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HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Federal land management collaborative advisory committee.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to public lands; creating the federal land management collaborative advisory committee; providing for membership; specifying duties; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

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STAFF COMMENT

This bill draft was requested by the Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Interim Committee as a starting point for the discussion on a state-led approach to collaborative public lands

management. The bill draft has not been through the complete LSO internal review process and technical or substantive changes may be required.
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Section 1. W.S. 9-23-101 and 9-23-102 are created to read:

CHAPTER 23

FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT COLLABORATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

9-23-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this chapter:

(i) "Advisory committee" means the federal land management collaborative advisory committee created under this chapter;

(ii) "Federal lands" means federally owned and managed lands within the boundaries of Wyoming, except:

(A) The following national parks and other areas:

(I) Yellowstone National Park;

(II) Grand Teton National Park;

(III) John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway;

(IV) Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area;

(V) Devils Tower National Monument;

(VI) Fort Laramie National Historic Site;

(VII) Fossil Butte National Monument.

(B) Any other lands within the boundaries of Wyoming that are managed by the United States as a national park or designated national monument;

(C) Real property owned by the United States if the property is within the boundaries of a municipality;

(D) Lands managed or owned by any branch of the United States military or the United States department of energy;

(E) Lands, including water rights, belonging to an Indian tribe, band, community or individual that is held in trust by the United States or is subject to a restriction against alienation imposed by the United States.

9-23-102. Federal land management collaborative advisory committee created; membership; duties.

(a) There is created the federal land management collaborative advisory committee that shall consist of members appointed by the governor as provided in this subsection and members of the legislature as provided in subsection (b) of this section. Members of the advisory committee appointed pursuant to this subsection shall serve staggered terms of four (4) years. The initial terms of

the members of the advisory committee shall be one (1) year for one-fourth (1/4) of the members, two (2) years for one-fourth (1/4) of the members, three (3) years for one-fourth (1/4) of the members and four (4) years for one-fourth (1/4) of the members. As terms of initial advisory committee members expire, the governor shall appoint or reappoint members to a four (4) year term. The advisory committee members appointed by the governor shall consist of the following members:

(i) Not less than two (2) members representing each of the following interests:

(A) Agriculture;

(B) Mining;

(C) Oil and gas industry;

(D) Conservation or sportsmen's groups;

(E) County government.

(ii) Not less than one (1) member representing each of the following agencies:

(A) Wyoming office of state lands and investments;

(B) Wyoming department of agriculture;

(C) Wyoming department of environmental quality;

(D) Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust fund board;

(E) Wyoming oil and gas conservation commission;

(F) Wyoming game and fish commission.

(b) The advisory committee shall include one (1) member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house and one (1) member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(c) The governor may remove any member appointed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section as provided in W.S. 9-1-202.

(d) The governor shall appoint a chairman and other officers deemed necessary from among the members. The advisory committee may meet as often as deemed necessary by a majority of the advisory committee or at the request of the chairman or the governor.

(e) The advisory committee shall seek cooperation and participation from federal land management agencies in carrying out its duties.

(f) The advisory committee shall review data and receive testimony on any federal land management issue deemed important to the state of Wyoming by the advisory committee.

(g) The advisory committee shall make recommendations to the governor and the legislature regarding actions and

legislation necessary to assist with or accommodate management of federal land.

(h) The governor shall provide an executive secretary to the advisory committee and shall provide staff and other support to the advisory committee as required to fulfill its duties under this act. The advisory committee shall, where appropriate and authorized by the governor, make use of the services and facilities of other departments, boards, commissions and agencies of the state of Wyoming.

(j) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, members shall serve without salary but may, at the governor's discretion, receive per diem and mileage for attending meetings in the manner and amounts provided by law for state employees. Members who are government employees or public officials shall be considered on official business of their agency when performing duties as members of the advisory committee. Legislative members shall be paid salary, per diem and mileage as provided in W.S. 28-5-101 when performing duties as members of the advisory committee.

Section 2. There is appropriated ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for the payment of salary, per diem and mileage for legislative members of the federal land management collaborative advisory committee. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall not revert until further action of the legislature.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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