



January 13, 2020

Honorable Eli Bebout  
Honorable Bob Nicholas  
Joint Appropriations Committee  
200 West 24th Street  
Capitol Building, E201  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Re: Fire Borrowing Authority (Letter #12)

Dear Chairman Bebout, Chairman Nicholas and members of the Joint Appropriations Committee,

I request the authority to borrow funds to be used for wildfire fighting efforts in case of depletion of reserves in the Office of State Lands and Investments, Homeland National Disaster Contingency, and the Governor's Office Disaster Contingency budgets.

Wyoming needs to be able to react quickly to fires. The borrowing authority that has been issued in the past is critical in order for the state to respond rapidly to an extreme fire event. I recommend the Legislature continue the Governor's borrowing authority of up to \$20 million from the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account (LSRA).

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mark Gordon  
Governor