



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

**Meeting Date:** May 27, 2021

**Agenda Item:** Hell Creek State Park Concession Agreement Extension

**Action Needed:** Final

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 10 min.

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### **Background:**

Hell Creek State Park is one of three significant park locations statewide with a private concession operation which provides goods and services to the public. For Hell Creek SP there are two important dates which directly relate to this agenda item:

- Current Private Concession Agreement – expired April 30, 2021.
- Site Agreement with the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) – renewed until April 30, 2023.

Because the state's lease agreement with the ACOE for management of the 337-acre site expires April 30, 2023, it is not possible to enter into another concession agreement beyond that date. By extending the existing concession agreement term to match the term of the ACOE lease, the ability will exist to have both processes proceed on the same timeline from April 2021 forward.

Other than the proposed concession agreement extension to April 30, 2023, no other conditions in the current concession agreement are proposed to be changed.

### **Public Involvement Process & Results:**

Other than taking public comment at the Board meeting, no additional public involvement is anticipated for this administrative step to extend the concession agreement term approximately two years.

### **Alternatives and Analysis:**

Alt. #1 – approval of the proposed extension of the concession agreement term from April 30, 2023.

Alt. #2 – not approve the proposed concession agreement extension.

### **Agency Recommendation and Rationale:**

The Department recommends Alternative #1 - Approve the proposed concession agreement to April 30, 2023.

### **Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve the Parks Division's proposal to offer the private concessionaire at Hell Creek State Park an extension to the existing lease agreement through April 30, 2023.