

SENATE FILE NO. SF0088

2025 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 the funding of large
3 projects under that act; specifying large projects approved
4 for funding in 2025; authorizing distributions from the
5 Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust income account
6 for approved large projects; providing for the reversion of
7 funds; and providing for an 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.**

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13 (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 (n) of this section.

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15 (c) Thunder Basin Habitat III:

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

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20 (ii) Project purpose: Restoration of native
21 ecosystems through vegetation management, riparian
22 restoration, fence modification and invasive species

1 control on approximately forty-eight thousand eight hundred
2 fifty (48,850) acres in northeast Wyoming in order to:

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4 (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule
5 deer, elk, antelope and other species;

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7 (B) Maintain primary migration corridors
8 for native ungulates;

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10 (C) Maintain Core Population Areas for
11 Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

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13 (D) Conserve valuable grassland and
14 intermediate shrubland ecotypes.

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16 (iii) Project description: Rangeland
17 restoration;

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19 (iv) Total project budget: Four million
20 seventeen thousand three hundred forty dollars
21 (\$4,017,340.00);

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1 (v) Project grant: The total grant for the
2 project, including all grants previously awarded for the
3 project and the additional six hundred twenty thousand
4 dollar (\$620,000.00) grant authorized under this
5 subsection, shall be nine hundred three thousand dollars
6 (\$903,000.00);

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8 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
9 the income account to the board six hundred twenty thousand
10 dollars (\$620,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to
11 carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and
12 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall
13 revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

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15 (d) Baggs Valley Headwaters III:

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17 (i) Project sponsor: Little Snake River
18 Conservation District;

19

20 (ii) Project purpose: Restoration of native
21 vegetation through mechanical, chemical and prescribed fire
22 across a varied landscape of approximately five thousand
23 three hundred (5,300) acres in Carbon county in order to:

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2 (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule
3 deer, elk, moose, antelope and other species;

4

5 (B) Maintain primary migration corridors for
6 native ungulates;

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8 (C) Maintain Core Population Areas for
9 Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

10

11 (D) Conserve valuable grassland and
12 intermediate shrubland ecotypes.

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14 (iii) Project description: Rangeland
15 restoration;

16

17 (iv) Total project budget: Five million two
18 hundred six thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,206,500.00);

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20 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to
21 grant seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) to
22 the 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 seven hundred fifty
3 thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) or as much thereof as is
4 necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.
5 Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this
6 subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30,
7 2029.

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9 (e) Kemmerer Highway 189 Migration:

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11 (i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Department of
12 Transportation;

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14 (ii) Project purpose: Fence construction,
15 roadway replacement and overpass and underpass construction
16 on thirty (30) miles of extremely high wildlife and vehicle
17 use roadway south of Kemmerer in Lincoln and Uinta counties
18 in order to:

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20 (A) Allow for the safe movement of
21 antelope, elk and deer across a major highway to increase
22 connectivity and maintain populations for a variety of
23 wildlife;

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2 (B) Reduce and eliminate the potential for
3 catastrophic collisions that impact human life, wildlife
4 and property damage.

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6 (iii) Project description: Highway crossing
7 construction;

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9 (iv) Total project budget: Thirty-one million
10 one hundred eighty-three thousand one hundred sixty-two
11 dollars (\$31,183,162.00);

12

13 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to
14 grant to the sponsor six million two hundred nine thousand
15 eight hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$6,209,838.00) for the
16 purposes specified in this subsection;

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18 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
19 the income account to the board six million two hundred
20 nine thousand eight hundred thirty-eight dollars
21 (\$6,209,838.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry
22 out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and

1 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall
2 revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

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4 (f) Wind River Front Cheatgrass:

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6 (i) Project sponsor: Fremont County Weed and
7 Pest District;

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9 (ii) Project purpose: Removal of invasive
10 grasses on approximately forty-eight thousand (48,000)
11 acres in Fremont county in order to:

12

13 (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule
14 deer, elk, moose, antelope and bighorn sheep;

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16 (B) Maintain Core Population Areas for
17 Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

18

19 (C) Conserve valuable grassland and
20 intermediate shrubland ecotypes;

21

22 (D) Maintain agricultural production and
23 opportunity on high-quality ranch lands.

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2 (iii) Project description: Invasive species
3 management;

4

5 (iv) Total project budget: Three million five
6 hundred thirty-four thousand eight hundred ninety dollars
7 (\$3,534,890.00);

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9 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to
10 grant eight hundred eighty-three thousand seven hundred
11 twenty dollars (\$883,720.00) to the sponsor for the
12 purposes specified in this subsection;

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14 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
15 the income account to the board eight hundred eighty-three
16 thousand seven hundred twenty dollars (\$883,720.00) or as
17 much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of
18 this subsection. Unexpended and unobligated funds
19 appropriated under this subsection shall revert to the
20 income account on June 30, 2029.

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22 (g) Seminoe Shirley Habitat II:

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

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4 (ii) Project purpose: Restoration of native
5 ecosystems through vegetation management, riparian
6 restoration, fence modification and invasive species
7 control on approximately one hundred thousand (100,000)
8 acres in central Wyoming in order to:

9

10 (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule
11 deer, elk, antelope and other species;

12

13 (B) Maintain primary migration corridors
14 for native ungulates;

15

16 (C) Maintain Core Population Areas for
17 Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

18

19 (D) Conserve valuable grassland and
20 intermediate shrubland ecotypes;

21

22 (E) Maintain seasonal movement
23 opportunities for native fish.

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2 (iii) Project description: Rangeland
3 restoration;

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5 (iv) Total project budget: Five million nine
6 hundred twenty-four thousand dollars (\$5,924,000.00);

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8 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to
9 grant to the sponsor three hundred seventy-two thousand
10 dollars (\$372,000.00) for the purposes specified in this
11 subsection;

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13 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
14 the income account to the board three hundred seventy-two
15 thousand dollars (\$372,000.00) or as much thereof as is
16 necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.
17 Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this
18 subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30,
19 2029.

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21 (h) NEWIGWG Cheatgrass:

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1 (i) Project sponsor: Sheridan County Weed and
2 Pest District;

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4 (ii) Project purpose: Removal of invasive
5 grasses on approximately seventy-eight thousand three
6 hundred sixty (78,360) acres in Sheridan, Johnson, Campbell
7 and Crook counties in order to:

8

9 (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule
10 deer, elk and antelope;

11

12 (B) Maintain Core Population Areas for
13 Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

14

15 (C) Conserve valuable grassland and
16 intermediate shrubland ecotypes;

17

18 (D) Maintain agricultural production and
19 opportunity on high-quality ranch lands.

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21 (iii) Project description: Invasive species
22 management;

23

1 (iv) Total project budget: Twenty-four million
2 seven hundred thirty thousand six hundred seven dollars
3 (\$24,730,607.00);

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5 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to
6 grant four million five hundred thousand dollars
7 (\$4,500,000.00) to the sponsor for the purposes specified
8 in this subsection;

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10 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
11 the income account to the board four million five hundred
12 thousand dollars (\$4,500,000.00) or as much thereof as is
13 necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.
14 Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this
15 subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30,
16 2029.

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18 (j) Western Wyoming Cheatgrass:

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20 (i) Project sponsor: Teton County Weed and Pest
21 District;

22

1 (ii) Project purpose: Removal of invasive
2 grasses on approximately sixty-nine thousand four hundred
3 sixty-five (69,465) acres in western Wyoming in order to:

4

5 (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule
6 deer, elk, moose, antelope and bighorn sheep;

7

8 (B) Maintain Core Population Areas for
9 Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

10

11 (C) Conserve valuable grassland and
12 intermediate shrubland ecotypes;

13

14 (D) Maintain agricultural production and
15 opportunity on high-quality ranch lands.

16

17 (iii) Project description: Invasive species
18 management;

19

20 (iv) Total project budget: Fourteen million six
21 hundred sixty-five thousand three hundred ninety-two
22 dollars (\$14,665,392.00);

23

1 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to
2 grant one million four hundred thousand dollars
3 (\$1,400,000.00) to the sponsor for the purposes specified
4 in this subsection;

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6 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
7 the income account to the board one million four hundred
8 thousand dollars (\$1,400,000.00) or as much thereof as is
9 necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.
10 Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this
11 subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30,
12 2029.

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14 (k) Upper Green Fence II:

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

18

19 (ii) Project purpose: Renovation and replacement
20 of key stretches of fifty (50) miles of movement barriers
21 in Sublette County in order to:

22

1 (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule
2 deer, elk, antelope and other species;

3

4 (B) Maintain primary migration corridors
5 for native ungulates;

6

7 (C) Maintain integrity of ranching
8 operations.

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10 (iii) Project description: Fence modification;

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12 (iv) Total project budget: Two million five
13 hundred ninety-seven thousand four hundred dollars
14 (\$2,597,400.00);

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16 (v) Project grant: The total grant for the
17 project, including all grants previously awarded for the
18 project and the additional two hundred fifty thousand
19 dollar (\$250,000.00) grant authorized under this
20 subsection, shall be five hundred thousand dollars
21 (\$500,000.00);

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1 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
2 the income account to the board two hundred fifty thousand
3 dollars (\$250,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to
4 carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and
5 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall
6 revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

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8 (m) Wapiti Habitat Restoration:

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10 (i) Project sponsor: Trout Unlimited;

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12 (ii) Project purpose: Restoration of river
13 system to allow migration of spawning fish, maintain stream
14 function and improve adjacent habitats on approximately
15 four (4) miles of the North Fork of the Shoshone River and
16 key tributaries in Park county in order to:

17

18 (A) Maintain seasonal movement
19 opportunities for native fish;

20

21 (B) Increase the productivity of aquatic
22 and wetland ecosystems;

23

1 (C) Maintain and improve irrigation
2 efficiency for local agricultural operations;

3

4 (D) Eliminate excessive erosion and
5 maintain water quality;

6

7 (E) Maintain uplands to provide habitat for
8 deer, antelope, Greater Sage-grouse and a variety of
9 migratory songbirds.

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11 (iii) Project description: River restoration;

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13 (iv) Total project budget: One million eight
14 hundred thirty-three thousand five hundred eighty-six
15 dollars (\$1,833,586.00);

16

17 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to
18 grant to the sponsor five hundred fifty thousand dollars
19 (\$550,000.00) for the purposes specified in this
20 subsection;

21

22 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
23 the income account to the board five hundred fifty thousand

1 dollars (\$550,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to
2 carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and
3 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall
4 revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

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6 (n) Natrona Core Cheatgrass:

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

10

11 (ii) Project purpose: Removal of invasive
12 grasses on approximately sixty-nine thousand four hundred
13 sixty-five (69,465) acres in western Wyoming in order to:

14

15 (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule
16 deer, elk, antelope and other species;

17

18 (B) Maintain Core Population Areas for
19 Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

20

21 (C) Conserve valuable grassland and
22 intermediate shrubland ecotypes;

23

1 (D) Maintain agricultural production and
2 opportunity on high-quality ranch lands.

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4 (iii) Project description: Invasive species
5 management;

6

7 (iv) Total project budget: One million seven
8 hundred eighty-four thousand five hundred dollars
9 (\$1,784,500.00);

10

11 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to
12 grant eight hundred eighty-four thousand dollars
13 (\$884,000.00) to the sponsor for the purposes specified in
14 this subsection;

15

16 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from
17 the income account to the board eight hundred eighty-four
18 thousand dollars (\$884,000.00) or as much thereof as is
19 necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.
20 Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this
21 subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30,
22 2029.

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1 **Section 2.** 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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(END)