



MONTANA **FWP**

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

Meeting Date: December 19, 2018

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

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Minutes

Background:

This agenda item was approved as a proposed action at the October 2018 Board meeting. The 29-acre site was acquired in 1985 and designated a Parks 'Affiliated Land'. A subsequent 6-acre parcel was donated soon afterward. The 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.

Public Involvement Process & Results:

Following Board approval of proceeding with the proposed 50-year management agreement, a 30-day public comment period occurred. Two public comments were received, both in favor of the proposed action.

Alternatives and Analysis:

- Alternative #1: Proceed with finalizing the 50-year management agreement with the City of Bozeman as proposed.
- Alternative #2: Continue with the existing 1991 lease arrangement; the 5-year automatic renewal clause will remain in effect to keep the lease current.
- Alternative #3: Discontinue the arrangement with the City of Bozeman, with the possibility of FWP assuming duties for day-to-day management.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale:

Enter into and finalize 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 the Parks and Recreation approve the Department's proposed 50-year management agreement with the City of Bozeman for their continued management of the East Gallatin site.