

SENATE FILE NO. SF0060

2024 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 under the act; specifying large projects approved
 4 for funding in 2024; specifying conditions for large
 5 project funding; authorizing distributions from the Wyoming
 6 wildlife and natural resource trust income account for
 7 approved large projects; providing for the reversion of
 8 funds; and providing 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.**

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14 (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 provided for in subsections
13 (c) through (e) of this section.

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15 (c) Upper Greybull Fish Passage:

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17 (i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Game And Fish
18 Commission;

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20 (ii) Project purpose: removal of barriers to
21 fish passage and migration, irrigation enhancement and
22 stream modification on the Greybull River drainage in Park
23 County in order to:

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2 (A) Allow for seasonal movement of native
3 fish into spawning and juvenile rearing habitats;

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5 (B) Reduce and eliminate the potential for
6 predation on native species in areas of high native fish
7 propagation;

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9 (C) Improve irrigation efficiency.

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11 (iii) Project description: river restoration;

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13 (iv) Total project budget: two million nine
14 hundred two thousand dollars (\$2,902,000.00);

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16 (v) Project grant: the board is authorized to
17 grant to the sponsor one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)
18 for the purposes specified in this subsection;

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20 (vi) Appropriation: there is appropriated from
21 the income account to the board one million dollars
22 (\$1,000,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry
23 out the purposes of this subsection.

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2 (d) Baggs Valley Headwaters II:

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4 (i) Project sponsor: Little Snake River
5 Conservation District;

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7 (ii) Project purpose: restoration of native
8 vegetation through mechanical, chemical and prescribed
9 controlled burns across a varied landscape of approximately
10 one hundred thirty-eight thousand (138,000) acres in Carbon
11 County in order to:

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13 (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule
14 deer, elk, moose, antelope and other species;

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16 (B) Maintain primary migration corridors
17 for native ungulates;

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19 (C) Maintain core population areas for
20 greater sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

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22 (D) Conserve valuable grassland and
23 intermediate shrubland ecotypes.

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2 (iii) Project description: rangeland
3 restoration;

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5 (iv) Total project budget: three million five
6 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$3,550,000.00);

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8 (v) Project grant: the total grant for the
9 project, including all grants previously awarded for this
10 project and the additional grant authorized under this
11 subsection, shall be six hundred ninety-eight thousand
12 dollars (\$698,000.00) to the sponsor for the purposes
13 specified in this subsection;

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15 (vi) Appropriation: there is appropriated from
16 the income account to the board three hundred fifty
17 thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) or as much thereof as is
18 necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

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20 (e) Seminoe Shirley Habitat:

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

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2 (ii) Project purpose: restoration of native
3 ecosystems through vegetation management, riparian
4 restoration, fence modification and invasive species
5 control in central Wyoming in order to:

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7 (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule
8 deer, elk, antelope and other species;

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10 (B) Maintain primary migration corridors
11 for native ungulates;

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13 (C) Maintain core population areas for
14 greater sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

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16 (D) Conserve valuable grassland and
17 intermediate shrubland ecotypes.

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19 (iii) Project description: rangeland
20 restoration;

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22 (iv) Total project budget: four million ninety-
23 nine thousand dollars (\$4,099,000.00);

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2 (v) Project grant: the board is authorized to
3 grant to the sponsor eight hundred thousand dollars
4 (\$800,000.00) for the purposes specified in this
5 subsection;

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7 (vi) Appropriation: there is appropriated from
8 the income account to the board eight hundred thousand
9 dollars (\$800,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to
10 carry out the purposes of this subsection.

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12 (f) Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated
13 under this section shall revert to the income account on
14 June 30, 2028.

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

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