



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: April 20, 2017

Agenda Item: Hell Creek State Park Concession Agreement Extension

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 min.

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

Hell Creek State Park is one of three significant park locations statewide with a private concession operation which provides goods and services to the public. For Hell Creek SP there are two important dates ahead which directly relate to this agenda item:

- Current Private Concession Agreement – expires December 31, 2018.
- Site Agreement with the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) – expires April 30, 2021.

Given that the concession agreement term expires approximately 2 ½ years prior to the State's lease term agreement with the ACOE for management of the 337-acre site, it is not possible to enter into another concession agreement beyond April 2021. By extending the existing concession agreement term to match the ACOE lease term, the ability will exist to have both processes proceed on the same timeline from April 2021 forward.

Other than the proposed concession agreement extension to April 30, 2021, no other conditions in the current concession agreement are proposed to be changed.

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

No public involvement is anticipated for this administrative step to extend the concession agreement term approximately 2 ½ years.

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

Alt. #1 – approval of the proposed extension of the concession agreement term from December 31, 2018 to April 30, 2021.

Alt. #2 – not approve the proposed concession agreement extension.

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 concession agreement to April 30, 2021.

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

I move to approve the Parks Division's proposal to offer the private concessionaire at Hell Creek State Park an extension to the existing lease agreement through April 30, 2021.