

SENATE FILE NO. SF0086

Carissa Gold Mine-purchase.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Peck, Case, Massie and Roberts
and Representative(s) Philp, Robinson and
Tipton

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public lands; authorizing the purchase
2 of the Carissa gold mine as specified; providing repealers
3 and corresponding appropriation as specified; requiring a
4 safety investigation as specified; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-8-501 by creating a new subsection
10 (b) is amended to read:

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12 **36-8-501. Powers generally.**

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14 (b) The department of state parks and cultural
15 resources is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase in
16 the name of the state of Wyoming the following lands in

1 Fremont county containing approximately 216.46 acres which
2 are hereby declared to be part of the Old South Pass
3 Historical Preserve-Wyoming:

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5 (i) In township 29 north, range 100 west, 6th
6 p.m., SE1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 of section 20;
7 W1/2 SW1/4 NW1/4 of section 21; E1/2 SW1/4 NW1/4 of section
8 21; and W1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of section 21.

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10 **Section 2.**

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12 (a) 1996 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 1, Section
13 305(c) is repealed.

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15 (b) 1986 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 81, Section 4
16 is repealed.

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18 (c) W.S. 1-42-104(a) is repealed.

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20 (d) Of the funds de-appropriated under this section,
21 three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$325,000.00) is
22 appropriated to the department of state parks and cultural
23 resources for the purposes of this act. The remainder of

1 the funds de-appropriated shall be transferred by the state
2 auditor to the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund.

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4 (e) In the event insufficient funds are available
5 under subsection (d) of this section, then and only then,
6 three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$325,000.00) is
7 appropriated from the Carey Act account pursuant to W.S.
8 9-4-311 to the department of state parks and cultural
9 resources for the purposes of this act.

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11 **Section 3.** The department of environmental quality
12 shall investigate the potential use of monies from the
13 abandoned mine land fund to restore the Carissa gold mine
14 property to acceptable levels of public safety. The
15 department shall report its findings including the costs of
16 restoration and any recommendations to the joint travel,
17 recreation, wildlife and cultural resources interim
18 committee and the Wyoming parks and cultural resources
19 commission not later than December 1, 2003. If the Wyoming
20 parks and cultural resources commission concludes the cost
21 of reclamation to be unreasonable in its sound discretion,
22 the commission may consider the resale of the property. All
23 proceeds from any resale of the property shall revert to
24 the general fund.

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Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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