

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0066

2021 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; specifying large projects approved for funding in
 4 2021; authorizing appropriations from the Wyoming wildlife
 5 and natural resource trust income account for approved
 6 large projects; providing for the 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.**

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13 (a) As used in this section:

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1 (i) "Board" means the Wyoming wildlife and
2 natural resource trust account board created by W.S.
3 9-15-104;

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5 (ii) "Income account" means the Wyoming wildlife
6 and natural resource trust income account created by W.S.
7 9-15-103(b).

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9 (b) Pursuant to the authority granted under W.S.
10 9-15-104(k) and subject to each recipient's certification
11 under W.S. 9-15-103(r), authorization is granted for
12 funding of the large projects specified in subsections (c)
13 through (e) of this section.

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15 (c) Dry Piney Mule Deer Crossings:

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17 (i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Department of
18 Transportation;

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20 (ii) Project purpose: Fence construction,
21 roadway replacement and underpass construction on
22 approximately nineteen (19) miles of United States Highway

1 189 between the towns of Big Piney and La Barge in Sublette
2 county in order to:

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4 (A) Improve and maintain existing migration
5 routes for an iconic herd of mule deer;

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7 (B) Reduce and eliminate the potential for
8 catastrophic collisions that impact human life, wildlife
9 and create property damage.

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11 (iii) Project description: Highway crossing
12 construction;

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14 (iv) Total project budget: Twenty million nine
15 hundred forty-two thousand three hundred seventy-three
16 dollars (\$20,942,373.00);

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18 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to
19 grant to the sponsor six hundred ninety-nine thousand
20 dollars (\$699,000.00) for the purposes specified in this
21 subsection;

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1 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
2 the income account to the board six hundred ninety-nine
3 thousand dollars (\$699,000.00) or as much thereof as is
4 necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.
5 Expenditure of this appropriation is conditioned upon
6 compliance with 2020 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 80,
7 Section 2, Section 039, footnote 3.

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9 (d) Kaycee-Buffalo Mule Deer Crossings:

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11 (i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Department of
12 Transportation;

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14 (ii) Project purpose: Fence construction,
15 roadway replacement and underpass construction on
16 approximately nineteen (19) miles of Interstate 25 between
17 the towns of Buffalo and Kaycee in Johnson county in order
18 to:

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20 (A) Improve and maintain existing migration
21 routes for an important herd of mule deer;

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1 (B) Reduce and eliminate the potential for
2 catastrophic collisions that impact human life, wildlife
3 and create property damage.

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5 (iii) Project description: Highway crossing
6 construction;

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8 (iv) Total project budget: four million six
9 hundred thousand dollars (\$4,600,000.00);

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11 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to
12 grant to the sponsor one million twenty thousand dollars
13 (\$1,020,000.00) for the purposes specified in this
14 subsection;

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16 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
17 the income account to the board one million twenty thousand
18 dollars (\$1,020,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary
19 to carry out the purposes of this subsection. Expenditure
20 of this appropriation is conditioned upon compliance with
21 2020 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 80, Section 2, Section
22 039, footnote 3.

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1 (e) Sheridan Walk-In Areas Invasive Grasses II:

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3 (i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Game and Fish
4 Commission;

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6 (ii) Project purpose: Chemical, mechanical and
7 other treatments of noxious medusahead and ventenata
8 species on approximately fifty thousand (50,000) acres in
9 Sheridan county in order to:

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11 (A) Improve habitats for native wildlife
12 species;

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14 (B) Reduce and eliminate the potential for
15 catastrophic wildfires;

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17 (C) Reduce or eliminate the potential
18 spread of highly invasive grass species;

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20 (D) Enhance rangelands for livestock use.

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22 (iii) Project description: Invasive species
23 elimination;

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2 (iv) Total project budget: Seven hundred forty-
3 nine thousand eight hundred fifty-six dollars
4 (\$749,856.00);

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6 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to
7 grant three hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$330,000.00)
8 to the sponsor for the purposes specified in this
9 subsection;

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11 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
12 the income account to the board one hundred fifty thousand
13 dollars (\$150,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to
14 carry out the purposes of this subsection.

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16 (f) Any unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated
17 under this section shall revert to the income account on
18 June 30, 2025.

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20 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-15-906, 9-15-908, 9-15-910,
21 9-15-911, 9-15-1002, 9-15-1005, 9-15-1101 through 9-15-1104
22 are repealed.

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

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