

SENATE FILE NO. SF0055

State lands-open space.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Schiffer and Representative(s)
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; authorizing the board of
2 land commissioners to dispose an interest in state land
3 that is less than fee simple; providing criteria for the
4 sales; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-9-101 by creating a new subsection

9 (b) is amended to read:

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11 **36-9-101. Authority; restrictions.**

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13 (b) The board of land commissioners may at any time
14 direct the disposal of an interest that is less than fee
15 simple in state lands subject to any lease thereof, except
16 they may not dispose of grazing and mineral rights. Subject

1 to criteria established by the board, any person may
2 request a partial interest of state land be considered for
3 disposal by the board but a partial interest of land shall
4 only be nominated for disposal by a majority vote of the
5 board. The board may dispose of partial interests of state
6 lands as may appear to be in the best interest of the state
7 of Wyoming. For purposes of this subsection, "dispose" and
8 "disposal" mean sell, trade or exchange, either permanently
9 or for a specified term of years. The board shall not
10 dispose of partial interests of state land unless the board
11 finds the sale shall:

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13 (i) Provide for the conservation of open spaces;

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15 (ii) Preserve crucial wildlife or plant habitat;

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18 (iii) Protect state lands designated pursuant to

19 W.S. 35-11-112(a)(v).

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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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