

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0286

Federal natural resources policy account.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Quarberg, Childers and
Lockhart and Senator(s) Bebout, Geis,
Johnson and Vasey

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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14 **9-4-218. Federal natural resource policy account**
15 **created; purposes.**

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

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17 (i) Participation of the state, a state agency,
18 ~~or~~ a county or a conservation district as a joint lead
19 agency to prepare an environmental impact statement in
20 accordance with regulations promulgated by the federal
21 council on environmental quality;

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23 (ii) Participation of the state, a state agency,
24 ~~or~~ a county or a conservation district as a cooperating

1 agency in accordance with regulations promulgated by the
2 federal council on environmental quality. Participation
3 may include:

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

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9 (c) In the expenditure of funds from the federal
10 natural resources policy account pursuant to this section,
11 preference shall be given to those funding requests that
12 enhance the internal capacity of a state agency or county
13 to participate in federal natural resource policy matters.

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

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