



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: July 6, 2017

Agenda Item: Commercial Fee Rule Extension

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background (Brief description of the issue, decision to be made, history, etc.): The Commercial Use Fee Rule is a two-year rule that establishes commercial use fees for state park lands. The current fee rule was last approved by the Board in December 2015 and will expire December 2017. Given that the current Rule is working well and no changes are anticipated in the immediate future, a one-year extension of the current Rule is proposed. Thus, the proposed extension would change the expiration date to December 2018.

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

Given that the proposal is an extension to the current Rule with no proposed changes to fees, no formal public comment period is required or planned beyond public comment being taken at the Board meeting prior to a final motion.

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

The following alternatives have been identified regarding updated user fees:

Alt. #1 – approval of the one-year extension of the Commercial Use Fee Rule as proposed.

Alt. #2 – not approve the on-year extension of the Commercial Use Fee Rule; address the Rule at a later date, prior to the current Rule expiring in December 2017.

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

It is recommended that the Board approve a one-year extension of the existing Commercial Use Fee Rule to expire in December 2018.

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

I move to approve the Parks Division's proposal for a one-year extension of the Commercial Use Fee Rule to December 2018, with no other changes.