

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0238

Hams Fork Equestrian state park designation.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Cooper and Luthi and
Senator(s) Caller and Roberts

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks; designating specified lands
2 in Lincoln county as Hams Fork Equestrian state park;
3 designating the process to prepare a plan for development
4 and operation of the park; and providing for an effective
5 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. 36-8-1301 is created to read:

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ARTICLE 13

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HAMS FORK EQUESTRIAN STATE PARK

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14 **36-8-1301. Description and declaration of area as**
15 **state park; plan for park development and operation.**

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1 (a) The federal bureau of land management lands
2 currently under a recreation and public purposes (R&PP)
3 lease W-81044 to Lincoln county and described as follows
4 are designated as the Hams Fork Equestrian state park: In
5 Township 21 North, Range 116 West, 6th P.M., Section 1, Lots
6 15, 17, 18, 19 and 20, containing 101.56 acres more or
7 less.

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9 (b) Nothing in this section terminates any lease,
10 reservation or right-of-way on the lands described in this
11 section, existing as of January 1, 2003.

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13 (c) The Lincoln county board of commissioners shall
14 notify the federal bureau of land management of the board's
15 willingness to transfer or assign the lease described in
16 subsection (a) of this section on the lands to the Wyoming
17 department of state parks and cultural resources not later
18 than June 30, 2003.

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20 (d) The Wyoming parks and cultural resources
21 commission shall prepare a plan for the development and
22 operation of the Hams Fork Equestrian state park. The plan
23 shall be presented to the joint travel, recreation,
24 wildlife and cultural resources interim committee no later

1 than the second Tuesday in January, 2004. In developing
2 the plan, the commission shall:

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4 (i) Consider the plan for the area which was
5 developed by the national park service, long distance
6 trails office of Salt Lake City, Utah, in cooperation with
7 the Kemmerer-Diamondville chamber of commerce, city of
8 Kemmerer, county of Lincoln and members of the public;

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10 (ii) Evaluate the possibility of park
11 development and administration by the city of Kemmerer or
12 the county of Lincoln;

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14 (iii) Consult with the city of Kemmerer, county
15 of Lincoln and have the full cooperation of the Wyoming
16 department of transportation in planning access and
17 directional signs to the park;

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19 (iv) Amend the plan of development for the lease
20 specified in subsection (a) of this section with the
21 federal bureau of land management, if necessary.

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23 (e) The department of state parks and cultural
24 resources and the Wyoming parks and cultural resources

1 commission shall administer and operate the state park
2 created by this section in accordance with the plan
3 developed under subsection (d) of this section, unless
4 otherwise directed by the legislature.

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6 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
7 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
8 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
9 Constitution.

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