

Bill No.: HB0026 **Effective:** Immediately

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Chapter No.: [Chapter Number_RO]

Prime Sponsor: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee

Catch Title: Bark beetle-program funding.

Subject: Expenditure of emergency fire suppression account funds for bark beetle mitigation projects.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The emergency fire suppression account is administered by the State Forester for the purpose of reimbursing certain costs incurred by the Wyoming State Forestry Division and participating counties while suppressing emergency fires in rural areas.
- This bill allows the State Forester to expend up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) from the account annually for the purpose of funding bark beetle mitigation projects.
- Expenditures for bark beetle mitigation projects are subject to the availability of funds and must be approved by the Governor.

Comments:

- The statutory subsection created by this bill contains a sunset provision and will be repealed effective June 30, 2020.

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