



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: August 20, 2015

Agenda Item: Snowmobile Program Grooming Grants

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Concurrence

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

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

Montana's Snowmobile Program provides annual grooming grants to organized Clubs statewide for their winter operational funding. The 26 Club's in the Program groom over 4,000 miles of snowmobile trails during the winter use season. He funds are utilized for fuel, groomer repairs, and other expenses over the course of the season.

Annually, the grooming fund allocation is typically in the \$385,000 - \$400,000 range.

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

A public comment period was initiated July 15th and extended to July 31st. A total of three public comments were received, all in support of the proposed grooming fund allocations.

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

Alt. #1 – grant the 26 Montana Snowmobile Clubs the \$386,601 in grooming funds for the 2015/2016 winter season as proposed.

Alt. #2 – modify/reduce the proposed grooming fund allocations in some manner other than as proposed.

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

Award the \$386,601 in grooming funds as proposed for the 2015/2016 grooming season.

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

I move to concur with the department's approval of the Snowmobile Program grooming grants for the 2015/2016 season.