



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

**Meeting Date: February 24, 2016**

**Agenda Item: Budget Priorities**

**Division: Director's Office**

**Action Needed: Endorsement**

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 20 Minutes**

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### **Background**

The Executive Planning Process (EPP), coordinated through the Governor's Office, is ready to begin for the 2017 Legislative Session. FWP's internal process involves establishing priorities that will drive preparation of proposed budgets. The Board's role at this time is to review and approve the Parks priorities. Between February and June, the Department will develop budgets based on the approved priorities and submit them to the Governor. We will return in June for Board review of the Executive budget proposal.

### **Public Involvement Process & Results**

No formal public process is undertaken directly related to budget and priorities. However, the broad priorities are based on FWP's ongoing dialogue with constituents and regional staff. The public is also afforded the opportunity to comment on budget proposals through the Board meeting process.

### **Alternatives and Analysis**

The Board can approve or suggest modifications to the agency's proposed priorities. The Department will make every effort to implement these priorities based on Board approval, executive direction, and the long-term benefits to the agency.

### **Agency Recommendation and Rationale**

The Department recommends the Board approve the priorities as presented.

### **Proposed Motion**

I move the Board approve the Parks priorities for the 2017 Legislative Session as presented.