



MONTANA **FWP**

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

**Meeting Date:** January 13, 2020  
**Agenda Item:** Bonner Development Group Donation Agreement  
**Action Needed:** Final  
**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 20 minutes

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**Background:** The Bonner Development Group (BDG) property is a 33.5-acre parcel adjacent to Milltown State Park on the north side of the Clark Fork River. The site includes a picnic shelter, vault latrine, kiosk, and a short network of trails. The proposed acquisition/donation of this parcel has been presented to the Board on three previous occasions. The first in June 2015, followed by a second presentation in February 2018 and an endorsement to proceed with the Donation Agreement in December 2018. BDG has also agreed to donate \$125,000 to assist with acquiring access or for other maintenance and development needs at Milltown SP.

**Public Involvement Process & Results: Alternatives and Analysis:** An Environmental Assessment (EA) was issued for the proposed donation in November 2018. A total of ten comments were received, all supportive of the proposed action.

**Agency Recommendation and Rationale:** To accept the donation of the property and the corresponding \$125,000 toward maintenance and development of facilities at Milltown State Park. There is tremendous support for this project within the local community. This inholding has the potential to provide additional public access to dozens of acres of State Parks lands currently up and downstream from this property. Accepting this donation will also honor the intent of the Bonner Development Group to maintain this property for the people of the Bonner/Milltown community and the State of Montana.

**Proposed Motion:** I move to approve and accept donation of the 33.5 acres Bonner Development Group property and \$125,000 as specified in the Donation Agreement.