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Catch Title: **Elk feedground closings-requirements.**

Subject: Elk feedground closings-requirements.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act provides that an elk feedground may only be permanently closed by the game and fish department or game and fish commission upon a recommendation by the commission and a subsequent order of the governor.
- Before any permanent closure, the act provides that the Wyoming livestock board must be given the opportunity to provide its opinion to the governor on whether the closure of the elk feedground is appropriate. The act also requires the commission, in consultation with the livestock board, to conduct not less than one (1) public meeting prior to any elk feedground closure. However, these requirements do not apply if the governor will only temporarily close an elk feedground due to emergency circumstances. Nonetheless, no emergency closure may exceed six (6) months.
- The act requires the game and fish department to report to the joint travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural resources interim committee upon receiving notice that a federal authorization permitting the use of federal public lands for an elk feedground operation will not be reissued or will be revoked. In such circumstances, the department must submit draft contingency plans identifying appropriate private lands or lands owned or under the authority of the state of Wyoming for the purpose of supplementing or relocating the feedground operation.

Comments:

- Requires a report.

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