

SENATE FILE NO. SF0031

Federal natural resources policy account.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Bebout

A BILL

for

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

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-4-218(a) by creating a new
9 paragraph (vi) and by creating a new subsection (c) is
10 amended to read:

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12 **9-4-218. Federal natural resource policy account**
13 **created; purposes.**

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15 (a) There is created an account known as the "federal
16 natural resource policy account." Funds within the account
17 may be expended by the governor on behalf of the state of

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

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14 (vi) Participation in the implementation of
15 environmental impact statements and associated records of
16 decision and other federal management decisions.

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18 (c) In the expenditure of funds from the federal
19 natural resources policy account pursuant to this section,
20 preference shall be given to those funding requests that
21 enhance the internal capacity of a county to participate in
22 federal natural resource policy matters.

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

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3 (END)