

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0026

Bark beetle-program funding.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; authorizing expenditures  
2 for bark beetle mitigation projects; specifying  
3 requirements for the expenditure of funds; and providing  
4 for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-1-402 by creating a new subsection  
9 (e) is amended to read:

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11 **36-1-402. Emergency fire suppression account;**  
12 **creation; investment of funds; authorized expenditures.**

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14 (e) In addition to expenditures made out of the  
15 emergency fire suppression account pursuant to subsection

1 (c) of this section, up to five hundred thousand dollars  
2 (\$500,000.00) may be expended from the account by the  
3 division each fiscal year for bark beetle mitigation  
4 projects. Any expenditures under this subsection are  
5 subject to the availability of funds in the account and  
6 shall only be expended on or after July 1 of each fiscal  
7 year and upon approval of the governor. These funds may be  
8 expended for bark beetle mitigation on private, state or  
9 federal lands pursuant to memoranda of agreement entered  
10 into by the division and any appropriate local, state or  
11 federal agency.

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

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