



# STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD FWP PROPOSAL & INFORMATION SHEET

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**Meeting Date:** August 20, 2024

**Agenda Item:** Classification and Investment Strategy Policy Review

**Action Needed:** Final

**Time Needed on Agenda:** 15 Minutes

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**Background:** Montana State Parks Classification and Prioritization of Parks Resources policy, adopted in 2015, was revised in favor of an approach to develop an investment strategy for building a diverse, robust, and thriving park system. This revision, Classification and Investment Strategy policy, was initially adopted by the State Parks and Recreation Board in 2019 and readopted in 2021. There have been no recommended changes since it was first adopted until now.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks' (FWP) Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division (POR) updated the language in the strategy, including updating the list of parks in the appendix. No other substantive changes were made.

FWP proposes this policy remain in effect until August 2025, when it will be brought to the board for another review.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** The department will solicit public comment prior to the August board meeting. Public comments will be posted online and provided to board members at least two weeks prior to the August board meeting.

**Alternatives & Analysis:** The board could choose not to approve the revised strategy and let it expire, or they could approve the strategy and let it continue to help guide prioritization of work efforts and budget.

**Agency Recommendation & Rationale:** FWP recommends approval of the changes of the Classification and Investment Strategy policy. The strategy will continue to guide resource allocation in state parks.

**Proposed Motion:** I move the State Parks and Recreation Board approve the changes to the Classification and Investment Strategy policy for two years as presented by the department.