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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Cooperation cessation-federal agencies.

Sponsored by: Select Federal Natural Resource Management
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of the government;
2 authorizing the governor to not cooperate with or assist
3 any federal land management agency as specified;
4 authorizing the governor to direct executive branch
5 agencies and encourage local governments to not cooperate
6 with or assist any federal land management agency as
7 specified; limiting prosecution of statutes and rules
8 during a period of non-cooperation; providing a sunset
9 date; and providing for an effective date.

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

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1 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-1-225 is created to read:

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3 **9-1-225. Cease cooperation or assistance; federal**
4 **agencies.**

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6 (a) If the governor determines in writing that any
7 federal land management agency is initiating, pursuing or
8 engaging in policies that harm the state, the governor may
9 cease to cooperate with or assist the agency. The governor
10 may resume cooperation and assistance with the federal land
11 management agency when the governor deems appropriate.

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13 (b) The governor may direct each agency as defined by
14 W.S. 9-2-1002(a)(i) to not cooperate with or assist the
15 federal land management agency until the governor deems
16 appropriate under subsection (a) of this section.

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18 (c) Except as otherwise provided, an agency shall not
19 be subject to enforcement of the state laws or regulations
20 relating to the cooperation or assistance of a federal land
21 management agency during the period of non-cooperation.

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1 (d) A prosecutor shall not file or pursue charges
2 against an agency for a violation of a state law or
3 regulation relating to the cooperation or assistance of a
4 federal land management agency if the violation occurred
5 during the period of non-cooperation. This subsection shall
6 not apply to criminal offenses committed by an agency.

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8 (e) The governor may encourage local government
9 officials to not cooperate or assist any federal land
10 management agency during the period of non-cooperation
11 deemed by the governor under subsection (a) of this
12 section.

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14 (f) This section is repealed effective July 1, 2025.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
17 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
18 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
19 Constitution.

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