



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: March 11, 2015

Agenda Item: Parks Land Issues

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Informational update

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 15 min.

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

In 2014 the board began discussing lands issues for the parks division in earnest. That discussion focused on two primary components: 1) Departmental processes and needs relating to good stewardship as discussed in April of 2014. 2) Policy for dealing with lands acquisition and disposals as discussed in August of 2014. This agenda item seeks to update the board on this topic overall.

Finalization of the strategic plan took priority over lands discussions but the issue has not gone away. Over the past few months there have been three inquiries from individuals wishing to have sites considered for State Park designation. All have been discouraged.

The Parks Board policy document concerning new State Park sites has yet to be finalized and adopted but the division is interested in resurrecting the policy discussion in April. We are requesting the opportunity to work with a single board member to help finalize the policy document for draft consideration.

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

To-date there has been no formal public outreach beyond that which has been discussed at board meetings. Should any proposals be developed further, they will be presented to the Board for consideration and approval, followed by the appropriate public involvement process.

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

N/A - informational item only.

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

N/A – informational item only.

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

No motion is required.