

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. HB0056

ENROLLED ACT NO. 72, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2020 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to state lands; creating the Wyoming state forestry good neighbor authority revolving account; providing for administration of the account; authorizing additional employees; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 36-1-501 through 36-1-503 is created to read:

ARTICLE 5
WYOMING STATE FORESTRY GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY REVOLVING
ACCOUNT

36-1-501. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) The state forester shall:

(i) Administer the account;

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

(iii) Enter into contracts on behalf of the division for good neighbor authority projects or other

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federally funded cooperative forest management projects funded through the account;

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

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

(b) The state forester may hire additional employees as necessary to conduct good neighbor authority projects or other federally funded cooperative forest management projects funded through the account. Employees hired under this subsection shall be funded using federal funds deposited in the account. The state forester shall not fill more than one (1) full-time employee position and four (4) at-will employee contract positions under this subsection.

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk