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AN ACT relating to the federal natural resource policy account; providing for participation in the formulation, preparation and implementation of environmental impact statements; providing for assistance in data collection and analysis; 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)(ii) by creating a new subparagraph (D) and by renumbering (D) and (E) as (E) and (F), 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.

- 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:
- (ii) Participation of the state, a state agency or a county as a cooperating agency in accordance with

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regulations promulgated by the federal council or environmental quality. Participation may include:

(D) Assisting the state, a state agency or counties in collecting, compiling, analyzing and distributing economic impact data related to federal natural resource policy formation and participation in policy development;

(D)(E) Making staff support available at the lead agency's request to enhance Wyoming's interdisciplinary capability; and

 $\frac{\text{(E)}_{\text{(F)}}}{\text{(F)}}$ Expenditure of state or county funds.

- vi) Participation in the formulation, preparation and 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 shall be given to those funding requests that enhance the ability of a county to participate in federal natural resource policy matters.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2010.

(END)

Speaker of the House	President of the Senate
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Govern	or
TIME APPROVED:	
	
DATE APPROVED:	
I hereby certify that this act of	originated in the Senate.
Chief Clerk	