



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: June 19, 2015

Agenda Item: Montana State Parks Lands Policy

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 20 minutes

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

The acquisition of Montana State Parks lands has occurred via a variety of means in the past. With the Parks and Recreation Board now in place, it is appropriate that a formal policy be considered for any proposed future acquisitions, as well as for possible disposal of interests in any Parks Division lands. The draft policy was discussed as a work-session item at the August 2014 meeting.

The draft policy includes a discussion of potential new site acquisitions, as well as in-holdings, easements, and the disposal or possible transfer of current Montana State Parks lands.

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

Following Board action on the proposed draft policy, public comment would be sought. The results of the public comments would be provided to the Board when complete and prior to any final action.

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

Alt. #1 – proceed with the proposed draft policy and issue it for public comment.

Alt. #2 – modify the draft policy in some manner prior to issuing it for public comment.

Alt.# 3 – not proceed with the draft policy at this time.

Agency Recommendation and Rationale (Brief description of our recommendation to the Board and the reasons for it): It is the agency's recommendation that a Parks and Recreation Board draft policy entitled "Acquisition and Disposal of Interests in Montana State Parks Lands" be approved as proposed and issued for public comment.

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

I move to approve the proposed Parks "Acquisition and Disposal of Interests in Montana State Parks Lands" draft policy and issue it for public comment.