



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: December 17, 2014

Agenda Item: Makoshika State Park – Road Project Update/Cost Issues

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Information/Approval

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 15 min.

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

The repair of the slide on the switchback area within Makoshika State Park is a large and complicated road project. Difficulties have occurred due to unforeseen weather and site conditions. The project began in July 2014 with preliminary work on-site being done by the Montana National Guard and Red Horse Squadron of the U.S. Air Force. This was followed by the more technical work being done by a private contractor via the public bidding process.

Unanticipated costs include;

- Consultant - surveying; coordination with the military, materials testing. \$11,572
- Contractor - revised anchor block placement, additional drilling costs. \$42,082
- Contractor – remobilization costs to complete project (paving, guardrails, etc.). \$16,596
- Contractor – additional costs for tendon grouting; achieve/improve post-tension strength. \$12,631
- Consultant – claim for unanticipated costs/conditions (pending resolution). \$27,357
- Contractor – claim for unanticipated costs/conditions (pending resolution) \$131,731

The project is currently in winter shut-down, with the remaining work to be completed in Spring 2015. It is critical to know if the area of the rebuilt road is stable prior to investing in the final asphalt paving, guardrail installations, and remaining project costs. The two claims currently in-hand will be resolved to a conclusion in the upcoming months.

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

No public involvement is necessary or planned concerning the project. The current situation is an internal process.

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

It is recommended that the Board approve the additional cost for the added work and/or changed conditions for the Makoshika State Park road project.

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

Alt. #1 – approval of the incurred (and currently identified) future expenses on the project.

Alt. #2 – modified approval for the expenditure of additional funds on the project.

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

I move the Parks Board approve the Parks Division’s need to commit additional capital funds to the Makoshika State Park road project, including a good-faith negotiation to the two known claims currently in-hand.