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# **APPENDICIES**

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## **Wyoming Public Television**

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# Appendix A

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## Selected Statutes

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### Wyoming Community College Commission

#### **21-18-105. Budget authority.**

(a) The community college commission shall include in its budget request funding for Wyoming public television.

#### **21-18-202. Powers and duties of the commission.**

(a) The commission shall perform the following general functions:

(i) Advocate community college education to the office of the governor, the legislature, the University of Wyoming, public education agencies, the business sector and other appropriate entities;

(ii) Establish tuition rates for the community colleges;

(iii) Establish residency requirements;

(iv) Maintain an administrative computing system contract and Internet or similar proprietary or common carrier electronic system access for members of the system.

(g) All decision making authority related to the operation of the community colleges which is not specifically granted to the commission by statute shall be reserved to the local boards.

#### **21-18-203. Budget procedure.**

(a) In collaboration with the boards of the community colleges the commission shall submit state appropriation requests on behalf of the community college system. The requests shall be made upon forms and in a format to be determined by the budget division of the department of administration and information.

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## Department of Administration and Information

### 9-2-1026.1. Duties performed through information technology division.

(a) In addition to other duties prescribed by law, the department through the information technology division shall:

- (i) Establish and promulgate rules and regulations governing the use and funding of telecommunications services, equipment, software and networks;
- (ii) In consultation with state agencies including state and educational institutions and the state telecommunications council, develop recommendations for a current and long-range telecommunications transport service plan for state government and higher education involving telephone, radio, microwave, facsimile, closed circuit television, teleconferencing, interactive educational training, public radio, public television, data communications, transmission circuits, fiberoptics, satellites and cellular radio and the integration of these mediums into applicable telecommunications networks. The plan shall be submitted to the governor and director of the department for approval;
- (iii) Administer the approved current and long-range plan for telecommunications and coordinate the telecommunications transport service network;
- (iv) Review all existing and future telecommunications planning, networks, systems and programs and recommend priorities therefor in accordance with the purposes of this section and W.S. 9-2-1026.2;
- (v) As appropriate, coordinate the acquisition of compatible telecommunications equipment, software and licensure for telecommunications transport service networks with all agencies including state and educational institutions;
- (vi) Subject to exceptions provided under subsection (b) of this section, establish telecommunications procedures, standards and records for management of telecommunications transport service networks and facilities for all agencies including state and educational institutions;
- (vii) Review, assess and insure compliance with federal and state telecommunications regulations governing the needs and functions of agencies and state and educational institutions for telecommunication transport services;
- (viii) Advise the governor and the legislature on telecommunications matters;

- (ix) Provide telecommunications services including billing, installation and repair of telephone services including interstate and intrastate long distance, to agencies, state and educational institutions and local governmental entities as appropriate;
  - (x) Represent the needs and interests of telecommunications users of the state in proceedings before the Wyoming public service commission, the federal communications commission and other governmental regulatory agencies as appropriate;
  - (xi) Coordinate telecommunications network training;
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section:
- (i) The director of the Wyoming department of transportation and the colonel of the Wyoming highway patrol shall administer and control the operation, maintenance and conduct of the two-way, land based mobile and related facilities for the law enforcement and maintenance radio-microwave systems specifically provided by the department and patrol and performed by radio technicians, dispatchers and telephone operators. The department shall provide and accommodate agency and institutional service needs as approved jointly by the telecommunications division and the department and as agency and institutional budgets allow;
  - (v) Any public broadcasting service operating in the state shall be responsible for its operational services and federal licensing. The information technology division shall assist in the coordination of any required statewide telecommunications transport services as appropriate;

### **Wyoming Department of Transportation**

**24-2-101. Department and commission created; qualifications; appointment; term; removal; compensation; location of offices; power to bring civil actions; official seal.**

- (a) There is created a department of transportation to consist of a transportation commission and a director of the department of transportation. The commission shall consist of seven (7) commissioners, not all of whom shall be registered in the same political party. They shall biennially elect their chairman on or after the first day of March. The commissioners shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and each shall serve for a term of six (6) years. The terms of all commissioners appointed after the effective date of this section shall terminate on the last day of February of the sixth year of the term

regardless of the date of the beginning of the term. The governor may remove any commissioner as provided in W.S. 9-1-202.

**24-2-102. General powers; power of eminent domain limited.**

(a) To construct, maintain and supervise the public highways of this state, the department of transportation is authorized to:

(i) Acquire, hold and manage real property in the name of the transportation commission and to develop, improve, operate and maintain the same for any necessary public purpose. Lands acquired for rights-of-way for highways may be up to three hundred (300) feet wide and greater where extra width is necessary for:

(ii) Sell, exchange, abandon, relinquish or otherwise dispose of real property including land, water and improvements for any necessary purpose in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the transportation commission, provided that disposition of water rights shall be in accordance with law.

(b) The commission shall not acquire property by eminent domain except for highway rights-of-way as specified by subparagraphs (a)(i)(A) through (F) of this section and only if the property for those purposes is immediately adjacent to the highway right-of-way.

**24-2-114. State agency law enforcement communications system; department duties and responsibilities.**

(a) The department of transportation shall:

(i) Maintain, install, operate and dispatch the state agency law enforcement communications system as defined by W.S. 9-2-1101(b), subject to the supervision of the director of telecommunications as provided by W.S. 9-2-1026.1;

(ii) Supervise personnel and budget funds necessary for the maintenance, installation, operation and dispatching of the state agency law enforcement communications system; and

(iii) Provide technical assistance and advice as requested by the law enforcement communications commission and by the state [law enforcement] radio communications consultant.

(b) The budget for maintenance, operation and dispatching of the state agency law enforcement communications system shall be approved by the director of the department of

transportation and by the legislature. (Laws 1980, ch.68, section 1; 1991, ch.29, section 3; ch. 241, section 3; Laws 1997, ch. 178, section 1)

### **State Agency Law Enforcement Communications System (SALECS)**

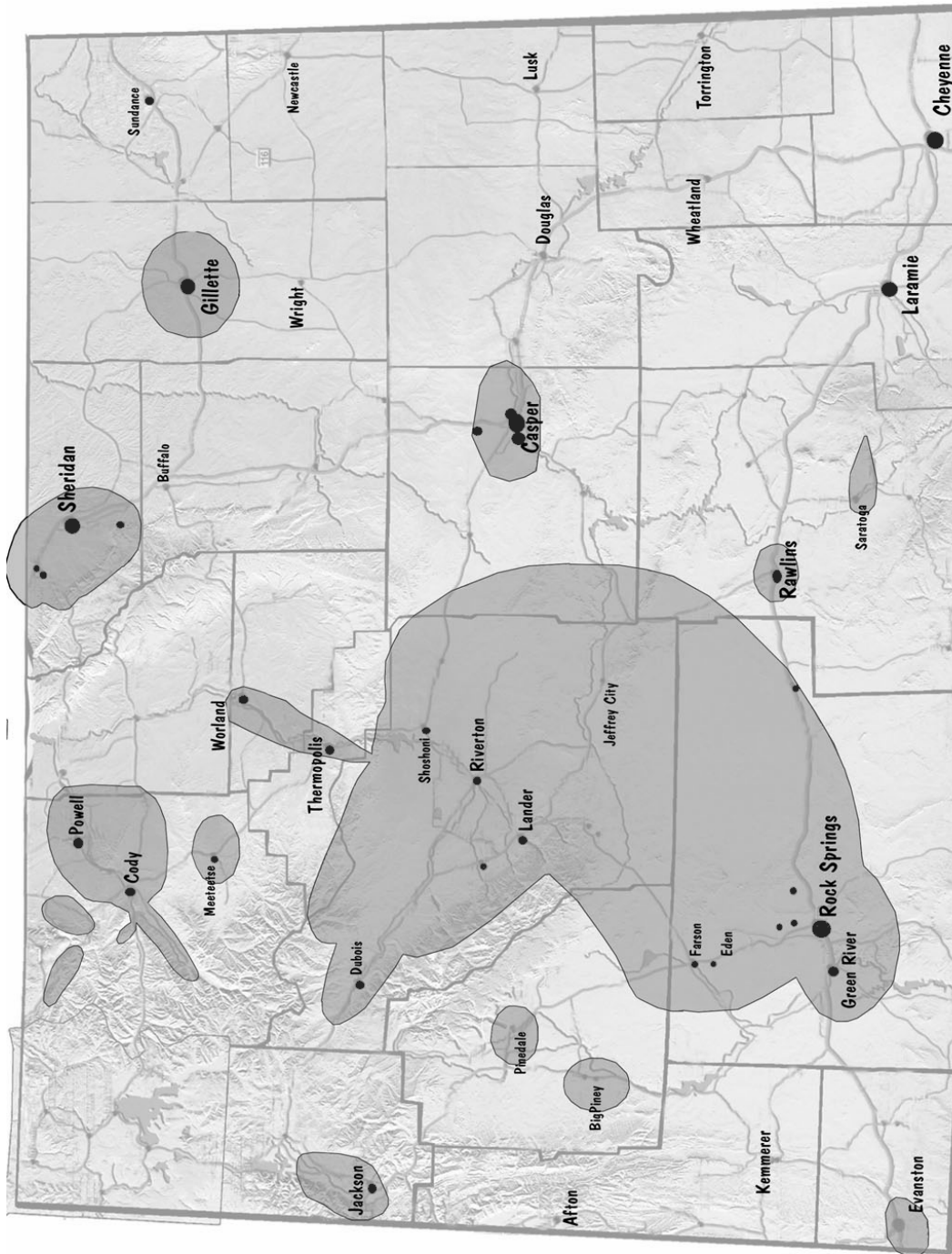
#### **9-2-1101. Commission; created; "system" defined.**

(a) The law enforcement communications commission is created.

(b) As used in W.S. 9-2-1101 through 9-2-1104, "system" means the highband radio communications network providing regional and statewide radio communications capabilities to the Wyoming game and fish department, the Wyoming livestock board, the Wyoming highway patrol, the division of criminal investigation, office of the attorney general and other state agencies employing peace officers enumerated in W.S. 6-1-104(a)(vi)(C) through (F) and approved for participation by the communications commission and if desired, to county, municipal and federal law enforcement agencies.

# Appendix B

## WPTV Coverage Map



Shaded areas indicate WPTV coverage over the air  
Black circles (dots) indicate WPTV coverage by cable.

Source: WPTV

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# Appendix C

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## Recent Local Programming Produced by WPTV

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### Documentaries

*Resettling the West: Mexicans in Wyoming*  
*No Rite of Passage*  
*Compass West*  
*Marching to Pasadena*  
*Wyoming's War on Methamphetamines*  
*Dude Ranch Days*  
*Foster Care in Wyoming*  
*Climbing the Mountain: 15 Year Anniversary of Wyoming Public TV*  
*You Can Afford College*  
*Tales of the Frontier*

### Politics

*Election Minutes*  
*Meet the Candidates*  
*Election Debates*  
*Wyoming's Citizen Legislature*  
*Election 1998*  
*Wyoming Legislative Week in Review*  
*Governor's Town Meeting on Education*

### Other

*A New Day in Court*  
*Wyoming Weekly Special Edition: Domestic Violence*  
*NASA Connect*  
*CWC Classes for post-secondary instruction*  
*Science Odyssey Outreach*

### Series

*EGG: An Art Show – Wyoming Artists Wyoming Weekly*  
*Paying for College*  
*State Lands: Issue of Diversity (Part of the MAIN STREET, WYOMING Series)*

### Forums

*Forum: Live follow-up program to "Wyoming's War on Meth"*  
*Forum: Prostate Cancer: A Journey Cadillac Desert – Wyoming Water Forums*





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## Appendix D

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### WPTV Expenditures, 1996 – 2000

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Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
State	\$555,336	\$438,594	\$535,008	\$510,949	\$525,861
Federal	\$236,616	\$265,631	\$379,884	\$330,126	\$579,509
Private	\$246,943	\$241,275	\$214,238	\$270,302	\$126,651
Other*	\$24,765	\$37,141	\$29,829	\$0	\$9,740
Total	\$1,063,660	\$982,641	\$1,158,959	\$1,111,377	\$1,241,761

Source: WPTV Financial Audits, 1996-2000; LSO Budget Documents, Session Laws

*\*Includes Other In-Kind Contributions. Does not include in-kind contribution from Central Wyoming College*

# Appendix E

## Comparison of WPTV with Other State Networks

	Wyoming	Montana	Idaho	North Dakota
<b>% of State Served By Population</b>	86%	40%	97%	100%
<b># of Transmitters (or Licensed Stations)</b>	1	2	5	7
<b>Type of License</b>	University	University	State	Community
<b>License Holder</b>	Central Wyoming College	Montana State Univ. & University of Montana	Idaho State Board of Education (SBOE)	Prairie Public Broadcasting (PPB)
<b>Governing Board</b>	Central Wyoming College	University Board of Regents	SBOE	Board of Directors of PPB
<b># of Staff/Total</b>	11	30 FTEs	56 (Majority in Boise)	72 FTEs (Includes Public Radio Staff)
<b>2003 FCC Deadline</b>	Yes (Depending on Funding)	Yes	Yes (With 4 Stations)	Yes (With 3 Stations)

		<b>Wyoming</b>	<b>Montana</b>	<b>Idaho</b>	<b>North Dakota</b>
<b>2006 FCC Deadline</b>		Unknown	Yes	Yes	No (At Least 2008)
<b>Total Budget Fiscal Year 2001</b>		\$1.1 Million	\$2 Million	\$5.6 Million (Operating Budget Only)	\$4 Million
<b>Funding Breakdown</b>					
	<b>Federal</b>	39%	25%	15%	16%
	<b>State</b>	44%	35%	28%	19%
	<b>Private (Donations)</b>	17%	26%	57%	40%
	<b>Sponsors (Under-writing.)</b>		4%		10%
	<b>Other</b>	Less than 1%	10%	N/A	15% (Miscellaneous Production Grants and Funding)
<b>Offer Telecourses?</b>		Yes	No	Yes	No

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# Appendix F

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## WPTV Budget Request, 2003-2004 Biennium

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	<b>Actual Expenditures 1999-2000</b>	<b>Standard Budget</b>	<b>Exception Request</b>	<b>Total Agency Request</b>	<b>Executive Recommendation</b>
<b>General Funds</b>	\$1,001,967	\$1,015,303	\$1,780,585	\$2,795,888	\$2,795,888

### **Standard Budget**

WPTV is requesting state general fund support of the station in the 2003-04 Biennium. There is no change in the Standard Budget Request over the previous biennium.

### **Exception Budget Request**

WPTV is requesting an additional \$1,790,585 to continue the digital conversion.

### **Governor's Recommendation**

Governor recommends approval of standard budget request as submitted.

Governor recommends funding of exception request from the Budget Reserve Account.

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# Appendix G

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## Methodology

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### Methodology

This evaluation was conducted according to statutory requirements and professional standards and methods for governmental audits. The research was conducted from August 2001 through November 2001.

In order to compile basic information about WPTV we reviewed relevant statutes, statutory history, annual reports, budget documents, strategic plans, previous studies, as well as additional internal documents. We toured WPTV facilities in Riverton, and we also interviewed the former and current general managers of WPTV along with key staff members. In addition, we interviewed key staff and a member of the Community College Commission as well as the president of Central Wyoming College and a member of its board of trustees.

We reviewed both the 2000 and 2001 *Community College System Annual Strategic Plan Report*. In these reports the Community College Commission collects information related to WPTV mission, goals and objectives. We relied on this information to determine whether or not WPTV was accomplishing parts of its mission. Additionally, we used WPTV coverage information in conjunction with 2000 census data by zip-code to calculate how many residents have access to WPTV.

To gain a broader perspective of public television we reviewed relevant federal codes, rules and regulations. We also obtained information from national organizations related to public television such as the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Public Broadcasting System. Additionally, we obtained information from other states and interviewed various officials from other states with knowledge of public television.