



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

**Meeting Date:** April 20, 2017

**Agenda Item:** Volunteer of the Year Awards

**Division:** Parks

**Action Needed:** Informational

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 30 min.

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

In 2016 1,341 volunteers provided 45,221 hours of service to the Montana State Parks Division. These volunteers served as campground hosts, greeted and provided information to visitors at visitor centers; assisted with education and interpretive programs; assisted with special-events and helped with a wide variety of special projects.

Each year Regional Park Managers receive nominations from field managers for individuals to be recognized as their region's individual or volunteer group of the year. Consideration is given to volunteers or volunteer groups based on the following criteria;

- nominees that have exhibited a strong commitment and personal interest in the park or parks division program they serve;
- how the nominee makes a difference to the public they serve;
- how the nominees help make a connection between the local community and the park or parks division programs;
- the nominees level of service provided to a critical component of the park operation; and
- the nominee's personal commitment and determination to volunteer and serve.

Today we recognize the regional service award recipients for 2016 and recognize one of those regional award winners with the Parks Division service award for 2016.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** N/A

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

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

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