

SENATE FILE NO. SF0017

Good neighbor authority-amendments.

Sponsored by: Select Federal Natural Resource Management
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; removing the restriction on
2 the number of authorized good neighbor authority employee
3 positions; requiring employee positions to be funded only
4 using funds from the Wyoming state forestry good neighbor
5 authority revolving account; authorizing gifts, donations
6 and bequests to be deposited into the account; prohibiting
7 the acceptance of real property for purposes of the good
8 neighbor authority; and providing for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-1-502 and 36-1-503(a) by creating
13 a new paragraph (vi) and (b) are amended to read:

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1 36-1-502. Wyoming state forestry good neighbor
2 authority revolving account; creation; investment of funds;
3 authorized expenditures.
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5 (a) There is created the Wyoming state forestry good
6 neighbor authority revolving account. The account shall
7 include all legislative appropriations, federal funds,
8 county funds, partner funds, funds generated from good
9 neighbor authority projects or other federally funded
10 cooperative forest management projects, grants, gifts,
11 transfers, bequests, donations and all income from
12 investments of monies in the account. The state forester is
13 specifically empowered to accept grants, gifts, transfers,
14 bequests and donations for deposit in the account,
15 including those which are limited in their purpose by the
16 grantor except as provided in W.S. 36-1-503(a)(vi). If a
17 contract is entered into pursuant to W.S. 36-1-503(a)(iii),
18 funds in the account may be expanded on good neighbor
19 authority projects prior to receipt of federal fund
20 reimbursements. Funds deposited into the account are
21 continuously appropriated to the state forester to be
22 expended only as provided in this section. Unless otherwise

1 specifically provided, appropriations to the account shall
2 not lapse or revert at the end of any fiscal period.

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4 (b) Upon written approval of the state forester,
5 expenditures shall be made out of the account for good
6 neighbor authority projects, ~~or~~ other cooperative forest
7 management projects or hiring additional employees under
8 W.S. 36-1-503(b).

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10 **36-1-503. Powers and duties of state forester.**

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12 (a) The state forester shall:

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14 (vi) Not accept any interest in real property
15 for purposes of good neighbor authority projects.

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17 (b) The state forester may hire additional employees
18 as necessary to conduct good neighbor authority projects or
19 other federally funded cooperative forest management
20 projects funded through the account. Employees hired under
21 this subsection shall be funded using ~~federal~~ funds
22 deposited in the account. ~~The state forester shall not fill~~

~~1 more than four (4) full-time employee positions and six (6)~~
~~2 at will employee contract positions under this subsection.~~

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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6 (END)