

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0056

Good neighbor authority revolving account.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lindholm, Blake, Clausen,
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and Senator(s) Boner, Driskill and Moniz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; creating the Wyoming state
2 forestry good neighbor authority revolving account;
3 providing for administration of the account; authorizing
4 additional employees; and providing 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. 36-1-501 through 36-1-503 is created
9 to read:

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ARTICLE 5

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WYOMING STATE FORESTRY GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY REVOLVING

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ACCOUNT

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36-1-501. Definitions.

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2 (a) As used in this article:

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4 (i) "Division" means the Wyoming state forestry
5 division of the office of state lands and investments;

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7 (ii) "Good neighbor authority" means an
8 agreement between the division, the bureau of land
9 management and the United States forest service to allow
10 the state to perform forestry services on bureau of land
11 management and forest service lands as specified in the
12 agreement;

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14 (iii) "Wyoming state forestry good neighbor
15 authority revolving account" or "account" means the account
16 created by W.S. 36-1-502.

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18 **36-1-502. Wyoming state forestry good neighbor**
19 **authority revolving account; creation; investment of funds;**
20 **authorized expenditures.**

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22 (a) There is created the Wyoming state forestry good
23 neighbor authority revolving account. The account shall

1 include all legislative appropriations, federal funds,
2 county funds, partner funds, funds generated from good
3 neighbor authority projects or other federally funded
4 cooperative forest management projects and all income from
5 investments of monies in the account. If a contract is
6 entered into pursuant to W.S. 36-1-503(a)(iii), funds in
7 the account may be expanded on good neighbor authority
8 projects prior to receipt of federal fund reimbursements.
9 Funds deposited into the account are continuously
10 appropriated to the state forester to be expended only as
11 provided in this section. Unless otherwise specifically
12 provided, appropriations to the account shall not lapse or
13 revert at the end of any fiscal period.

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15 (b) Upon written approval of the state forester,
16 expenditures shall be made out of the account for good
17 neighbor authority projects or other cooperative forest
18 management projects.

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20 **36-1-503. Powers and duties of state forester.**

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22 (a) The state forester shall:

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1 (i) Administer the account;

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3 (ii) Ensure that all funds generated from good
4 neighbor authority projects or other federally funded
5 cooperative forest management projects are deposited in the
6 account;

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8 (iii) Enter into contracts on behalf of the
9 division for good neighbor authority projects or other
10 federally funded cooperative forest management projects
11 funded through the account;

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13 (iv) Adopt rules governing the administration of
14 the account and to carry out the purposes of this article;

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16 (v) Have the authority to partner with one (1)
17 or more counties on good neighbor authority projects or
18 other cooperative forest management projects and disburse
19 funds from the account for these purposes.

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21 (b) The state forester may hire additional employees
22 as necessary to conduct good neighbor authority projects or
23 other federally funded cooperative forest management

1 projects funded through the account. Employees hired under
2 this subsection shall be funded using federal funds
3 deposited in the account. The state forester shall not fill
4 more than one (1) full-time employee position and four (4)
5 at-will employee contract positions under this subsection.

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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