

SENATE FILE NO. SF0032

Recreation enhancement act of 2002.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and
Cultural Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; authorizing certain
2 activities related to the development and restoration of
3 recreational areas; requiring a report; and providing for
4 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.**

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10 (a) The game and fish commission may rehabilitate or
11 further develop the areas specified in this section. In
12 taking action pursuant to this act the commission shall
13 consult with the Wyoming Business Council, regarding
14 tourist related activities that might be promoted with the
15 rehabilitation or further development of the designated
16 areas. The commission shall also attempt to establish

1 partnerships with public or private entities as deemed
2 beneficial and economically efficient to the further
3 development and rehabilitation of the designated areas.
4 The areas to be initially rehabilitated or further
5 developed under this act, in such manner as determined to
6 be best by the commission are:

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8 (i) Yellowtail wildlife habitat management area:
9 The rehabilitation may include modifying vegetation,
10 rehabilitating and constructing levies, rehabilitating
11 irrigation and water distribution systems and planting food
12 plots desirable for upland game birds, turkeys, deer and
13 nongame species;

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15 (ii) Northeast Wyoming fishing access: The
16 development may include using available water for the
17 development of ponds and fish stocking to provide
18 additional recreational opportunities and that access to
19 these areas shall be available to the public;

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21 (iii) Grayrocks reservoir wildlife management
22 area: The rehabilitation and further development may
23 include additional camping facilities, a nature trail for

1 wildlife viewing and hunting opportunities and associated
2 facilities;

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4 (iv) Whiskey basin wildlife management area:
5 Actions may include repair and upgrade of the conservation
6 camp operated by the department and developing the camp for
7 conservation education, training seminars and bighorn sheep
8 and other wildlife viewing;

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10 (v) Saratoga lake public fishing and wetland
11 area: Rehabilitation may include repair of the dam to
12 enhance the longevity of the fishery. The wetlands area
13 may be further developed to accommodate additional users.
14 Additional facilities shall be developed as necessary.

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16 **Section 2.** The commission shall report to the joint
17 travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural resources interim
18 committee not later than September 1, 2002 regarding
19 expenditures under this act. The report shall contain a
20 summary of plans for further action under this act and
21 identification of additional development needs of the areas
22 identified under section 1 of this act or other areas the
23 commission deems appropriate as potential areas for
24 enhanced recreational opportunities.

