



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

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TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Ide, Co-Chairman
Representative Wharff, Co-Chairmen

SUBJECT 2026 Interim Topics Proposed for the Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee

This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee (Committee) for the 2026 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three, one-day meetings, prior to the 2027 General Session.

2026 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority #1 – Statutory Responsibilities (Est. Time Required: 6-8 hours each meeting)

The Committee is required by statute to review federal policies or actions that may impact the management, development, or use of the state's natural resources. The Committee is also authorized to develop and introduce legislative responses to federal policies and actions that are necessary to protect the state's interests including issues related to the structure of ownership of federal lands within the state.

The Committee will explore issues relating to wild horse management on the Wind River Indian Reservation and in Wyoming, including studying the federal Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971. The Committee will study the federal regulations governing the timber industry and mineral permits and explore solutions for streamlining permitting to increase mineral and timber production and sales within Wyoming including increasing the United States Department of Agriculture's Good Neighbor Authority on public lands in Wyoming. The Committee will receive updates on any Congressional action taken on resolutions enacted during the 2026 Budget Session.

Meeting Schedule and Budget

The Committee requests the standard budget to accomplish this work and hold the following meetings:

Meeting 1: May 15 (Riverton/Lander)

Meeting 2: July 13 (Pinedale)

Meeting 3: October 9 (Casper)

Thank you for your consideration of these important issues. We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with the members of Management Council.



Senator Bob Ide, Co-chairman



Representative Robert Wharff, Co-chairman

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