

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0003

Public lands-constitutional amendment.

Sponsored by: Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution to provide for the management of and public
3 access to lands granted by the federal government to the
4 state after January 1, 2019.

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6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,
7 two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting
8 separately, concurring therein:

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10 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
11 Constitution, Article 18 by creating a new Section 7 is
12 proposed for submission to the electors of the State of
13 Wyoming at the next general election for approval or
14 rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if
15 ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

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1 **Article 18, Section 7. Public lands management and**
2 **access.**

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4 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
5 constitution and when in accordance with the purposes of a
6 grant of land to the state of Wyoming from the United
7 States, lands granted to the state after January 1, 2019
8 shall be managed for public access and for multiple use and
9 sustained yield.

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11 (b) The legislature may provide for the exchange of
12 state lands acquired pursuant to subsection (a) of this
13 section. The legislature shall ensure that any exchanges of
14 lands acquired pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
15 collectively cause no more than a de minimis loss or gain
16 in value of the state lands within any county. Other than
17 the powers expressly granted within this subsection, the
18 state shall have no power to dispose or sell the lands
19 acquired pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, except
20 for exigent circumstances associated with public health and
21 welfare or to public entities for public purposes.

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1 (c) Any lands acquired pursuant to subsection (a) of
2 this section or pursuant to any exchange pursuant to
3 subsection (b) of this section shall be managed to maintain
4 or increase public access to those lands.

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6 (d) This section shall not apply to any land within
7 the boundaries of a designated national park, designated
8 national monument or wilderness area designated under the
9 national wilderness preservation system.

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11 (e) As used in this section:

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13 (i) "Multiple use" means the management of the
14 land in a combination of balanced and diverse resource uses
15 that takes into account the long-term needs for renewable
16 and nonrenewable resources, including but not limited to
17 recreation, range, timber, minerals, watershed, wildlife
18 and fish, natural, scenic, scientific and historical
19 values, and the coordinated management of the resources
20 without permanent impairment of the productivity of the
21 land or the quality of the environment;

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1 (ii) "Sustained yield" means the maintenance of
2 a high-level annual or regular periodic output of the
3 various renewable resources of the state lands consistent
4 with multiple use.

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6 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State shall endorse
7 the following statement on the proposed amendment:

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9 The adoption of this amendment would require lands granted
10 to the state from the federal government after January 1,
11 2019 to be managed to maintain or increase public access
12 and for multiple use and sustained yield. The lands may be
13 exchanged, however, no net loss or net gain in value of the
14 lands within any county would be allowed. The lands may not
15 be sold, except for public purposes.

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