



## MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

**Meeting Date:** February 16, 2017

**Agenda Item:** Capital Projects Over \$5,000

**Division:** Parks

**Action Needed:** Final

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 10 min.

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

Per the Parks and Recreation Board Policy adopted in December 2013, Board approval is required for unanticipated expenses exceeding \$5,000 within the Parks Capital Program. For this meeting, there are six projects pending involving capital funds which will incur costs which have not been previously approved by the Board;

1. Giant Springs SP/Maintenance Building– \$27,440; a River Fund grant was submitted/approved in December 2016. The grant will be utilized to construct a maintenance building within Giant Springs SP.
2. Giant Springs SP/Electric Gate - \$17,122; a River Fund grant was submitted/approved in December 2016. The grant will be utilized for the installation of an automated electric gate at the park entrance.
3. Black Sandy SP/Pave Park Entrance - \$15,600; a River Fund grant was submitted/approved in December 2016. The funds will be used to pave the entrance area leading into the park from the county road.
4. Travelers' Rest SP/Interpretive and Flag Plaza – up to \$25,000; interpretive plaza area, including flag poles near the entrance to the visitor's center building. Funding will come from donations, the TRPHA, and other sources.
5. Bannack SP - \$34,000; \$17,000 provided by the Dale Tash Fund matched with \$17,000 from Park Operations funds. The funds will be utilized in reroofing priority buildings in the townsite.
6. Gallatin Regional Park (Bozeman) – potential LWCF grant amendment of \$75,000. Gallatin Co. currently has a \$65,000 LWCF grant. The amendment option is an approved means to increase available funding to a current grant recipient by the federal National Park Service.

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

An EA will be issued for the Maintenance Building at Giant Springs SP. The other four projects don't require an EA.

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

Alt. #1 – approval of the proposed expenditures for these four projects.

Alt. #2 – modified approval for the proposed expenditures for the proposed projects.

**Agency Recommendation and Rationale** (Brief description of our recommendation to the Board and the reasons for it): It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed expenditures for the four projects.

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

I move to approve the Parks Division's proposal to accept and commit available funds to the five projects identified above. I:\TOM\BoardFeb17Capital5000.doc