



STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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Meeting Date: Aug. 22, 2023

Agenda Item: Parks and Outdoor Recreation state park capital projects exceeding \$50,000

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background: Each legislative session, proposed line-item Capital Program projects are included in House Bill 5 (HB 5) for the next biennium. Board approval of construction projects that have an estimated cost of more than \$50,000 is required by statute. The projects include:

• FWP Signage & Wayfinding Updates	\$1,250,000
• Makoshika Campground Improvement and Addition	\$5,000,000
• FWP Miles City Train Depot Renovation	\$2,000,000
• Ackley Lake Swim Area	\$75,000
• Beavertail Hill Comfort Station	\$1,150,000
• FWP Erosion Control (Yellow Bay SP, Missouri Headwaters SP)	\$710,000
• Bannack Fire Protection Grant Authority	\$300,000
• Bannack Heritage Protection Projects	\$250,000
• Bannack Interpretive Updates Authority	\$50,000
• Lewis and Clark Caverns Dry Storage	\$100,000
• Wayfarer's Boat Ramp Extension	\$75,000

Public Involvement Process & Results: These projects were reviewed in the 2023 Legislative Session during public comment on HB 5. The projects will include environmental assessment and public involvement processes as they proceed. Those projects that may not involve an environmental assessment include major maintenance projects such as reroofing non-historic buildings. The public involvement process typically occurs at the regional level.

Analysis & Alternatives:

Alternative A: Approve expenditures on the above listed projects exceeding \$50,000 so that FWP may fully execute the work, which is needed for a variety of reasons including to improve safety and user experience, increase camp site inventory, respond to legislative directives, address aging infrastructure and sanitation needs, protect habitat, and preserve natural and cultural resources.

Alternative B: Do not approve expenditures on the above listed projects exceeding \$50,000. FWP would conduct work on the projects not to exceed \$50,000 or would not undertake the projects at all.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale: FWP recommends approving expenditures on the above listed projects so that the agency may fully execute the work.

Proposed Motion: I move the State Parks and Recreation Board approve expenditures by the department on the listed construction projects of more than \$50,000.