



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

Meeting Date: September 18, 2019

Agenda Item: Parks Capital Projects

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 40 Min

Background: House Bill (HB) 436 was passed in the recent Session, which raised the Boards approval amount for proposed capital expenditures from \$5,000 to \$50,000. In June, several major maintenance projects were advanced and funded from the HB 5 appropriation received. Below are additional round of proposed capital funded projects and estimated cost, which exceed the \$50,000 value:

- Big Arm/Finley Point State Park's – water line replacements/upgrades \$ 50,000
- Big Arm/Wayfarers/Whitefish Lake/Logan State Park's – comfort station upgrades \$ 50,000
- Fort Owen State Park – access road upgrade, fencing, misc. upgrades \$ 50,000
- Travelers' Rest State Park – roof replacement on visitor center \$ 50,000
- Anaconda Stack State Park – electrical infrastructure upgrades \$ 50,000
- Bannack State Park – church historic preservation (siding, roofing) \$ 50,000
- Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park – reroof upper visitor center and concession building \$ 50,000
- Chief Plenty Coups State Park – foundation repairs on Chief's house \$125,000
- Sign Replacements – statewide \$ 50,000
- Parks Foundation Project – shade shelter/bike camps at Lewis & Clark Caverns SP *\$100,000
(*Funded in part with private and grant funds)

Public Involvement Process & Results: Alternatives and Analysis:

The only project of the above list that will involve an Environmental Assessment (EA) is the shade shelter at Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park and the foundation repairs at Chief Plenty Coups State Park. The maintenance efforts such as reroofing, comfort station repairs, sign replacements do not typically involve or require the public involvement process.

Agency Recommendation and Rationale:

Proceed with the capital projects as proposed. All are work which has been identified as priority needs and a benefit to the respective park.

Proposed Motion:

I move the Parks and Recreation Board approve the proposed Parks Division capital projects as listed above, at the estimated amounts indicated.