



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: March 10, 2020

Agenda Item: Planning Program Update

This update includes the Final Report of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) that was finalized in December. SCORP takes into consideration the many diverse perspectives we heard from the public, our Advisory Committee members, other FWP staff, as well as Board members.

- **Montana's SCORP report identifies six high-level goals and recommendations:**
 - Promote outdoor recreation opportunities for all Montanans
 - Enhance public access to outdoor recreation resources and facilities
 - Support the economic vitality of communities and the state
 - Improve quality of life through outdoor recreation experiences
 - Adapt outdoor recreation for a changing environment
 - Honor Montana's outdoor legacy

We are in the process of finalizing our communication and implementation plan and intend to provide regular updates on progress made towards this valuable planning document and tool. We will continue to provide regular SCORP implementation efforts to the Parks and Recreation Board over the course of the next few years.

Division Strategic Planning Process

- This year we will be making updates to our State Parks 2015-20 strategic plan. We hope to deliver a final plan by the end of the year, prior to the 2021 legislative session. Our approach will be making updates in lieu of a significant overwrite and redo especially in light of many recent efforts that have occurred in the form of public outreach and information gathering on outdoor recreation issues (i.e. Parks in Focus and SCORP). We plan to utilize technology and social media in new ways, and hopefully with the end result of engaging more and different people. We have assembled a 15-member Advisory committee, comprised mostly of FWP staff from across Divisions and with key regional representation. We are also pulling together a Sounding Board of experts and constituents from various sectors with whom we often intersect: tourism, public health, tribal affairs, transportation, academia, the Montana State Park Foundation, Governor's Office of Outdoor recreation, to name a handful. We will plan to keep Board members apprised of our progress and allow for sharing of input and feedback at each meeting.