

ENROLLED ACT NO. 97, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2009 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to conservation districts; authorizing districts to exercise their authority to coordinate with federal agencies and counties to participate in rangeland monitoring and development of grazing operating plans; authorizing rulemaking; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 11-16-105(a) by creating a new paragraph (vii) and 11-16-122(b) by creating a new paragraph (xxviii) and by creating a new subsection (d) are amended to read:

**11-16-105. State board of agriculture; duties generally.**

(a) The commission shall:

(vii) Authorize, in consultation with counties, and fund, to the extent funding is available, conservation districts to carry out duties authorized by W.S. 11-16-122(b)(xxviii). When more than one (1) district whose boundaries include lands within the jurisdiction of a Wyoming bureau of land management field office request such authorization, the commission may designate a lead district to carry out such duties in cooperation with all other affected districts and counties.

**11-16-122. Powers and duties of districts and supervisors thereof generally; rules and regulations.**

(b) A conservation district organized under this act and the supervisors thereof, in addition to other powers granted by this act, may:

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(xxviii) Exercise the district's cooperating agency authority as granted by federal law in coordination with one (1) or more Wyoming bureau of land management field offices and national forest service offices to:

(A) Conduct rangeland monitoring on lands within bureau of land management grazing allotments and national forest grazing allotments. Monitoring shall be conducted in cooperation with grazing permit holders and lessees and federal agency personnel;

(B) Participate in the development of livestock grazing operating plans, permit renewals and transfers and resource plans to assure that such plans and permits are based upon and supported by credible monitoring data;

(C) Procure office space for range professionals employed by or contracted for by the district in the most appropriate bureau of land management field office or national forest service office.

(d) The commission may adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

**Section 2.** There is appropriated three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) from the general fund to the department of agriculture. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending July 1, 2010. This appropriation shall only be expended for the purposes of this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on July 1,

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2010. This appropriation shall not be included in the department of agriculture's 2011-2012 standard biennial budget request.

**Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk