

ENROLLED ACT NO. 77, SENATE

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2003 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to public lands; authorizing the purchase of the Carissa gold mine as specified; providing an appropriation as specified; requiring an investigation and other review as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

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

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

(b) Upon approval by the governor, the department of state parks and cultural resources may purchase in the name of the state of Wyoming the following real property, unless the Carissa gold mine has created unacceptable economical environmental impacts as shown by the department of environmental quality investigation and determined by the governor, in Fremont county containing approximately 216.46 acres which are hereby declared to be part of the Old South Pass Historical Preserve-Wyoming:

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

**Section 2.** Three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$325,000.00) is appropriated from the Carey Act account pursuant to W.S. 9-4-311 to the department of state parks and cultural resources for the purposes of this act.

**Section 3.**

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(a) The department of environmental quality shall investigate the potential use of monies from the abandoned mine land fund to restore the Carissa gold mine property to acceptable levels of public safety. The department shall investigate the environmental impact the mine has had in the past and request copies of environmental investigation documents, if any, in the possession of the owner. The department shall report its findings including the costs of restoration and any recommendations to the governor, the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee and the Wyoming parks and cultural resources commission not later than December 1, 2003.

(b) Prior to purchasing the real property as authorized by this act, the department of state parks and cultural resources shall have a title search, including mineral interests, conducted for the real property. The department shall report its findings on the title search to the governor not later than September 1, 2003. The report shall include whether the proposed purchase of the Carissa gold mine real property will provide clear title to the real property, including all mineral interests. The department shall obtain a title commitment on the real property and purchase title insurance.

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

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk