



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: June 15, 2016

Agenda Item: Medicine Rocks National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Nomination

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Informational

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background (Brief description of the issue, decision to be made, history, etc.): Over the past year, with the assistance and support of MSP and the Montana SHPO, Tim Urbaniak prepared a National Register nomination for Medicine Rocks State Park.

Medicine Rocks State Park, which the board toured in 2014, contains prehistoric petroglyphs along with thousands of names, dates, symbols, and pictures all of which document continued human presence in the park from 1000 years ago through historic and modern times. As Tim Urbaniak stated “the history of our nation is literally written upon the landscape here.” The abundance of inscriptions and the fact that they so explicitly express our broad and varied human experience as Americans make this park worthy of listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

MSP plans to submit the National Register nomination to the Montana Historic Preservation Review Board at their next meeting in September 2016. If the Review Board approves the nomination, the park will be formally listed on the National Register of Historic Places shortly thereafter. National Register listing elevates the status of the park to a nationally recognized heritage site. The listing will also increase funding, tourism and marketing opportunities for the park.

Public Involvement Process & Results (Brief description of the type of public involvement and summary of what we heard from the public): Informational item – not applicable

Alternatives and Analysis (Brief description of alternative solutions with analysis of the pros and cons of each): Informational item – not applicable

Agency Recommendation and Rationale (Brief description of our recommendation to the Board and the reasons for it): Informational item – not applicable

Proposed Motion (Draft language the Board could use to adopt the agency recommendation):
Informational item – not applicable