



MONTANA **FWP**

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

Meeting Date: June 22, 2018

Agenda Item: Montana State Parks Foundation

Action Needed: Informational

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 15 minutes

Background:

The Montana State Parks Foundation is the official nonprofit fundraising partner of Montana State Parks. Montana's unique outdoor recreation culture and spectacular natural assets deserve a park system that is world-class. The Foundation is dedicated to helping Montana's state park system become one of the best in the nation through private fundraising and capacity building in areas where regular funding streams are simply not enough.

The Foundation is working to develop an improved process for project proposals in an effort to prioritize project needs and to better coordinate with State Parks staff.

The Foundation is entering a new fiscal year on July 1, 2018. Assuming key funders can be cultivated and recognized, the Foundation plans to complete the remaining portions of the Sluice Boxes Trail Access Project and Bus Transportation for MT Students projects we set out to complete in the fall of 2017. We have developed and sent to FWP a concise Request for Project Proposals survey that will become the tool we and State Parks staff will use to screen, evaluate, and select potential projects for the Foundation to fund in FY 2018-19.