



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: June 15, 2016

Agenda Item: Biennial Fee Rule

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.): The Biennial Fee Rule is a two-year rule that establishes recreational use fees for state park lands. The current fee rule was last approved by the State Parks and Recreation Board on October 15, 2014. The current timeline for proposal and passage of the Biennial Fee Rule is such that its implementation occurs after camping reservations have been received for the effective year. This results in lost revenue and inefficiencies in implementation. By shifting the timeline for proposal of a new fee rule to April (currently August) and approval to June (currently October), implementation of the fee rule can take place prior to the opening of the 9-month camping reservation window resulting in increased revenue, greatly improved field processes, and better customer service.

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

Alternatives and Analysis (Brief description of alternative solutions with analysis of the pros and cons of each): Information Item – Not applicable

Agency Recommendation and Rationale (Brief description of our recommendation to the Board and the reasons for it): Information Item – Not applicable

Proposed Motion (Draft language the Board could use to adopt the agency recommendation): Information Item – Not applicable