



MONTANA **FWP**

MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: May 27, 2021

Agenda Item: Lone Pine State Park Acquisition

Action Needed: Endorsement

Time Needed for Presentation and Public Comment: 15 Min

Background:

Located on the western edge of Kalispell, Lone Pine State Park came into the system in 1941 making it one of the state's earliest state parks. The park receives over 100,000 visits annually, and the archery range and trails have become increasingly popular.

Recently a nine-acre undeveloped property that adjoins Lone Pine State Park has become available for purchase. The property is ideally located and topographically suited to provide for expansion of the park's archery range, trail network, and to extend the park's grassland habitat.

The Lone Pine State Park Archery Range has been in operation since 1986. The course currently provides six shooting stations that provide a variety of shot distances and angles. The course is also used for annual archery competitions in cooperation with the Flathead Valley Archery Club.

The subject property also provides commanding views of the Flathead Valley. Local assistance is available to facilitate a purchase option or possibly bridge fund this acquisition if necessary to secure the opportunity.

Public Involvement Process & Results:

Formal public involvement has not been solicited by FWP to date. Upon endorsement by the Board, FWP would conduct appropriate due diligence, analysis, and public review processes.

Alternatives and Analysis:

Proposal alternatives and analysis would be developed by FWP (upon endorsement by the Board) and released in a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for public review and comment.

Agency Recommendation and Rationale:

FWP recommends endorsement of this proposal allowing FWP to further pursue, evaluate and to offer opportunities for public review and comment.

Proposed Motion:

I move the Parks and Recreation Board endorse the proposal to negotiate acquisition of the 9-acre adjoining property as a possible addition to Lone Pine State Park and complete associated analysis.