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MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: October 16, 2018

Agenda Item: East Gallatin (Affiliated Land) 50-Year Management Agreement

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background:

The Department acquired the 29-acre site in 1985 and was designated a Parks 'Affiliated Land'. A subsequent 6-acre parcel was donated soon afterward. The East Gallatin State Recreation Area site has been managed and developed by the City of Bozeman and the local Sunrise Rotary Club and known locally as Glen Lake Rotary Park. Since 1991 a management agreement has been in-place with the City, with a 5-year automatic renewal clause. Due to the constitutional requirement that a state agency receive fair market value for land disposed of, it is not possible to simply transfer the parcel to another governmental entity, nor is it realistic for the City to purchase the property. The best option appears to proceed with a new no-cost management agreement for this important local recreational site, with a term of 50-years. This approach and solution will provide long-term assurance for continued investment to be made at the site under the City's management.

Public Involvement Process & Results:

The 50-year no-cost management agreement is a continuation of the past practice for the City's management of the site. In addition to public comment taken at the October 16, 2018 Board meeting, other public comment will be solicited. Any final adoption will take place at the December 14, 2018 Board meeting.

Alternatives and Analysis:

Alternative #1: Continue with the existing 1991 lease arrangement, with the 5-year automatic renewals.

Alternative #2: Discontinue the arrangement with the City of Bozeman, with the possibility of Fish, Wildlife and Parks assuming the duties for day-to-day management.

Alternative #3: Proceed with the new 50-year management agreement as proposed.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale:

The Department recommends Alternative #3. Enter into the new 50-year management agreement with the City of Bozeman for management of the site. The 50-year term will provide the needed assurance for continued investments to be made by the local Sunrise Rotary Club, via their long-established relationship with the City of Bozeman.

Proposed Motion:

I move that the Parks and Recreation Board move to approve for public comment, the Department's proposed action to enter into a 50-year management agreement with the City of Bozeman for their continued management of the East Gallatin site.