

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0067

Hams Fork state park designation.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Cooper and Senator(s)
Caller and Roberts

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks; designating specified lands
2 in Lincoln county as Hams Fork state park; designating the
3 process for development and operation of the park; and
4 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. 36-8-1401 is created to read:

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10 ARTICLE 14

11 HAMS FORK STATE PARK

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13 36-8-1401. Description and declaration of area as
14 state park; plan for park development and operation.

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1           (a) The federal bureau of land management lands  
2 currently under recreation and public purposes lease  
3 W-81044 to Lincoln county and described as follows are  
4 designated as the Hams Fork state park: In Township 21  
5 North, Range 116 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Section 1, Lots 15, 17, 18,  
6 19 and 20, containing 101.56 acres more or less.

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8           (b) Nothing in this section terminates any lease,  
9 reservation or right-of-way on the lands described in this  
10 section, existing as of January 1, 2004.

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12           (c) The Lincoln county board of commissioners shall  
13 notify the federal bureau of land management of the board's  
14 willingness to transfer or assign the lease described in  
15 subsection (a) of this section on the lands to the Wyoming  
16 department of state parks and cultural resources not later  
17 than June 30, 2004.

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19           (d) The Wyoming parks and cultural resources  
20 commission shall prepare a plan for the development and  
21 operation of the Hams Fork state park. The plan shall be  
22 presented to the joint travel, recreation, wildlife and  
23 cultural resources interim committee no later than the

1 second Tuesday in January, 2005. In developing the plan,  
2 the commission shall:

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4 (i) Consider the plan for the area which was  
5 developed by the national park service, long distance  
6 trails office of Salt Lake City, Utah, in cooperation with  
7 the Kemmerer-Diamondville chamber of commerce, city of  
8 Kemmerer, county of Lincoln and members of the public;

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10 (ii) Evaluate the possibility of park  
11 development and administration by the city of Kemmerer or  
12 the county of Lincoln;

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14 (iii) Consult with the city of Kemmerer, county  
15 of Lincoln and have the full cooperation of the Wyoming  
16 department of transportation in planning access and  
17 directional signs to the park;

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19 (iv) Amend the plan of development for the lease  
20 specified in subsection (a) of this section with the  
21 federal bureau of land management, if necessary.

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23 (e) The department of state parks and cultural  
24 resources and the Wyoming parks and cultural resources

1 commission shall administer and operate the state park  
2 created by this section in accordance with the plan  
3 developed under subsection (d) of this section, unless  
4 otherwise directed by the legislature.

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

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