



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

**Meeting Date:** October 24, 2017  
**Agenda Item:** Recognition of State Parks Committee/Staff – NASPD Conference; Missoula 2017  
**Division:** Parks  
**Action Needed:** Information  
**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 10 Min

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### **Background:**

The annual National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) conference was hosted by Montana State Parks in Missoula the first week of September 2017. The conference is held in a different state each year, and it is an opportunity for the host state to showcase their parks system. Attending in Montana this year were 46 State Park Directors, their staff/spouses, federal partners, Canadian park representatives, and over 40 vendors.

Hosting the NASPD conference is a significant commitment on the part of the host state, beginning more than a year prior to the event. The core planning team members were:

Anne Howes – Helena

Loren Flynn – Missoula/Travelers' Rest SP

Chet Crowser – Missoula

Amy Grout – Kalispell/Flathead Lake SP

Betsy Kirkeby – Helena

Ashton Clinger – Missoula/U of M Intern

Approximately 35 other State Parks staff members helped operate the event and contributed to the success of the conference.

Special thanks to the dedicated corps of volunteers at Travelers' Rest State Park for a truly above and beyond evening at the park.

### **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