



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: July 6, 2017

Agenda Item: Milltown State Park Update

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Informational

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 15 min.

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

In early April, the long-awaited donation of the 10-acre International Paper parcel was completed. Immediately upon finalization of the donation, the construction documents for the development of Milltown State Park were released for the public bidding process.

The project was bid in April, with bids opened May 4th. Two bids were received for the project at approximately \$1.9 million, both extremely close to each other. The construction effort will include work at the main Confluence Area, the Gateway Area slightly upstream, and the pedestrian trail connection in between. Additionally, the primary access route into the Confluence Area via the donated International Paper property will be upgraded. Construction began on-site in mid-June. The contractor's current schedule anticipates the project to be complete by the end of October 2017.

Related to the Milltown State Park development project, the Montana Department of Transportation is in the early phases of a project to replace the I-90 bridges spanning the Blackfoot River at Milltown. The project will likely get underway in 2018 and take a couple years to complete.

Additionally, in June 2016 the Park Board provided tentative approval to pursue the potential donation of the 25-acre parcel held by the Bonner development Group upstream from Milltown on the Clark Fork River. Conversations have occurred concerning the feasibility of this donation, including preliminary due diligence concerning a survey, evaluating the access situation, an appraisal, and similar issues. If the donation proves feasible, the parcel would be a contiguous addition to the Milltown site.

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

N/A – this is an information only item.

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

N/A – this is an information only item.

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

N/A – this is an information only item.

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

N/A