



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: April 20, 2017

Agenda Item: Smith River Advisory Council

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Informational

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

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

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

On March 23rd, a meeting of the Smith River Advisory Committee was held in Helena. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the Committee members of the Charter and Operating Procedures and discuss them together. Additionally, other aspects of the Smith River Program were reviewed. These included; the current Smith River Corridor Enhancement Account (CEA) fund balance, status of current projects, an update on the recent public launch applications/process, and other issues relevant to the Smith River.

Two project proposals were presented and discussed by the Committee member, both Fisheries Division project proposals. One was for a study concerning fish movement throughout the Corridor and the other involved predation by pelicans. The two proposals are under consideration for funding from other FWP funding sources.

In the future, it is likely that project proposals to utilize the existing Smith CEA funds available will be submitted and considered by the Smith River Advisory Committee.

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

N/A – this is an information-only agenda topic.

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

N/A – this is an information only agenda topic.

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

N/A