



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

**Meeting Date:** June 18, 2014  
**Agenda Item:** Park User Fees  
**Division:** Parks  
**Action Needed:** Informational  
**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 20 minutes

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**Background:** The Parks Division continues to analyze user fees in preparation for proposing an updated Biennial Fee Rule at the October 2014 Board meeting. Actions taken to date include conducting an internal staff dialogue regarding potential changes to the fee rule. We have also completed comparability research of recreational user fees in neighboring state park systems, federal public lands and private entities. This survey includes an analysis of camping fees, day use/entry fees, lodging, facility, tour and special event fees and also addresses fee differentials (spatial and temporal) and fee discount programs. Handouts will be provided summarizing the internal staff survey and the comparability survey. The Parks Division intends to hold strategic conversations to further seek feedback on user fees and will request additional guidance from the Board on this concept. The Parks Division will present a proposed fee rule timeline to the Board for their endorsement, with the intent of adopting a Biennial Fee Rule no later than the December Board meeting. Maturing and adapting fees within the division is a complex task that will require thoughtful consideration.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** Not applicable

**Alternatives and Analysis:** Not applicable

**Agency Recommendation and Rationale:** Not applicable

**Proposed Motion:** Not applicable