

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0062

Natural resource large project funding.

Sponsored by: Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural
2 Resource Funding Act; providing for funding of large
3 projects under that act; specifying large projects approved
4 for funding; providing appropriations; providing for
5 reversion of funds; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-15-201 is created to read:

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11 ARTICLE 2

12 LARGE PROJECT FUNDING

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14 **9-15-201. Wyoming wildlife and natural resource large**
15 **project funding; 2007.**

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1 (a) Authorization is granted for funding of the
2 following large projects as provided in this section.

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4 (b) Project - Bates Creek Watershed Restoration:

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6 (i) Project sponsor: Wyoming game and fish
7 department and rocky mountain elk foundation;

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9 (ii) Project purpose: Enhancement of aspen and
10 sagebrush habitats, removal of conifer encroachment in the
11 Bates Creek Watershed in order to:

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13 (A) Improve hydrologic functions of the
14 watershed;

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16 (B) Improve quality of herbaceous forages
17 on elk and mule deer summer and transitional ranges;

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19 (C) Improve overall habitat conditions for
20 big sagebrush obligates and aspen dependent wildlife.

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22 (iii) Project description: Prescribed fire and
23 mechanical treatment of undesirable vegetation and decadent
24 stands of desirable plant communities, including deferment

1 and rest from seasonal livestock use, in order to retard
2 succession in aspen communities and create uneven aged
3 aspen stands within the Bates Creek Watershed;

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5 (iv) Total project budget: One million sixty
6 thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,060,750.00) over
7 an anticipated period of approximately sixteen (16) years;

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9 (v) Project grant: The Wyoming wildlife and
10 natural resource trust account board is authorized to
11 grant to the sponsors not to exceed two hundred thousand
12 dollars (\$200,000.00) over a period of not more than five
13 (5) years for the purposes specified in this subsection;

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15 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
16 the income account to the board two hundred thousand
17 dollars (\$200,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to
18 carry out the purpose of this subsection. Notwithstanding
19 W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), unexpended and
20 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall
21 not lapse on June 30, 2008, but shall revert to the income
22 account on June 30, 2012.

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24 (c) Project - Lander Front mule deer:

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2 (i) Project sponsor: Wyoming game and fish
3 department;

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5 (ii) Project purpose: Enhancement of aspen,
6 bitterbrush, sumac and sagebrush habitats, and removal of
7 undesirable vegetation in four (4) areas in proximity to
8 Lander in order to:

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10 (A) Improve winter survival and fawn
11 survival of mule deer, elk and antelope;

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13 (B) Improve overall forage conditions for
14 deer and other wildlife;

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16 (C) Provide modeling information for
17 determining how habitat improvement can affect mule deer
18 populations in other areas of the state.

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20 (iii) Project description: Prescribed fire,
21 mechanical and chemical treatment of undesirable vegetation
22 and decadent stands of desirable plant communities in four
23 (4) areas in proximity to Lander affecting the South Wind
24 River mule deer herd;

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2 (iv) Total project budget: Four hundred
3 seventy-nine thousand seven hundred dollars (\$479,700.00)
4 over an anticipated period of approximately two (2) years;

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6 (v) Project grant: The Wyoming wildlife and
7 natural resource trust account board is authorized to
8 grant to the sponsor not to exceed two hundred thirty
9 thousand dollars (\$230,000.00) over a period of not more
10 than five (5) years for the purposes specified in this
11 subsection;

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13 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
14 the income account to the board two hundred thirty thousand
15 dollars (\$230,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to
16 carry out the purpose of this subsection. Notwithstanding
17 W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), unexpended and
18 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall
19 not lapse on June 30, 2008, but shall revert to the income
20 account on June 30, 2012.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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