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Missoula County Approves Bid Packages for Phase 2 of Fort Missoula Regional Park

During their December 1 administrative meeting, the Missoula County Commissioners approved 27 remaining bid items for Phase 2 construction at Fort Missoula Regional Park. The bid package totaled \$15,553,932, while the total construction budget of Phase 2 is \$15,873,625. Of the 28 bid items for Phase 2, 26 were awarded to local contractors and the remaining items went to contractors in Bozeman and Great Falls.

“With the completion of the regional park in 2018, we look forward to welcoming a wide variety of opportunities that will enhance our recreation economy,” Commissioner Nicole ‘Cola’ Rowley said. “Missoula County, in partnership with City staff, diligently worked to ensure that every dollar spent will provide long-term, community-wide benefits.”

Phase 2 of the park includes playgrounds, a dog park, sport courts, a teen pod, inclusive playground, trails and historic interpretation, and seven additional softball diamonds with support facilities. Phase 2 construction began this fall and is slated to open in 2018.

Phase 1 construction at the park, which includes 11 multi-use sports fields, a lighted synthetic turf field, a large pavilion, picnic shelters, playgrounds and more, is nearly complete. Phase 1 is scheduled to open in the spring of 2017. The all-season synthetic turf field, called Bella Vista Championship Field, is open now and available for reservations through Missoula Parks and Recreation.

When complete, FMRP will be a county and regional destination with 156 acres of trails, playgrounds, picnic areas, historic interpretation, a variety of sports facilities, a dog park and support facilities.

The \$42 million County Parks and Trails general obligation bond was approved by voters in November, 2014 and funds the development of the Fort Missoula Regional Park, 10 new or improved City playgrounds, and a new trails program for Missoula County. Residents can learn more about the bond projects at www.missoulaparksandtrails.org.

