

FISCAL NOTE

This bill contains an appropriation of \$441,340 from the GENERAL FUND to the Department of Parks and Cultural Resources. This appropriation is effective immediately.

DETAIL OF APPROPRIATION

Agency #: 024 Agency Name: Department of Parks and Cultural Resources
Unit: 0215, 0216, and 0225

EXPENDITURE BY SERIES AND YEAR	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
0100 Personnel/Benefit Costs	\$21,876	\$103,909	\$103,909
0200 Supportive Services Costs	\$12,620	\$38,570	\$38,570
Total Expenditure Per Year:	\$34,496	\$142,479	\$142,479
Grand Total Expenditure:	\$319,454		
Total Appropriated to Agency:	\$441,340		
Total Appropriated by Fund:			
GENERAL FUND	\$441,340		

In addition to the expenditures shown above, the remaining \$121,886 would be expended in FY 2028 for the remaining 36 sites. The series breakdown for FY 2028 would be \$98,440 in 0100series Personnel/Benefit Costs and \$23,446 in 0200series Supportive Services Costs.

Description of appropriation:

Expenditures will include staff labor for a senior archaeologist and contract employees to conduct fieldwork and process cultural data, required travel for fieldwork, and equipment and software for photogrammetry.

This expenditure assumes 120 sites total with an average of three days of fieldwork, including travel to and from the site and documentation. Required field staff would be a senior archaeologist at \$65 per hour and a technician contract employee at \$22 per hour. Each site requires data processing and entry into the Wyoming Cultural Records Office's WyoTrack database for long term storage. This process entails uploading photos, scanning/digitizing field illustrations, transcribing notes, processing geospatial data, making maps, entering data, and other tasks as needed on a site-specific basis and assumably will take a contract employee an estimated average of eight hours per site at \$27 per hour. This also assumes the creation of a 3-dimensional model of each site for public dissemination, which will require a photogrammetry contract employee at \$27 per hour for an estimated 16 hours per site, plus the necessary equipment and software. The number of sites documented and modeled each fiscal year is estimated to be eight in fiscal year 2025, 38 in fiscal year 2026, 38 in fiscal year 2027, and 36 in fiscal year 2028.

Petroglyph, pictograph and historic inscription protection.

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	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT			
Anticipated Expenditure increase			
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$13,093

Source of Expenditure Increase:

Travel costs for fieldwork, including lodging, meals and incidental expense, and mileage.

Assumptions:

This assumes that if total sites equal 120 and with current and updated estimates for labor, lodging and per diem, the total cost could exceed the appropriation, but would be absorbed by the State Archaeologist's standard budget.

The fiscal impact to the judicial system is indeterminable due to an unknown number of cases.

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