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To: EQC Members  
 Fr: Hope Stockwell, Research Analyst  
 Re: State Parks update materials in binder

In January, the EQC will receive an update on state park programs. Parks Division Administrator Chas Van Genderen provided the six documents in this tab for background purposes. The below table, provided by Mr. Van Genderen, provides a brief summary of each.

Item	Purpose
State Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan	Sets guidance for division for next 5 years.
Facility Condition Inventory Phase I memo	Independent review of 14 state parks infrastructure and maintenance needs to quantify problems and estimated cost.
Facility Condition Inventory Phase II memo	Second phase of independent review for 19 more parks.
Peer Analysis Report	Establish standard levels of park staffing and operating budget for Montana based on peer comparison with ND, ID, SD and Wyoming to better quantify needs.
Lands Policy	Sets clear policy to guide any acquisition or transfer of lands within the park system to address issue more deliberately.
Classification and Prioritization Policy	Establishes policy to systematically prioritize allocation of limited funds and staff to most significant Montana State Parks.