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Dear Interested Party,

Hell Creek State Park (HCSP) consists of 337 acres of federal land under the jurisdiction of the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Montana State Parks (MSP) manages and operates HCSP under a no-cost lease agreement with the USACE, which expires in 2021.

The upcoming lease expiration is an opportunity to explore MSP's interest in continuing to operate and manage HCSP in the future and define the terms in a new agreement. Several criteria affect this decision, including, but not limited to, alignment with MSP's Strategic Plan (<http://stateparks.mt.gov/about-us/strategicPlan.html>), investing in infrastructure upgrades, managing use levels, the continuation of a third-party concessionaire and public support for MSP's presence at the site.

Montana State Parks wants your input. A comprehensive plan has been prepared outlining the opportunities and challenges for HCSP. In order to help MSP make an informed decision, we are asking you to read the entire report and consider the following three options that will guide the future of HCSP.

Option #1: Address the existing site infrastructure needs, make priority improvements and continue to manage the site and concession beyond the current USACE Agreement end date of April 2021 with a new contract or extension. **This is the preferred alternative.**

Option #2: Address the existing site infrastructure needs, make priority improvements and continue to manage a modified site boundary beyond the current USACE Agreement end date of April 2021. In this option, MSP would relinquish the management of the concession operations to the USACE.

Option #3: MSP would return the site to the USACE in April 2021 or sooner, according to the terms of the USACE-State of Montana Agreement. The Division would make only minimal infrastructure improvements until the end of the agreement period.

The Hell Creek State Park report is available at <http://stateparks.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/recent.html>.

Comments may be provided online at the above email address or in writing to the address on this letter. Comments must be received by 5 PM on November 25, 2015. You may contact me for clarifying information. Thank you for your feedback; it will help guide management at Hell Creek State Park for the next 20 years.

Sincerely,

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