

SENATE FILE NO. SF0162

Wyoming historic mine trail and byway system.

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

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming historic mine trail and  
2 byway system; establishing the trail and byway system;  
3 creating a commission to develop the system; specifying  
4 commission duties and authorizing compensation; prescribing  
5 a process for system development and establishing advisory  
6 groups to assist with the process; imposing duties upon the  
7 tourism and travel division; providing an appropriation;  
8 and providing for effective dates.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-8-1401 through 36-8-1403 are  
13 created to read:

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ARTICLE 14

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WYOMING HISTORIC MINE TRAIL AND BYWAY SYSTEM

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2           **36-8-1401. Historic mine trail and byway commission;**  
3 **created; membership; legislative advisory members; quorum;**  
4 **compensation.**

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6           (a) The historic mine trail and byway commission is  
7 established and shall consist of the following seven (7)  
8 members:

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10           (i) A member of the Wyoming business council  
11 selected by the council;

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13           (ii) The director of the Wyoming division of  
14 travel and tourism or his designee;

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16           (iii) The director of the Wyoming department of  
17 transportation or his designee;

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19           (iv) The director of the Wyoming department of  
20 environmental quality or his designee;

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22           (v) The director of the Wyoming mining  
23 association or his designee;

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1           (vi) The director of the Wyoming geological  
2 survey or his designee;

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4           (vii) The director of the Wyoming department of  
5 state parks and cultural resources or his designee.

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7           (b) In addition to the members specified under  
8 subsection (a) of this section, the chairman of the Wyoming  
9 senate travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural resources  
10 committee or his designee, and the chairman of the Wyoming  
11 house travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural resources  
12 committee or his designee, shall serve on the commission in  
13 an advisory, nonvoting capacity.

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15           (c) The commission shall elect one (1) of its voting  
16 members to act as chairman, who shall ensure the commission  
17 meets at least once each year on or near July 10, and more  
18 frequently when necessary. Three (3) members shall  
19 constitute a quorum necessary to take official commission  
20 action.

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22           (d) Legislative advisory members of the commission  
23 shall receive salary, per diem and travel in the manner and  
24 amounts specified under W.S. 28-5-101, for attending

1 commission meetings. The commission member representing  
2 the business council shall be paid per diem in accordance  
3 with W.S. 9-12-102(b) when conducting official commission  
4 business.

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6 **36-8-1402. Wyoming historic mine trail and byway**  
7 **system; creation; commission duties and processes for trail**  
8 **and byway development; advisory groups.**

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10 (a) The Wyoming historic mine trail and byway system  
11 is created for purposes of designating and identifying  
12 historic mine locations and trails and byways linking  
13 historic mines within the state, and as such, shall:

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15 (i) Provide a precise history of mineral  
16 development in Wyoming;

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18 (ii) Interpret the role of mining and minerals  
19 in the development of Wyoming's economy;

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21 (iii) Identify and describe Wyoming's mining and  
22 mineral development heritage.

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1           (b) The Wyoming historic mine trail and byway system  
2 shall be established by the commission created under W.S.  
3 36-8-1401 through a process of nominations submitted from  
4 among various public and private sectors within Wyoming  
5 which are knowledgeable of historic mining activities, and  
6 in consultation and coordination with the affected boards  
7 of county commissioners and other local governing bodies  
8 and agencies. The system shall expand upon the first  
9 designated historic mine trail and byway as established by  
10 this subsection, which shall link the gold mines located in  
11 South Pass City, Miners' Delight and Atlantic City,  
12 Wyoming, to the iron mines located near Atlantic City, to  
13 the uranium mines in the Crooks Gap and Gas Hills mining  
14 districts located in Fremont County, Wyoming.

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16           (c) For purposes of subsection (b) of this section,  
17 the commission may organize advisory groups from among  
18 representatives of relevant historical societies operating  
19 in Wyoming, private and public museums operating in  
20 Wyoming, state, city and county libraries and other state  
21 and federal agencies providing background, information and  
22 representation of mining activities on private and  
23 governmental lands within Wyoming. The advisory groups  
24 shall develop nominations for additional segments to the

1 Wyoming historic mine trail and byway system for subsequent  
2 review and determination by the commission. Upon approval  
3 of the commission chairman, advisory members may be  
4 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred for  
5 participation in official advisory group business in the  
6 manner and amounts provided for state employees under W.S.  
7 9-3-102 and 9-3-103.

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9 (d) In addition to subsection (b) of this section,  
10 the commission shall:

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12 (i) Annually determine any additional segments  
13 to the historic mine trail and byway system through the  
14 nomination process established under this section;

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16 (ii) Consult and coordinate trail and byway  
17 development with the appropriate local governmental  
18 entities having jurisdiction over lands and roads involved  
19 in trail and byway designation;

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21 (iii) Through the travel and tourism division,  
22 develop promotional materials supporting the trail and  
23 byway system, including appropriate historical information  
24 describing the trail and byway system, its significance to

1 Wyoming and links to information expanding upon the  
2 historic mining industry;

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4 (iv) Encourage the Wyoming media industry to  
5 provide appropriate recognition of information on the  
6 mining areas of Wyoming, its historical significance,  
7 communities impacted by the industry, activities  
8 surrounding the historic mine trail and byway system and  
9 development of the trail and byway system;

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11 (v) Develop the historic mine trail and byway  
12 system in conjunction with appropriate state and local land  
13 use and health and safety regulations and policies;

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15 (vi) Establish policies governing the trail and  
16 byway system development and nomination process and the  
17 expansion of trail and byway segments.

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19 **36-8-1403. Commission administrative support; annual**  
20 **report.**

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22 (a) The department of state parks and cultural  
23 resources shall provide necessary staffing and

1 administrative support to the commission in carrying out  
2 duties and responsibilities imposed under this article.

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4 (b) The commission shall annually report to the  
5 governor and legislature in the manner provided under W.S.  
6 9-2-1014 on the execution of delegated duties and historic  
7 mine trail and byway development and on the expenditures of  
8 funds appropriated to the commission.

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10 **Section 2.** Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) is  
11 appropriated from the general fund to the Wyoming  
12 department of state parks and cultural resources, to fund  
13 the expenses of the commission and other expenditures  
14 necessary to carry out section 1 of this act during the  
15 period commencing July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006.

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17 **Section 3.** Members of the Wyoming historic mine trail  
18 and byway commission established under W.S. 36-8-1401, as  
19 created under section 1 of this act, shall be determined in  
20 sufficient time to enable a meeting of the commission on or  
21 about July 10, 2005.

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1           **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2005, except  
2 for section 3 of this act which is effective immediately  
3 upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become  
4 law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
5 Constitution.

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