

SENATE FILE NO. SF0084

County commissions-special expertise.

Sponsored by: Joint Minerals, Business and Economic
Development Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to counties; providing for a board of
2 county commissioners to be deemed to have special expertise
3 on all issues on which they are granted statutory authority
4 as specified; providing that a board of county
5 commissioners may represent a county in federal land
6 planning decisions as a cooperating agency with special
7 expertise; providing conforming amendments; and providing
8 for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 18-3-504(a)(v) and 18-5-208 are
13 amended to read:

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15 **18-3-504. Powers and duties generally.**

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1 (a) Each board of county commissioners may:

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3 (v) Represent the county, including but not
4 limited to representing the county as a cooperating agency
5 with special expertise in federal land planning,
6 implementation and management actions as provided for by
7 W.S. 18-5-208(a), care for the county property and manage
8 the business and concerns of the county in all cases where
9 no provision is made by law;

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11 **18-5-208. Special expertise of board of county**
12 **commissioners and coordination of planning efforts with**
13 **federal agencies.**

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15 (a) When representing a county as a cooperating
16 agency in federal land planning, implementation and
17 management actions, a board of county commissioners shall
18 be deemed to have special expertise on all subject matters
19 for which it has statutory responsibility, including but
20 not limited to, all subject matters directly or indirectly
21 related to the health, safety, welfare, custom, culture and
22 socio-economic viability of a county.

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(b) The board of county commissioners of a county which has officially adopted a comprehensive plan pursuant to W.S. 18-5-202(b) may participate in efforts to coordinate the plan with federal ~~regional forest or other resource management plans~~ agencies as provided in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, as amended by the National Forest Management Act of 1976 and any other federal statute which provides for coordination with local governments and federal regulations adopted pursuant to ~~that act, including, but not limited to, Title 36, of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 219.7 and Title 43, of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 1610.3~~ those acts.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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18 (END)