

SENATE FILE NO. SF0162

Wyoming historic mine trail system.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Peck and Representative(s) Bucholz, Childers, Gingery and Miller

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming historic mine trail system;
2 establishing the trail system; creating a commission to
3 develop the system; specifying commission duties and
4 authorizing compensation; prescribing a process for system
5 development and establishing advisory groups to assist with
6 the process; imposing duties upon the tourism and travel
7 division; providing an appropriation; and providing for
8 effective dates.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-8-1401 through 36-8-1403 are
13 created to read:

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ARTICLE 14

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WYOMING HISTORIC MINE TRAIL SYSTEM

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36-8-1401. Historic mine trail commission; created; membership; legislative advisory members; quorum; compensation.

(a) The historic mine trail commission is established and shall consist of the following four (4) members:

(i) A member of the Wyoming business council selected by the council;

(ii) The director of the Wyoming division of travel and tourism or his designee;

(iii) The director of the Wyoming department of transportation or his designee;

(iv) The administrator of the Wyoming abandoned mine land division or his designee.

(b) In addition to the members specified under subsection (a) of this section, the chairman of the Wyoming senate travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural resources committee or his designee, and the chairman of the Wyoming

1 house travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural resources
2 committee or his designee, shall serve on the commission in
3 an advisory, nonvoting capacity.

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5 (c) The commission shall elect one (1) of its voting
6 members to act as chairman, who shall ensure the commission
7 meets at least once each year on or near July 10, and more
8 frequently when necessary. Three (3) members shall
9 constitute a quorum necessary to take official commission
10 action.

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12 (d) Legislative advisory members of the commission
13 shall receive salary, per diem and travel in the manner and
14 amounts specified under W.S. 28-5-101, for attending
15 commission meetings. The commission member representing
16 the business council shall be paid per diem in accordance
17 with W.S. 9-12-102(b) when conducting official commission
18 business.

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20 **36-8-1402. Wyoming historic mine trail system;**
21 **creation; commission duties and processes for trail**
22 **development; advisory groups.**

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1 (a) The Wyoming historic mine trail system is created
2 for purposes of designating and identifying historic mine
3 locations and trails linking historic mines within the
4 state, and as such, shall:

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6 (i) Provide a precise history of mineral
7 development in Wyoming;

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9 (ii) Integrate the role of mining and minerals
10 in the development of Wyoming's economy;

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12 (iii) Identify and describe Wyoming's mining and
13 mineral development heritage.

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15 (b) The Wyoming historic mine trail system shall be
16 established by the commission created under W.S. 36-8-1401
17 through a process of nominations submitted from among
18 various public and private sectors within Wyoming which are
19 knowledgeable of historic mining activities, and in
20 consultation and coordination with the affected boards of
21 county commissioners and other local governing bodies and
22 agencies. The system shall expand upon the first
23 designated historic mine trail as established by this
24 subsection, which shall link the gold mines located in

1 South Pass City and Atlantic City, Wyoming, to the iron
2 mines located in Atlantic City, to the uranium mines in the
3 Crooks Gap and Gas Hills mining districts located in
4 Fremont County, Wyoming.

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6 (c) For purposes of subsection (b) of this section,
7 the commission shall organize advisory groups from among
8 representatives of relevant historical societies operating
9 in Wyoming, private and public museums operating in
10 Wyoming, state, city and county libraries and other state
11 and federal agencies providing background, information and
12 representation of mining activities on private and
13 governmental lands within Wyoming. The advisory groups
14 shall develop nominations for additional segments to the
15 Wyoming historic mine trail system for subsequent review
16 and determination by the commission. Upon approval of the
17 commission chairman, advisory members may be reimbursed for
18 necessary expenses incurred for participation in official
19 advisory group business in the manner and amounts provided
20 for state employees under W.S. 9-3-102 and 9-3-103.

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22 (d) In addition to subsection (b) of this section,
23 the commission shall:

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1 (i) Annually determine any additional segments
2 to the historic mine trail system through the nomination
3 process established under this section;

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5 (ii) Consult and coordinate trail development
6 with the appropriate local governmental entities having
7 jurisdiction over lands and roads involved in trail
8 designation;

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10 (iii) Through the travel and tourism division,
11 develop promotional materials supporting the trail system,
12 including appropriate historical information describing the
13 trail system, its significance to Wyoming and links to
14 information expanding upon the historic mining industry;

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16 (iv) Encourage the Wyoming media industry to
17 provide appropriate recognition of information on the
18 mining areas of Wyoming, its historical significance,
19 communities impacted by the industry, activities
20 surrounding the historic mine trail system and development
21 of the trail system;

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1 (v) Develop the historic mine trail system in
2 conjunction with appropriate state and local land use and
3 health and safety regulations and policies;

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5 (vi) Establish rules and regulations governing
6 the trail system development and nomination process and the
7 expansion of trail segments.

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9 **36-8-1403. Commission administrative support; annual**
10 **report.**

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12 (a) The division of travel and tourism within the
13 business council shall provide necessary staffing and
14 administrative support to the commission in carrying out
15 duties and responsibilities imposed under this article.

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17 (b) The commission shall annually report to the
18 governor and legislature in the manner provided under W.S.
19 9-2-1014 on the execution of delegated duties and historic
20 mine trail development and on the expenditures of funds
21 appropriated to the commission.

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23 **Section 2.** Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) is
24 appropriated from the general fund to the Wyoming business

1 council, travel and tourism division, to fund the expenses
2 of the commission and other expenditures necessary to carry
3 out section 1 of this act during the period commencing July
4 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006.

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6 **Section 3.** Members of the Wyoming historic mine trail
7 commission established under W.S. 36-8-1401, as created
8 under section 1 of this act, shall be determined in
9 sufficient time to enable a meeting of the commission on or
10 about July 10, 2005.

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12 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2005, except
13 for section 3 of this act which is effective immediately
14 upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become
15 law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
16 Constitution.

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