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INTRODUCTION**

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Federal grazing permits.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands
and Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public lands; restricting state agencies
2 from holding federal grazing permits; and providing for an
3 effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-12-110 is created to read:

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9 **36-12-110. Federal grazing permits.**

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11 (a) No state agency shall hold a federal grazing
12 permit, except an institution of higher learning may hold a
13 federal grazing permit when the permit is held for the
14 purpose of research or teaching.

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2 (b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this
3 section, when a state agency acquires an interest in
4 private lands to which a federal grazing permit is
5 attached, the state agency shall relinquish the permit
6 within ninety (90) days after acquiring the interest.

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8 (c) A state agency that has relinquished a federal
9 grazing permit under subsection (b) of this section shall
10 not enter into any agreement with the federal agency
11 administering the permit that would:

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13 (i) Direct the future use of the federal lands
14 to which the permit applies for grazing by domestic
15 livestock; or

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17 (ii) Grant to the state agency any role in the
18 determination of the future use of the federal lands for
19 domestic livestock grazing beyond what the state agency
20 would otherwise have independent of such agreement.

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22 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2008.

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