



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

**Meeting Date:** April 21, 2016

**Agenda Item:** Cooney State Park Lease

**Division:** Parks

**Action Needed:** Proposed

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 15 minutes

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

Cooney State Park is located approximately 48 miles southwest of Billings. The park is located on land owned by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). It is comprised of 309 acres and has five campgrounds with 82 campsites and three boat ramps.

The lease for Cooney State Park expired in early 2016. This agenda item involves the proposed mutually-agreed upon lease agreement between Montana State Parks and the DNRC. The lease agreement proposed here does not include any payment to DNRC.

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

The proposed action does not result in any change of services or management to the public and thus a public involvement process was not conducted.

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

Alternative 1: Approve signature of the mutually agreed upon lease between MSP and DNRC.

Alternative 2: Do not approve signature of the mutually agreed upon lease between MSP and DNRC.

**Agency Recommendation and Rationale** (Brief description of our recommendation to the Board and the reasons for it): It is the agency recommendation to approve signature of the mutually agreed upon lease for Cooney State Park between MSP and DNRC.

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

I move to approve the signature of the mutually-agreed upon lease for Cooney State Park between MSP and DNRC.