

SENATE FILE NO. SF0086

Carissa Gold Mine-purchase.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Peck, Case, Massie and Roberts
and Representative(s) Philp, Robinson and
Tipton

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public lands; authorizing the purchase
2 of the Carissa gold mine as specified; providing an
3 appropriation; requiring a safety investigation as
4 specified; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-8-501 by creating a new subsection
9 (b) is amended to read:

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11 **36-8-501. Powers generally.**

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13 (b) The board of land commissioners is hereby
14 authorized and empowered to purchase in the name of the
15 state of Wyoming and to pay an amount not to exceed three
16 hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$325,000.00) less

1 costs of appraisal or one hundred ten percent (110%) of the
2 appraised value, whichever is less, for the following lands
3 in Fremont county containing approximately 216.46 acres
4 which are hereby declared to be part of the Old South Pass
5 Historical Preserve-Wyoming:

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7 (i) In township 29 north, range 100 west, 6th
8 p.m., SE1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 of section 20;
9 W1/2 SW1/4 NW1/4 of section 21; E1/2 SW1/4 NW1/4 of section
10 21; and W1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of section 21.

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12 **Section 2.** The department of environmental quality
13 shall investigate the potential use of monies from the
14 abandoned mine land fund to restore the Carissa gold mine
15 property to acceptable levels of public safety. The
16 department shall report its findings including the costs of
17 restoration and any recommendations to the board of land
18 commissioners, joint travel, recreation, wildlife and
19 cultural resources interim committee and the Wyoming parks
20 and cultural resources commission not later than December
21 1, 2003. If the board of land commissioners concludes the
22 cost of restoration to be unreasonable in its sound
23 discretion, the board may consider the resale of the
24 property.

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2 **Section 3.** There is appropriated from the general
3 fund three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars
4 (\$325,000.00) to the board of land commissioners for the
5 purposes of this act.

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7 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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