

SENATE FILE NO. SF0112

2020 large project funding.

Sponsored by: Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural
 2 Resource Funding Act; providing for funding of large
 3 projects under that act; authorizing the additional grant
 4 of funds for a large project; specifying projects approved
 5 for funding in 2020; authorizing distributions from the
 6 Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust income account
 7 for approved projects; providing for reversion of funds;
 8 and providing for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.**

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14 (a) As used in this section:

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1 (i) "Board" means the Wyoming wildlife and
2 natural resource trust account board created by W.S.
3 9-15-104;

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5 (ii) "Income account" means the Wyoming wildlife
6 and natural resource trust income account created by W.S.
7 9-15-103(b).

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9 (b) Pursuant to the authority granted under W.S.
10 9-15-104(k) and subject to each recipient's certification
11 under W.S. 9-15-103(r), authorization is granted for
12 funding of the large projects provided for in subsections
13 (c) through (e) of this section.

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15 (c) Sublette Cheatgrass II:

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17 (i) Project sponsor: Sublette County Weed and
18 Pest District;

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20 (ii) Project purpose: Chemical, mechanical and
21 other treatments of noxious Bromus species on approximately
22 one hundred eighty thousand (180,000) acres in Sublette
23 county in order to:

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2 (A) Improve habitats for native wildlife
3 species;

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5 (B) Reduce and eliminate the potential for
6 catastrophic wildfires;

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8 (C) Improve habitats for greater sage-grouse
9 in core population areas;

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11 (D) Enhance rangelands for livestock use.

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13 (iii) Project description: Invasive species
14 elimination;

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16 (iv) Total project budget: Two million four
17 hundred sixty-five thousand five hundred ninety-five
18 dollars (\$2,465,595.00);

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20 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to
21 grant two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) to the
22 sponsor for the purposes specified in this subsection;

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1 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
2 the income account to the board two hundred thousand
3 dollars (\$200,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to
4 carry out the purposes of this subsection.

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6 (d) Sheridan Invasive Grasses II:

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8 (i) Project sponsor: Sheridan County Weed and
9 Pest District;

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11 (ii) Project purpose: Chemical, mechanical and
12 other treatments of noxious Medusahead and Ventenata
13 species on approximately forty-four thousand (44,000) acres
14 in Sheridan county in order to:

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16 (A) Improve habitats for native wildlife
17 species;

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19 (B) Reduce and eliminate the potential for
20 catastrophic wildfires;

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22 (C) Reduce or eliminate the potential spread
23 of highly invasive grass species;

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(D) Enhance rangelands for livestock use.

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(iii) Project description: Invasive species
elimination;

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(iv) Total project budget: One million five
hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$1,555,000.00);

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(v) Project grant: The board is authorized to
grant four hundred forty-six thousand dollars (\$446,000.00)
to the sponsor for the purposes specified in this
subsection;

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(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
the income account to the board four hundred forty-six
thousand dollars (\$446,000.00) or as much thereof as is
necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

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(e) Sunlight Basin Habitat II:

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(i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Game and Fish
Commission;

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2 (ii) Project purpose: Restoration of stream
3 function and adjacent meadow and riparian uplands on
4 approximately four hundred (400) acres of lands providing
5 crucial winter range to elk, mule deer, bighorn sheep and
6 moose in Park county in order to:

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8 (A) Maintain habitats and migration passage
9 for game species;

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11 (B) Reduce or eliminate sediment loads on
12 Sunlight, Painter and Trail creeks;

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14 (C) Stabilize streambanks and adjacent
15 riparian habitats to maintain proper stream function;

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17 (D) Increase the amount of forage available
18 for wintering ungulates.

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20 (iii) Project description: River and rangeland
21 restoration;

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1 (iv) Total project budget: Two million nine
2 hundred ninety-three thousand eight hundred twenty-nine
3 dollars (\$2,993,829.00);

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5 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to
6 grant one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to
7 the sponsor for the purposes specified in this subsection;

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9 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
10 the income account to the board one hundred fifty thousand
11 dollars (\$150,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to
12 carry out the purposes of this subsection.

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14 (f) Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated
15 under this section shall revert to the income account on
16 June 30, 2023.

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

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