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Memorandum

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TO Management Council

FROM Senator Bill Landen, Co-Chairman
Representative Andrew Byron, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT 2026 Interim Topics for the Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife, and Cultural Resources Interim Committee

Below are the finalized interim topics and the meeting schedule for the 2026 interim for the Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife, and Cultural Resources Interim Committee. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2026 interim in the order selected by the co-chairmen. The Committee plans to study these topics at three meetings.

2026 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority #1 – Wyoming Game and Fish Department Budget

The Committee will study issues associated with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department budget and its funding sources. The Committee will review methods for ensuring the sustainability of future funding for the Game and Fish Department and game and fish related programs and activities in the state.

Priority #2 – Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources Updates

The Committee will study issues associated with the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources, including nonmotorized trails, state archives, Wyoming State Museum issues, visitor management systems, and mineral leasing at state parks.

Priority #3 – Landowner Habitat Issues

The Committee will examine programs associated with wildlife, habitat, and hunting access issues from landowners.

Priority #4 – Gaming and Entertainment

The Committee will examine problem gaming and funding programs for problem gaming, the consolidation of gaming statutes, and rodeo ticket scalping.

Priority #5 – Wyoming Game and Fish Department Updates

The Committee will receive updates from and study issues related to the Game and Fish Department, including trapping, commercial outfitting, and fishing outfitters.

Priority #6 – Seminoe Pumped Storage Project Proposal

The Committee will receive information associated with the proposed Seminoe pumped storage project for energy storage.

Priority #7 – Agency Reports

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies related to travel, recreation, wildlife, and cultural resources, including entities related to arts, humanities, and the Office of Tourism. The Committee will review the reports and consider any necessary legislation in response to the reports.

Meeting Schedule

The Committee requests a budget of \$65,000 and has scheduled three meetings to accomplish this work: (1) May 27-28 in Casper; (2) September 8-9 in Jackson; and (3) November 9-10 in Cheyenne.

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



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