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Chapter No.: 71

Prime Sponsor: Barlow

Catch Title: Sage grouse compensatory mitigation-amendments.

Has Report: No

Subject: Authorizing operator-offered mitigation measures for greater sage-grouse.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The Wyoming Greater Sage Grouse Compensatory Mitigation Act establishes a compensatory mitigation credit system to allow for development while avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating impacts to ensure the long-term sustainability of greater sage-grouse populations and habitats.
- This act provides that, for purposes of compensatory mitigation of greater sage-grouse habitats, an operator may perform compensatory mitigation measures in a service area that includes the same or reasonably equivalent property in Wyoming to where the impacts occur and receive credit for those measures.
- The act provides that the operator retains responsibility for the mitigation measures for the entire period of the expected impact and can only delegate the responsibility to a mitigation credit provider if the Board of Land Commissioners approves.
- The act specifies that no person has the right of eminent domain for compensatory mitigation activities.
- The act requires the Board of Land Commissioners to promulgate necessary rules to implement the act.

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