



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: August 18, 2016

Agenda Item: Approval of Capital over \$5,000

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

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

Per the Board Policy adopted in December 2013, Board approval is required for unanticipated expenses exceeding \$5,000 within the Capital Program. For this meeting, four projects have been or are in the early initiation stages;

1. Carbon County Road Agreement – a commitment to provide up to \$25,000 over a five year period to pay for a portion of the dust control efforts on county roads leading to and around Cooney State Park.
2. Beaverhead County Road Agreement – a commitment to provide up to \$25,000 over a five year period to pay for a portion of the dust control efforts on county roads leading to and around Bannack State Park.
3. Lewis and Clark County Road Agreement – a commitment to provide up to \$17,500 over a five year period to pay for a portion of the dust control efforts on the county road leading to Black Sandy State Park.
4. Bannack State Park – a project to construct a storage building on the east side of the park. Project funding is \$16,500, which has been provided by the Friends of Bannack Association.
5. Headwaters State Park – a project to construct a walking/birding trail on the east end of the park at the boat launch area. Project funding is \$26,000 in grant funding secured via the River Trust Fund.
6. Makoshika State Park – anticipated funds necessary to complete the sub-grade preparation and other misc. costs prior to paving the switchbacks this Fall. The work includes removal/replacement of the 10” gravel sub-base which has been in place since Fall 2014. The material is contaminated and must be removed. Anticipated additional costs for this effort are \$125,000. The funding source is uncommitted Park Road Funds (2015 Legislative Session).

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

No specific public involvement is necessary or planned concerning these individual funding commitments. Note that the Bannack SP storage shed, the Headwaters SP trail project, and the Makoshika SP road reconstruction effort have all gone through the public comment process.

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

Alt. #1 – approval of the proposed capital funding expenditures for the projects as outlined above.

Alt. #2 – modified approval for the expenditure of capital funds in some manner for the proposed projects.

Agency Recommendation and Rationale (Brief description of our recommendation to the Board and the reasons for it):

If is recommended that the Board approve the proposed capital funding commitments for the six projects.

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

I move to approve the proposal to use capital funds to the Carbon, Beaverhead, and Lewis & Clark County road projects, as well as the capital funding commitments to the Bannack storage building and Makoshika road projects in the amount identified.