

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0190

Sale of lands to the department of state parks.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Allemand,
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and Washut and Senator(s) Anderson, Boner,
Landen and Scott

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; requiring the board of land
2 commissioners to transfer lands to the department of state
3 parks and cultural resources as specified; authorizing the
4 board of land commissioners to resolve mineral leases as
5 specified; specifying the time that the board of land
6 commissioners shall initiate the transfer of lands;
7 requiring the department of state parks and cultural
8 resources to complete a site criteria process as specified;
9 requiring a report; providing an appropriation; and
10 providing for an effective date.

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

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14 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-8-1205 is created to read:

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2 **36-8-1205. Transfer of land to the department of**
3 **state parks and cultural resources.**

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5 The board of land commissioners is authorized and directed
6 to convey its right, title and interest in the following
7 described parcels of land to the department of state parks
8 and cultural resources for development as a state park
9 following the completion of the site criteria process
10 pursuant to W.S. 36-4-106 and 36-4-108: in Natrona county,
11 that part of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, E2W2:NE:N2SE:SWSE of
12 Section 31, Township 33 North, Range 79 West containing six
13 hundred (600) acres; Section 36, Township 33 North, Range
14 80 West containing six hundred forty (640.00) acres; that
15 part of E2 of section 30, Township 33 North, Range 79 West
16 containing three hundred twenty (320.00) acres; that part
17 of SW:W2SE:SESE:W2NESE:SENESE of Section 35, Township 33
18 North, Range 80 West containing three hundred ten (310.00)
19 acres; that part of NW:S2 of Section 34, Township 33 North,
20 Range 80 West containing four hundred eighty (480.00)
21 acres; that part of E2E2 of Section 33, Township 33 North,
22 Range 80 West containing one hundred sixty (160.00) acres;
23 that part of Lots 1 and 2, SENW:E2SW:NESE:S2SE of Section

1 2, Township 32 North, Range 80 West containing three
2 hundred seventeen and eighty-two hundredths (317.82) acres;
3 and that part of Lots 2, 3 and 4, S2N2:SE:SESW:SWSW:NESW of
4 Section 1, Township 32 North, Range 80 West containing five
5 hundred fifty-three and forty-five hundredths (553.45)
6 acres, subject to any rights-of-way or other easements as
7 granted or reserved by instruments of record or as now
8 exists thereon.

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10 **Section 2.** The board of land commissioners shall
11 initiate the transfer of land to the department of state
12 parks and cultural resources as required by section 1 of
13 this act, subject to section 3 of this act, not later than
14 July 1, 2027.

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16 **Section 3.**

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18 (a) The board of land commissioners may use a portion
19 of the funds appropriated in section 5 of this act to
20 negotiate the disposition of any mineral leases currently
21 encumbering the property described in section 1 of this act
22 as necessary to effectuate the transfer of lands authorized
23 in this act.

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2 (b) The transfer of lands authorized in this act
3 shall be by sale at fair market value as determined by an
4 appraisal, and funds from the sale shall be transferred
5 into the common school account within the permanent land
6 fund.

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8 **Section 4.** The department of state parks and cultural
9 resources shall initiate the site criteria process as
10 required by this act not later than one (1) year following
11 the transfer of land as required by sections 1 and 2 of
12 this act and provide a report on the site criteria process
13 for the lands described in section 1 of this act to the
14 joint travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural resources
15 interim committee not later than October 1, 2027.

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17 **Section 5.** There is appropriated six million five
18 hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000.00) from the general
19 fund to the department of state parks and cultural
20 resources for purposes of the procurement of the parcels of
21 land and lease disposition as specified in this act. This
22 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
23 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2028. This

1 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
2 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
3 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
4 by law on June 30, 2028. It is the intent of the
5 legislature that this appropriation not be included in the
6 standard budget of the department of state parks and
7 cultural resources for the immediately succeeding fiscal
8 biennium.

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10 **Section 6.** This act is effective immediately upon
11 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
12 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
13 Constitution.

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