

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0017

Range management at military training areas.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the military department; creating a fund
2 for the deposit of monies from grazing fees at military
3 training areas; authorizing the adjutant general to
4 administer the fund and expend monies for range management
5 and grazing operations; requiring annual reports; providing
6 for a continuous appropriation; and providing for an
7 effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-7-209 is created to read:

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13 **19-7-209. Military department range management**
14 **operations; account; administration; rulemaking.**

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1 (a) There is created the military department range
2 management and grazing program. The military department
3 shall administer range management and grazing operations at
4 Camp Guernsey and any other Wyoming national guard training
5 areas that are owned in fee by the military department and
6 that are not state lands as defined in W.S.
7 36-1-101(a)(iv). The military department range management
8 and grazing program shall:

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10 (i) Oversee the day to day range management and
11 grazing operations within the training area;

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13 (ii) Arrange for personnel and materials for
14 range improvements, including maintenance and repair of
15 fencing, vegetation management, water development, wildfire
16 rehabilitation and restoration and management of invasive
17 species;

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19 (iii) Determine animal unit grazing usage and
20 needs and develop and monitor forage use plans;

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22 (iv) Maintain lessee and neighbor relationships;

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1 (v) Respond to required cultural and
2 environmental assessments related to grazing management.

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4 (b) The military department range management and
5 grazing account is created. Monies received from the range
6 management and grazing operations authorized in subsection
7 (a) of this section shall be credited to the account,
8 except as otherwise provided in this subsection. Funds in
9 the military department range management and grazing
10 account in an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand
11 dollars (\$200,000.00) per biennium are continuously
12 appropriated to the military department and shall only be
13 used for purposes of this section. The state treasurer
14 shall invest monies received under this paragraph in
15 accordance with law and the investment earnings received
16 therefrom shall be deposited into the military department
17 range management operations account. From the monies
18 received from the operations authorized in subsection (a)
19 of this section, any amount in excess of two hundred
20 thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) in the account at the end of
21 each fiscal biennium shall be deposited into the general
22 fund.

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1 (c) The military department shall promulgate rules to
2 administer this section.

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4 (d) The adjutant general shall report annually by
5 October 15 to the joint transportation, highways and
6 military affairs interim committee regarding all income to
7 and expenditures from the military department range
8 management operations account.

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10 **Section 2.** There is appropriated fifty thousand
11 dollars (\$50,000.00) from the general fund to the military
12 department range management program created in section 1 of
13 this act. This appropriation shall be for the period
14 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
15 June 30, 2022. This appropriation shall not be transferred
16 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
17 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
18 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2022.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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