



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: June 15, 2016

Agenda Item: Classification and Prioritization Policy - Informational

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Informational

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background: Goal A of the 2015 Strategic Plan required that the division manage significant, relevant and accessible parks in a manner that is consistent with available resources. As part of meeting that goal, the Montana State Parks and Recreation Board passed the Classification and Prioritization Policy in December 2015. In January, the internal Classification Policy Implementation Team was chartered. In April, 2016 staff reported to the board Phase I of the process and drafted recommendations for alternative management strategies for Class 4 Parks.

Staff is now in the process of communicating with various stakeholders around the state relating to the redirections we are making. This information was sent to the board in May and tables and speaking points staff will be using.

Public Involvement Process & Results: The Classification and Prioritization Policy was the subject of a 31 day public comment period prior to its passage. Stakeholder engagement in the implementation of the policy is active and ongoing.

Alternatives and Analysis:

This is informational and no recommendations are provided at this point in time.

Agency Recommendation and Rationale:

This is informational and no recommendations are provided at this point in time.

Proposed Motion:

Not applicable.