



MONTANA **FWP**

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

**Meeting Date:** October 29, 2020

**Agenda Item:** Missouri Headwaters State Park Planning Update

**Action Needed:** Informational

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 15 Minutes

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**Background:** During the 2019 Legislative session, Senate Bill (SB) 70 was passed removing Missouri Headwaters State Park (MHWSP) from the Montana Primitive Parks list. This allows Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) the ability to consider how this site might be enhanced to meet visitor and community expectations while also generating revenue. FWP has initiated a responsive and collaborative park planning process to better address community interest in broadening visitor services and experiences. The planning process will involve interested stakeholders, friends' groups and the public.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** Public outreach and input has initially begun with the formation of a working group with representatives from inside and outside FWP. Working group members include representatives with backgrounds in cultural and historical resources, fisheries, wildlife, tribal park management, volunteerism, tourism, local trail systems, environmental concerns, and the Park & Recreation Board.

A formation of a focus group is also being formed from inside and outside FWP. This group will be asked to read, comment, suggest changes, readability, and more.

There will be at least three public meetings. The first public meeting will allow interested parties to learn of the project, it's purpose, and to reassure them that FWP is being transparent and bringing them into the process from the beginning. The second and third public meetings will focus on plan progress and when nearing the finish, FWP will solicitate for public comment on the draft final plan.