



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: March 10, 2020

Agenda Item: Agency Budget Priorities

Background:

The Executive Planning Process (EPP), coordinated through the Governor's Office, is ready to begin for the 2021 Legislative Session. Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) internal process involves establishing priorities that will drive preparation of proposed budgets. The Board's role is to review and approve the Parks Division priorities. Between February and June, the Department will develop budgets based on the approved priorities and submit them to the Governor.

Public Involvement Process & Results:

No formal public process is undertaken directly related to budget and priorities. However, the broad priorities are based on FWP's ongoing dialogue with constituents and regional staff. The public is also afforded the opportunity to comment on budget proposals through the Board meeting process.

Alternatives and Analysis:

The Board can approve or suggest modifications to the agency's proposed priorities. The Department will make every effort to implement these priorities based on Board approval, executive direction, and the long-term benefits to the agency.

Agency Recommendation and Rationale:

The Department recommends the Board approve the priorities as presented.

Proposed Motion: I move the Parks and Recreation Board approve the Parks Division priorities for the 2021 Legislative Session as presented.