Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

2011 FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS
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State Parks Enhancement Act

The purpose of this legislation is to allow proceeds from the sale of surplus state park lands or revenues from other state park land-based activities such as leases of buildings or grounds to be immediately utilized by the state park system rather than placing those funds in the FWP real property trust.

Agency-sponsored bill.

Fish Management Bounty Act

Introduced fish species can impact existing fisheries through competition, predation, and hybridization. This is particularly problematic for native fish and their conservation. Suppression or elimination of the introduced fish may be desired to rebalance a fishery. Bounties and commercial hook and line fishing are two means to exert selective harvest on a species and ensure harvested fish are utilized

Agency-sponsored bill.

Primitive Parks Improvement Act

The Primitive Parks Act, as currently written, limits development that is needed to meet the good neighbor law, to improve site maintenance and to maintain proper stewardship. It also limits the bureau's ability to raise revenues. Some sites currently listed in legislation are simply not primitive. Finally, the list is outdated. Specifically, FWP proposes to:

- change the act to allow for charging of residents for camping and other related fees;
- change the act to allow for development of host pads, for improved sanitary facilities and for electricity in parks or for similar alternatives; and
- amend the act to remove Missouri Headwaters, Natural Bridge, Painted Rocks, Big Pine, Lost Creek, Thompson Falls, Deadman's Basin, Ackley Lake and Sluice Boxes State parks from the primitive parks list.

Agency-sponsored bill.

Free Fishing Day

The purpose of this proposed legislation is to recruit and retain anglers by allowing people to fish without purchasing a license on the Saturday of the first full weekend in June.

Agency-sponsored bill.

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