



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: August 18, 2016

Agenda Item: Strategic Plan Implementation Update - 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. In June, we reported that we have begun to implement the Classification Policy and were beginning to communicate with stakeholders. Ackley Lake, Anaconda Stack and other park stakeholders are concerned.

These actions all fall under the strategic plan which has been in place for 19 months. In late June, we met and discussed how we are doing with implementation. The attached table illustrates that the division is very active in the implementation of this ambitious plan. We are working to implement all 5 goals and have made progress on all 16 targets. Of the 52 strategies, we have completed 6 and started on 41. We are proud of the progress we are making and look forward to full implementation by 2020.

Public Involvement Process & Results: The Strategic Plan was subject to numerous public engagement opportunities including a legislative survey and listening sessions statewide. 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 as evidenced by staff reporting at each board meeting and through public meetings and consistent outreach.

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.