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**RE: Montana State Parks - Facility Condition Inventory (A/E #2015-35-01)
Project Update: Phase II – January EQC and LRB Summary**

Dear Mr. Reilly:

As discussed, Great West Engineering and Mosaic Architecture are currently finalizing our reports of findings for the following 19 Montana State Parks. These parks were evaluated during a second phase of the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks' Facility Condition Inventory (FWP-FCI).

- Ackley Lake
- Anaconda Stack
- Big Arm
- First Peoples Buffalo Jump
- Fish Creek
- Frenchtown Pond
- Giant Springs
- Les Mason
- Logan
- Lost Creek
- Missouri Headwaters
- Pictograph Cave
- Placid Lake
- Salmon Lake
- Smith River
- Spring Meadow Lake
- Thompson Falls
- Wayfarers
- West Shore

The primary objective of this work is to present State Parks with an independent and objective look at the overall health of the existing parks facilities & systems and to document observed needs/deficiencies both large and small. The FCI Team looked at a wide variety of infrastructure ranging from trails to lighting fixture efficiency. In summary, Phase II of this study identifies more than \$8.0 Million in infrastructure projects that are recommended for implementation within the next 10 years. As you will recall, the first phase of this effort provided recommendations for an additional \$10.5 million in project work, which brings the total Preliminary Opinion of Probable Cost for this FCI to \$18.5 Million.

In many cases, compounding maintenance issues (when coupled with facility age) render rehabilitation/repair of the existing facilities infeasible. As such, replacement of an old or degraded infrastructure item may represent the only technically viable option for continued service/operation. This FCI represents an important first step in the process to correct

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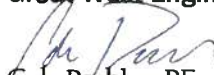
these—and other—deficiencies on a statewide scale. The findings of this Facility Condition Inventory should be utilized to: Improve maintenance efficiency; Limit further infrastructure deterioration; and Begin planning and budgeting for capital projects necessary to repair, upgrade, or replace the noted facility deficiencies.

Enclosed, please find our suggestions for project work at each of parks visited in Phase II. The recommended capital improvements have been selected based upon professional experience, demonstrated need/deficiency, urgency, and safety. We have structured our recommendations to align as closely as possible with Montana State Parks' mission to promote stewardship and to maintain the long-term viability of Montana's natural, cultural, and recreational resources.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions regarding this process or the proposed projects included herein. I can be reached by phone at (406) 495-6172 or via Email at cpeebles@greatwesteng.com.

Sincerely,

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