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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Public lands-constitutional amendment.

Sponsored by: HDraft Committee

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming  
2 Constitution to provide for the management of and public  
3 access to lands granted by the federal government to the  
4 state after January 1, 2019.

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6 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,*  
7 *two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting*  
8 *separately, concurring therein:*

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10 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming  
11 Constitution, Article 18 by creating a new Section 7 is  
12 proposed for submission to the electors of the State of  
13 Wyoming at the next general election for approval or

1 rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if  
2 ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

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4 **Article 18, Section 7. Public lands management and**  
5 **access.**

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7 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
8 constitution and when in accordance with the purposes of a  
9 grant of land to the State of Wyoming from the United  
10 States, lands granted to the state after January 1, 2019  
11 shall be managed for multiple use and sustained yield,  
12 including public access for hunting, fishing and other  
13 recreation, as prescribed by the legislature.

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15 (b) The legislature may provide for the exchange of  
16 state lands acquired pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
17 section. The legislature shall ensure that any exchanges of  
18 lands acquired pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
19 collectively cause no more than a de minimis loss or gain  
20 of the state lands, either in value or size.

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1           (c) Any exchange of the lands acquired pursuant to  
2 subsection (a) of this section shall maintain or increase  
3 public access to those lands.

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5           **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State shall endorse  
6 the following statement on the proposed amendment:

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8           The adoption of this amendment would require lands  
9 granted to the state from the federal government after  
10 January 1, 2019 to be managed for multiple use and  
11 sustained yield when those lands are granted for that  
12 purpose. The lands may be exchanged; however, no net loss  
13 or net gain, in either size or value, or decrease in public  
14 access to the lands would be allowed.

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(END)