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Chapter No.: 65

Prime Sponsor: Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

Catch Title: 2016 Large project funding.

Subject: Large projects approved for funding under the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust

Summary/Major Elements:

- Wyoming law creates an account for the funding of natural resource preservation projects. All projects which exceed \$200,000 in funding must be approved by the Legislature.
- This year's legislation contains four projects, two to support conservation easements, one to improve a watershed and one to remove invasive conifer species to improve habitat.
- This year's projects include:
 - o Lazy BV Conservation Easement;
 - o Lower Encampment Watershed;
 - o South Pass Aspen II; and
 - o Rocking Chair Ranch Conservation Easement.
- The bill establishes that the State of Wyoming is a third party beneficiary with a right of recovery on funded conservation easements and it prohibits gratuities or kickbacks.

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