

SENATE FILE NO. SF0063

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 in 2008; amending funding for specified  
5 previously approved large projects; providing  
6 appropriations; providing for reversion of funds; and  
7 providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-15-301 through 9-15-311 are created  
12 to read:

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## ARTICLE 3

15

## 2008 LARGE PROJECT FUNDING

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17 **9-15-301. Lake DeSmet Grasslands.**

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

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5 (b) Project - Lake DeSmet Grasslands:

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7 (i) Project sponsor: Lake DeSmet conservation  
8 district;

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10 (ii) Project purpose: Enhancement of sagebrush  
11 and native grassland habitats in Johnson county in order  
12 to:

13

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

16

17 (B) Improve quality of herbaceous forages  
18 on antelope and mule deer ranges;

19

20 (C) Improve overall habitat conditions for  
21 big sagebrush obligate species.

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23 (iii) Project description: Mechanical treatment  
24 of undesirable vegetation and decadent stands of desirable

1 plant communities, including deferment and rest from  
2 seasonal livestock use, in order to create positive  
3 response from sagebrush, native grasses and forbs;

4

5 (iv) Total project budget: Two million five  
6 hundred fifty-two thousand six hundred ninety-nine dollars  
7 (\$2,552,699.00) over an anticipated period of approximately  
8 three (3) years;

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10 (v) Project grant: The Wyoming wildlife and  
11 natural resource trust account board is authorized to grant  
12 to the sponsor two hundred thirty-five thousand dollars  
13 (\$235,000.00) over a period of not more than three (3)  
14 years for the purposes specified in this subsection;

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16 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
17 the income account to the board two hundred thirty-five  
18 thousand dollars (\$235,000.00) or as much thereof as is  
19 necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection.  
20 Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a),  
21 unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this  
22 subsection shall not lapse on June 30, 2010, but shall  
23 revert to the income account on June 30, 2011.

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1           **9-15-302. Wyoming Range Aspen Enhancement.**  
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3           (a) Authorization is granted for funding of the  
4 following large project as provided in this section.  
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6           (b) Project - Wyoming Range Aspen Enhancement:  
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8                   (i) Project sponsors: Wyoming game and fish  
9 department and rocky mountain elk foundation;  
10

11                   (ii) Project purpose: Enhancement of aspen and  
12 sagebrush habitats, and removal of conifer encroachment in  
13 the Wyoming Range in order to:  
14

15                           (A) Improve hydrologic functions of the  
16 watershed;  
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18                           (B) Improve quality of herbaceous forages  
19 on elk and mule deer summer and transitional ranges;  
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21                           (C) Improve overall habitat conditions for  
22 big sagebrush obligates and aspen dependent wildlife.  
23

1           (iii) Project description: Prescribed fire and  
2 mechanical treatment of undesirable vegetation and decadent  
3 stands of desirable plant communities, including deferment  
4 and rest from seasonal livestock use, in order to set back  
5 succession in aspen communities and create uneven aged  
6 aspen stands on the eastern slope of the Wyoming Range;

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8           (iv) Total project budget: Seven hundred sixty  
9 thousand dollars (\$760,000.00) over an anticipated period  
10 of approximately three (3) years;

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12           (v) Project grant: The Wyoming wildlife and  
13 natural resource trust account board is authorized to grant  
14 to the sponsors two hundred sixty thousand dollars  
15 (\$260,000.00) over a period of not more than three (3)  
16 years for the purposes specified in this subsection;

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18           (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
19 the income account to the board two hundred sixty thousand  
20 dollars (\$260,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to  
21 carry out the purpose of this subsection. Notwithstanding  
22 W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), unexpended and  
23 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall

1 not lapse on June 30, 2010, but shall revert to the income  
2 account on June 30, 2011.

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4 **9-15-303. Diamond H Easement.**  
5

6 (a) Authorization is granted for funding of the  
7 following large project as provided in this section.

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9 (b) Project - Diamond H Easement:

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11 (i) Project sponsor: Wyoming game and fish  
12 department;

13

14 (ii) Project purpose: Permanent use restriction  
15 on approximately three thousand eight (3,008) acres in  
16 Lincoln county in order to:

17

18 (A) Preclude loss of habitat for sage  
19 grouse, mule deer, elk, moose, cutthroat trout, amphibians,  
20 songbirds and other species.

21

22 (iii) Project description: Conservation  
23 easement;

24

1           (iv) Total project budget: Two million dollars  
2   (\$2,000,000.00);

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4           (v) Project grant: The Wyoming wildlife and  
5 natural resource trust account board is authorized to grant  
6 to the sponsor three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00)  
7 for the purposes specified in this subsection;

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9           (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
10 the income account to the board three hundred thousand  
11 dollars (\$300,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to  
12 carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended and  
13 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall  
14 revert to the income account on June 30, 2010.

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16           **9-15-304. Thunder Basin Grasslands.**

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18           (a) Authorization is granted for funding of the  
19 following large project as provided in this section.

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21           (b) Project - Thunder Basin Grasslands:

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1           (i) Project sponsor: Thunder Basin grassland  
2 prairie ecosystem association and Wyoming game and fish  
3 department;

4  
5           (ii) Project purpose: Enhancement of sagebrush  
6 and native grassland habitats in Campbell, Converse and  
7 Weston counties in order to:

8  
9                   (A) Improve hydrologic functions of the  
10 watershed;

11  
12                   (B) Improve quality of herbaceous forages  
13 on antelope, sage grouse, grassland bird and mule deer  
14 habitats;

15  
16                   (C) Improve overall habitat conditions for  
17 sagebrush obligate species.

18  
19           (iii) Project description: Mechanical and  
20 chemical treatment of undesirable vegetation and decadent  
21 stands of desirable plant communities, including deferment  
22 and rest from seasonal livestock use, in order to create  
23 positive response from sagebrush, native grasses and forbs;

24



1           (iv) Total project budget: Two million three  
2 hundred forty-six thousand nine hundred fifty-two dollars  
3 (\$2,346,952.00) over an anticipated period of approximately  
4 three (3) years;

5

6           (v) Project grant: The Wyoming wildlife and  
7 natural resource trust account board is authorized to grant  
8 to the sponsors three hundred thousand dollars  
9 (\$300,000.00) over a period of not more than three (3)  
10 years for the purposes specified in this subsection;

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12           (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
13 the income account to the board three hundred thousand  
14 dollars (\$300,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to  
15 carry out the purpose of this subsection. Notwithstanding  
16 W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), unexpended and  
17 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall  
18 not lapse on June 30, 2010, but shall revert to the income  
19 account on June 30, 2011.

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21           **9-15-305. Carney Ranch Easement.**

22

23           (a) Authorization is granted for funding of the  
24 following large project as provided in this section.

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2 (b) Project - Carney Ranch Easement:

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4 (i) Project sponsor: The conservation fund;

5

6 (ii) Project purpose: Permanent use restriction  
7 on approximately twelve thousand one hundred eighty-six  
8 (12,186) acres in Sublette county in order to:

9

10 (A) Preclude loss of habitat for sage  
11 grouse, mule deer, elk, moose, antelope, trumpeter swans,  
12 amphibians, songbirds and other species;

13

14 (B) Maintain essential migration routes for  
15 antelope, elk and mule deer.

16

17 (iii) Project description: Conservation  
18 easement;

19

20 (iv) Total project budget: Five million six  
21 hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$5,695,000.00);

22

23 (v) Project grant: The Wyoming wildlife and  
24 natural resource trust account board is authorized to grant

1 to the sponsor two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00)  
2 for the purposes specified in this subsection;

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4 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
5 the income account to the board two hundred thousand  
6 dollars (\$200,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to  
7 carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended and  
8 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall  
9 revert to the income account on June 30, 2010.

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11 **9-15-306. North Laramie Range Restoration.**

12

13 (a) Authorization is granted for funding of the  
14 following large project as provided in this section.

15

16 (b) Project - North Laramie Range Restoration:

17

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

20

21 (ii) Project purpose: Enhancement of aspen and  
22 sagebrush habitats, removal of conifer encroachment in the  
23 North Laramie Range in order to:

24

1 (A) Improve hydrologic functions of the  
2 watershed;

3

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

6

7 (C) Improve overall habitat conditions for  
8 sagebrush obligates and aspen dependent wildlife.

9

10 (iii) Project description: Prescribed fire and  
11 mechanical treatment of undesirable vegetation and decadent  
12 stands of desirable plant communities, including deferment  
13 and rest from seasonal livestock use, in order to set back  
14 succession in aspen communities and create uneven aged  
15 aspen stands throughout the North Laramie Range;

16

17 (iv) Total project budget: Six hundred sixty-  
18 six thousand nine hundred forty dollars (\$666,940.00) over  
19 an anticipated period of approximately three (3) years;

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21 (v) Project grant: The Wyoming wildlife and  
22 natural resource trust account board is authorized to  
23 grant to the sponsors two hundred thousand dollars

1 (\$200,000.00) over a period of not more than three (3)  
2 years for the purposes specified in this subsection;

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4 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
5 the income account to the board two hundred thousand  
6 dollars (\$200,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to  
7 carry out the purpose of this subsection. Notwithstanding  
8 W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), unexpended and  
9 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall  
10 not lapse on June 30, 2010, but shall revert to the income  
11 account on June 30, 2011.

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13 **9-15-307. Kirby Creek Watershed.**  
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15 (a) Authorization is granted for funding of the  
16 following large project as provided in this section.

17  
18 (b) Project - Kirby Creek Watershed:

19  
20 (i) Project sponsor: Hot Springs county  
21 conservation district;

1           (ii) Project purpose: Stabilization of main stem  
2 and tributaries of Kirby Creek in Hot Springs county in  
3 order to:

4  
5           (A) Improve hydrologic functions of the  
6 watershed;

7  
8           (B) Reduce or eliminate excessive soil and  
9 vegetation loss;

10  
11           (C) Improve water quality and reduce  
12 sediment loads into the Big Horn River.

13  
14           (iii) Project description: Installation of  
15 instream structures, off-stream water retention, vegetation  
16 treatment and grazing management in order to decrease soil  
17 loss and retain water within the natural system;

18  
19           (iv) Total project budget: Two million two  
20 hundred sixteen thousand eight hundred twenty-eight dollars  
21 (\$2,216,828.00) over an anticipated period of approximately  
22 three (3) years;

23

1           (v) Project grant: The Wyoming wildlife and  
2 natural resource trust account board is authorized to grant  
3 to the sponsor two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00)  
4 over a period of not more than three (3) years for the  
5 purposes specified in this subsection;

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7           (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
8 the income account to the board two hundred thousand  
9 dollars (\$200,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to  
10 carry out the purpose of this subsection. Notwithstanding  
11 W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), unexpended and  
12 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall  
13 not lapse on June 30, 2010, but shall revert to the income  
14 account on June 30, 2011.

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16           **9-15-308. Cross Lazy Two Easement.**  
17

18           (a) Authorization is granted for funding of the  
19 following large project as provided in this section.

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21           (b) Project - Cross Lazy Two Easement:

22  
23           (i) Project sponsor: Green River Valley land  
24 trust;

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2 (ii) Project purpose: Permanent use restriction  
3 on approximately four thousand four hundred fifty (4,450)  
4 acres in Sublette county in order to:

5

6 (A) Preclude loss of habitat for moose,  
7 mule deer, sage grouse, cutthroat trout, amphibians,  
8 songbirds and other species;

9

10 (B) Maintain essential migration routes for  
11 moose, elk and mule deer.

12

13 (iii) Project description: Conservation  
14 easement;

15

16 (iv) Total project budget: Four million five  
17 hundred twenty-five thousand nine hundred fifty dollars  
18 (\$4,525,950.00);

19

20 (v) Project grant: The Wyoming wildlife and  
21 natural resource trust account board is authorized to grant  
22 to the sponsor four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00)  
23 for the purposes specified in this subsection;

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1           (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
2 the income account to the board four hundred thousand  
3 dollars (\$400,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to  
4 carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended and  
5 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall  
6 revert to the income account on June 30, 2010.

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8           **9-15-309. Yellowtail CRM II.**

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10           (a) Authorization is granted for funding of the  
11 following large project as provided in this section.

12

13           (b) Project - Yellowtail CRM II:

14

15           (i) Project sponsor: Shoshone conservation  
16 district;

17

18           (ii) Project purpose: Removal of invasive  
19 Russian olive and saltcedar in proximity to Yellowtail  
20 Reservoir and Yellowtail Recreation Area in order to:

21

22           (A) Reduce or eliminate invasive species  
23 and enhance production of native and acclimated species

1 which provide habitat for waterfowl, upland game birds,  
2 deer and other species;  
3

4 (B) Improve hydrologic functions of the  
5 watershed;  
6

7 (C) Improve water quality and increase  
8 water quantity.  
9

10 (iii) Project description: Removal of invasive  
11 species through mechanical means and treatment with  
12 chemical agents to prevent resprouting or regrowth;  
13

14 (iv) Total project budget: Nine hundred forty-  
15 four thousand five hundred dollars (\$944,500.00) over an  
16 anticipated period of approximately three (3) years;  
17

18 (v) Project grant: The Wyoming wildlife and  
19 natural resource trust account board is authorized to grant  
20 to the sponsor two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00)  
21 over a period of not more than three (3) years for the  
22 purposes specified in this subsection;  
23

1           (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
2 the income account to the board two hundred thousand  
3 dollars (\$200,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to  
4 carry out the purpose of this subsection. Notwithstanding  
5 W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), unexpended and  
6 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall  
7 not lapse on June 30, 2010, but shall revert to the income  
8 account on June 30, 2011.

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10           **9-15-310. Ladder Livestock Easement.**  
11

12           (a) Authorization is granted for funding of the  
13 following large project as provided in this section.

14

15           (b) Project - Ladder Livestock Easement:

16

17           (i) Project sponsor: Little Snake River  
18 conservation district;

19

20           (ii) Project purpose: Permanent use restriction  
21 on approximately one thousand five hundred fifty (1,550)  
22 acres in Carbon county in order to:

23

1                   (A) Preclude loss of habitat for elk, mule  
2 deer, sage grouse, fisheries, songbirds and other species.

3

4                   (iii) Project description: Conservation  
5 easement;

6

7                   (iv) Total project budget: Three million dollars  
8 (\$3,000,000.00);

9

10                  (v) Project grant: The Wyoming wildlife and  
11 natural resource trust account board is authorized to grant  
12 to the sponsor three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00)  
13 for the purposes specified in this subsection;

14

15                  (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
16 the income account to the board three hundred thousand  
17 dollars (\$300,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to  
18 carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended and  
19 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall  
20 revert to the income account on June 30, 2010.

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22                  **9-15-311. Shirley Basin Grasslands III.**

23

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

3

4           (b) Project - Shirley Basin Grasslands III:

5

6                   (i) Project sponsor: Medicine Bow conservation  
7 district;

8

9                   (ii) Project purpose: Enhancement of sagebrush  
10 and native grassland habitats in Carbon county in order to:

11

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

14

15                           (B) Improve quality of herbaceous forages  
16 on antelope, sage grouse, grassland bird species and mule  
17 deer habitats;

18

19                           (C) Improve overall habitat conditions for  
20 sagebrush obligate species;

21

22                           (D) Enhance forage for livestock  
23 operations.

24

1           (iii) Project description: Mechanical and  
2 chemical treatment of undesirable vegetation, water  
3 development and wetland enhancement, deferment and rest  
4 from season long livestock use, in order to create positive  
5 response from sagebrush, native grasses and forbs;

6

7           (iv) Total project budget: One million eight  
8 thousand six hundred ten dollars (\$1,008,610.00) over an  
9 anticipated period of approximately three (3) years;

10

11           (v) Project grant: The Wyoming wildlife and  
12 natural resource trust account board is authorized to grant  
13 to the sponsor two hundred forty-seven thousand four  
14 hundred twenty dollars (\$247,420.00) over a period of not  
15 more than three (3) years for the purposes specified in  
16 this subsection;

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18           (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
19 the income account to the board two hundred forty-seven  
20 thousand four hundred twenty dollars (\$247,420.00) or as  
21 much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of  
22 this subsection. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008,  
23 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), unexpended and unobligated  
24 funds appropriated under this subsection shall not lapse on

1 June 30, 2010, but shall revert to the income account on  
2 June 30, 2011.

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4 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-15-102(a)(intro), 9-15-201(b)(v),  
5 (vi), (c)(v) and (vi) are amended to read:

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7 **9-15-102. Definitions.**

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9 (a) As used in this ~~act~~chapter:

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11 **9-15-201. Wyoming wildlife and natural resource large**  
12 **project funding; 2007.**

13

14 (b) Project - Bates Creek Watershed Restoration:

15

16 (v) Project grant: The Wyoming wildlife and  
17 natural resource trust account board is authorized to  
18 grant to the sponsors not to exceed ~~two hundred thousand~~  
19 ~~dollars (\$200,000.00)~~ three hundred thousand dollars  
20 (\$300,000.00) over a period of not more than ~~five (5)~~ three  
21 (3) years for the purposes specified in this subsection;

22

23 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
24 the income account to the board ~~two hundred thousand~~

1 ~~dollars (\$200,000.00)~~ three hundred thousand dollars  
2 (\$300,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry  
3 out the purpose of this subsection. Notwithstanding W.S.  
4 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), unexpended and  
5 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall  
6 not lapse on June 30, 2008, but shall revert to the income  
7 account on June 30, ~~2012~~ 2011.

8

9 (c) Project - Lander Front mule deer:

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11 (v) Project grant: The Wyoming wildlife and  
12 natural resource trust account board is authorized to  
13 grant to the sponsor not to exceed two hundred thirty  
14 thousand dollars (\$230,000.00) over a period of not more  
15 than ~~five (5)~~ three (3) years for the purposes specified in  
16 this subsection;

17

18 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
19 the income account to the board two hundred thirty thousand  
20 dollars (\$230,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to  
21 carry out the purpose of this subsection. Notwithstanding  
22 W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), unexpended and  
23 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall



1 not lapse on June 30, 2008, but shall revert to the income  
2 account on June 30, ~~2012~~2011.

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

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9 (END)