

ENROLLED ACT NO. 98, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2009 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to the federal natural resource policy account; providing for participation by conservation districts; providing for participation in the implementation of environmental impacts statements; providing priority for expenditure of funds; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-4-218(a)(i), (ii)(intro), by creating a new paragraph (vi) and by creating a new subsection (c) is amended to read:

9-4-218. Federal natural resource policy account created; purposes.

(a) There is created an account known as the "federal natural resource policy account." Funds within the account may be expended by the governor on behalf of the state of Wyoming and its local governments, to take any of the actions specified in this subsection in response to federal land, water, air, mineral and other natural resource policies which may affect the tax base of the state, wildlife management, state species, recreation, private property rights, water rights or leasehold rights. Funds also may be expended for preparing and participating in environmental impact statements and environmental assessments, including analysis of economic or social and natural or physical environmental effects on the human environment. The governor may expend funds from the federal natural resource policy account for:

(i) Participation of the state, a state agency, ~~or~~ a county or a conservation district as a joint lead agency to prepare an environmental impact statement in

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accordance with regulations promulgated by the federal council on environmental quality;

(ii) Participation of the state, a state agency, ~~or~~ a county or a conservation district as a cooperating agency in accordance with regulations promulgated by the federal council on environmental quality. Participation may include:

(vi) Participation in the implementation of environmental impact statements and associated records of decision and other federal management decisions.

(c) In the expenditure of funds from the federal natural resources policy account pursuant to this section, preference may be given to those funding requests that add to the internal expertise of the state, a state agency, a county or a conservation district to participate in federal natural resource policy matters.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2009.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk