



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

**Meeting Date:** March 11, 2015

**Agenda Item:** East Gallatin Site (Affiliated Lands Parcel)

**Division:** Parks

**Action Needed:** Tentative

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 15 minutes

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

The East Gallatin site is located west of Bozeman and slightly north of I-90. The initial 29 acre portion of the site was purchased in the 1983/1984 timeframe for \$420,000, utilizing funds from the original 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 division and a 6 acre parcel donated to FWP. Originally located in Gallatin County, the area has since been annexed into the City of Bozeman.

Montana State Parks holds a lease on the 47 acre City of Bozeman owned parcel. State Park's performs no management, maintenance, nor has any other active involvement with the property. 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.

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

There have been preliminary discussions with the City of Bozeman on options for the resolving the land ownership of the site, but no public involvement has been initiated to-date.

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

This site is one of the several Parks 'Affiliated Lands' in the Department records. It is not a site actively managed by Montana State Parks, but yet ownership and a legal tie to the lands exist via Agreements or MOU's.

It is Montana State Park's desire to explore options with the City of Bozeman for resolution of the land ownership at this site and terminate the lease agreement that is in-place.

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

The East Gallatin site is not and never has been managed by Montana State Parks. It is a City of Bozeman park site where substantial investment has been made over the years.

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

I move to provide tentative approval for the Parks Division to explore options for disposal of the East Gallatin site. This may include the restructuring of existing leases or agreements to address the current use of the site that exist today.