9,674,88	9,707,70	9,707,24
Expenditures	8,605,05	9,051,95	10,918,6	10,296,8	10,153,7	10,392,2	10,835,1	11,681,5
Fund Balance	5,840,62	6,271,11	5,664,79	4,980,50	4,533,58	3,816,20	2,688,75	714,406

## Assumptions:

- \*Actuals through FY13 (solid colored), estimated FY14-19 (dash colored)
- \*Fund Balance FY19 is approximate minimum reserve at 5% of estimated revenues
- \*Fund balance includes **proposed capital** expenditures of approximately **\$309,000 in each year FY16-19, \$618k biennium**
- \*Fund balance includes **proposed ops** expenditures of approximately **\$225,000 in each year FY16-19, \$450k biennium**

- What is a state park?
- How many state parks should there be?
- What do we do with lands that are not deemed significant?
- What role does Montana State Parks have in the tourism industry?
- What strategies should we pursue to enhance the parks system?



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