

SENATE FILE NO. SF0028

Federal natural resource management coordinator.

Sponsored by: Select Federal Natural Resource Management
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to administration of the government;
2 authorizing a position within the governor's office;
3 specifying duties for the newly authorized position;
4 repealing the existing coordinator of state-federal
5 relations position; providing an appropriation; and
6 providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-1-225 is created to read:

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12 **9-1-225. Federal natural resource management**
13 **coordinator; duties.**

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1 (a) The governor shall employ a federal natural
2 resource management coordinator with the annual advice and
3 consent of the senate, in accordance with W.S. 28-12-101
4 through 28-12-103. The coordinator shall serve a term of
5 four (4) years and shall serve at the pleasure of the
6 governor. If a vacancy occurs, the governor shall appoint a
7 successor in accordance with W.S. 28-12-101(b).

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9 (b) The coordinator shall:

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11 (i) Review all federal legislative and
12 administrative acts for impacts to Wyoming's federal
13 natural resource interests;

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15 (ii) Coordinate with the office of state lands
16 and investments and the board of land commissioners to
17 explore land exchanges between the state and federal
18 government;

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20 (iii) Coordinate with all state departments,
21 boards, commissions and agencies, the legislature and local
22 governments to protect the state from federal government

1 overreach into state and local federal natural resource
2 interests;

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4 (iv) Administer an incentive program that shall
5 incentivize employees of the state who protect the state's
6 federal natural resource interests from federal overreach.
7 The incentive program may include bonuses or promotions for
8 participating state employees with the approval of the
9 governor in consultation with the affected agency director;

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11 (v) Recruit and, if funding is available, offer
12 signing bonuses to state employees who are hired directly
13 from federal land management agencies;

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15 (vi) Carry out all duties the governor assigns
16 pertaining to protecting Wyoming's federal natural resource
17 interests against federal government overreach.

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19 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-1-209 is repealed.

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21 **Section 3.**

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1 (a) The office of the governor is authorized one (1)
2 full-time position to fill the federal natural resource
3 management coordinator position required by this act.

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5 (b) There is appropriated ten million dollars
6 (\$10,000,000.00) from the general fund to the office of the
7 governor for purposes of funding the position authorized by
8 subsection (a) of this section and for implementing this
9 act for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June
10 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or
11 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
12 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation on June
13 30, 2026 shall revert as provided by law.

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15 (c) It is the intent of the legislature that the
16 position authorized in subsection (a) of this section and
17 the appropriation for that position be included in the
18 standard budget for the office of the governor for the
19 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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21 **Section 4.** On or after July 1, 2024 the governor
22 shall employ a federal natural resource management
23 coordinator in accordance with W.S. 28-12-101 through

1 28-12-103. The federal natural resource management
2 coordinator's first term shall commence after senate
3 confirmation during the 2025 general legislative session.

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5 **Section 5.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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