



MONTANA **FWP**

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

**Meeting Date:** June 22, 2018

**Agenda Item:** Legislative Audit Committee Performance Audit

**Action Needed:** Informational

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 15 minutes

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### **Background:**

Performance audits are conducted at the request of the Legislative Audit Committee which is a bicameral and bipartisan standing committee of the Montana Legislature and are designed to assess state government operations. Based on ongoing legislative interest in the management of state parks, the Legislative Audit Committee prioritized a performance audit be done on Montana State Parks.

The Legislative Audit Committee report resulted in six recommendations:

- Clarifying the duties and responsibilities of the State Parks and Recreation Board.
- Improving the culture of FWP and the relationship between the division and the rest of the agency.
- Developing a broad state-wide plan for the allocation of resources for capital projects as well as regular parks maintenance.
- Making use of management information to make better decision on that allocation.
- Making internal changes and providing better oversight of division budgets.
- Strengthening policy to more actively assess the potential need to transfer state parks.

The Department and the Parks and Recreation Board concurred with all six recommendations committing to making the identified improvements in state park and recreation opportunities, and aim to provide clear delineation of the authority of the Department versus the Parks and Recreation Board.

A copy of the completed audit can be found online at <http://leg.mt.gov/content/Publications/Audit/Report/17P-01.pdf>