

# WYOMING OUTDOOR RECREATION & TOURISM TRUST FUND

The ORTTF will support outdoor recreation infrastructure projects across Wyoming through funds generated from the statewide lodging tax.

The ORTTF was initially seeded with \$6 million in 2023 and received an additional \$6 million the following biennium. Currently, the balance is \$13,492,874.96 with \$234,312.53 added from interest this biennium. Last biennium, interest added \$1,308,562.43. The fund will continue to receive an additional \$6 million each biennium going forward, of which \$2 million, plus accrued interest, can be immediately made available for projects.

A nine-member board was appointed by Governor Mark Gordon and confirmed by the Wyoming Senate. Its members reflect a broad spectrum of outdoor recreation perspectives, interests, and experiences statewide. The board will oversee the ORTTF and award competitive grants from the fund for outdoor recreation infrastructure projects across the state starting in July 2026. This year, board members and staff will focus on developing rules, processes, and procedures. The board anticipates accepting applications beginning in January 2026.

## Board Members

Name	District	County or Role
Jerimiah Rieman	1	Laramie
Matt Burkhart	2	Albany/Carbon
Mark Lyon	3	Sweetwater/Uinta/Lincoln
Luke Thorkildsen	4	Sheridan/Johnson
Wes Allen	5	Park/Big Horn/Washakie/Hot Springs
Katie Ford	6	Campbell/Crook/Weston
Rachel Spear	7	Natrona
Shawna Reichert	8	Platte/Goshen/Niobrara/Converse
Mike Jones	9	Fremont/Sublette/Teton
Mark Tesoro	-	Board Secretary

The first meeting was held on March 22nd, 2025, in Lander. Jerimiah Rieman was elected Chairman, and Mike Jones was elected Vice Chairman. The second meeting was held on Monday, May 19th, 2025, in Newcastle. The ORTTF Board voted to approve the Draft ORTTF Rules. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 2025.

## Tentative Timeline

