



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

**Meeting Date:** October 24, 2017  
**Agenda Item:** Statewide Orientation of Montana State Parks  
**Division:** Parks  
**Action Needed:** Informational  
**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 60 Min

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### **Background:**

An introductory orientation to Montana's state parks, the various sites, history, and programs will be provided to the Board members. Dating back to 1939, Lewis and Clark Caverns was Montana's first state park, through today with Milltown State Park near Missoula under construction.

Montana's State Parks and Recreation programs and staff support not only the 55 park units, but also extend into communities across Montana. Core aspects of the state parks program include; maintenance and management of day-use parks and campgrounds, including facilities such as visitor centers and comfort stations. Other support operations for the state park system include the campsite reservation program; private concession operations; interpretive services; volunteers and AmeriCorps; cultural and heritage resource management and tribal relations; public safety; public outreach and marketing; partnerships and agreements with friends groups, agencies and organizations.

The five recreation grant programs touch local communities, clubs, and areas throughout the state. These include the Snowmobile and OHV Programs, as well as the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants for trail projects of all types throughout Montana, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), and new for 2017, the Accessible Playgrounds Grant Program, provide funding for recreation projects statewide.

### **Public Involvement Process & Results**

N/A – this is an informational item only.

### **Alternatives and Analysis:**

N/A – this is an informational item only.

### **Agency Recommendation and Rationale:**

N/A

### **Proposed Motion:**

N/A