



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 16, 2017

Agenda Item: Hell Creek State Park Capital Project

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 20 min.

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

Per policy, Board approval is required for proposed capital funding commitments exceeding \$5,000. This agenda item pertains to proceeding with proposed infrastructure improvements at Hell Creek SP. Specifically, replacement of the 8,000-gallon water storage tank serving the park (new = buried 25,000-gallon capacity) and installing a separate septic system for the high-volume Fish Cleaning Station (FCS). These are the highest priority infrastructure needs for the Hell Creek site.

An on-site water and sewer flow study was conducted in Summer 2016. This data is needed for designing the infrastructure upgrades and the DEQ permitting process.

The preliminary cost estimate for the work is \$634,000 (\$364,000 water storage and \$270,000 FCS septic). These consultant estimate include design fees.

Funding proposal is; \$579,738 (75% Fed. DJ) + \$193,246 (25% State) = \$772,984; say \$773,000 total (+20% est.).

Following the design, permitting, and bidding process, it is anticipated that the improvements would be constructed in Fall 2018. The new systems would be on-line and available for use beginning with the 2019 season. Associated with completing this project in late 2018, it is recommended that the Board consider clarifying its' decision on Hell Creek lease-type issues until the end of the summer 2019 season.

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

If approved, the next step will involve the drafting of an Environmental Assessment for the proposed project, including a 30-day public comment period. An update would be provided at a future Board meeting.

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

Alt. #1 – approval of the proposed capital expenditures for the water storage tank and FCS septic system.

Alt. #2 – modified approval for the proposed capital expenditures for the two infrastructure 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 capital funding commitments for the two projects.

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

I move to approve the Parks Division's proposal to commit \$773, 000 in available capital funds to proceed with the water tank replacement and FCS septic system project at Hell Creek State Park. Additionally, I move to clarify that if

there are decisions to be made concerning lease arrangements or terms in 2019 they will occur after the summer season, likely at the August 2019 Board meeting.

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