

# Staff Report

for the Maintenance & Resource Management Committee Meeting  
of September 22, 2020

**TO:** Maintenance & Resource Management Committee

**FROM:** Monica Reyes, Recreation Manager

**DATE:** September 15, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Smoking within NID Recreation Facilities

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## ***RECREATION***

### **RECOMMENDATION ACTION:**

Review and discuss cigarette smoking within NID's recreation facilities. This item is informational only.

### **BACKGROUND:**

During a recent M&R meeting Board President, Ricki Heck, brought up the topic of concern of guests smoking cigarettes within NID's recreation facilities. She questioned what NID allows and what other agencies allow. Recreation Staff researched, through phone calls and internet searches. We found most campgrounds do allow for the public to smoke cigarettes but do not promote it. Staff found that campgrounds, including those owned by NID, do not have substantial issues with cigarette smoke bothering other recreational users or cigarette butt cleanup and that in general, smokers are respectful of those around them while recreating at public facilities. Staff did find some campgrounds have designated smoking areas, others allow smoking but treat the cigarette butts as a "pack-in-pack-out" and a few parks and campgrounds that do not allow smoking within their facilities but allow smoking in their parking lots.

NID staff and staff at other agencies and campgrounds have found that if smoking is prohibited, those who smoke are still going to smoke but will hide it, potentially making the risk of fire ignition more significant and dangerous.

### **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

No budgetary impact at this time.

Attachments:

- None