

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. HB0066

ENROLLED ACT NO. 11, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2021 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Funding Act; providing for funding of large projects; specifying large projects approved for funding in 2021; authorizing appropriations from the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust income account for approved large projects; providing for the reversion of funds; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.

(a) As used in this section:

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

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

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

(c) Dry Piney Mule Deer Crossings:

(i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Department of Transportation;

(ii) Project purpose: Fence construction, roadway replacement and underpass construction on

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approximately nineteen (19) miles of United States Highway 189 between the towns of Big Piney and La Barge in Sublette county in order to:

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

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

(iii) Project description: Highway crossing construction;

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

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

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

(d) Kaycee-Buffalo Mule Deer Crossings:

(i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Department of Transportation;

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

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

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

(iii) Project description: Highway crossing construction;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Improve habitats for native wildlife species;

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

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

(D) Enhance rangelands for livestock use.

(iii) Project description: Invasive species elimination;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(END)