

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0084

High Plains Research Station and Arboretum-historic site.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; declaring the High Plains
 2 Research Station and Arboretum as a state historic site;
 3 requiring the department of state parks and cultural
 4 resources to manage the high plains research station and
 5 arboretum state historic site; requiring the development of
 6 a strategic master plan for preservation and operation of
 7 the High Plains Research Station and Arboretum state
 8 historic site; requiring a report; and providing for an
 9 effective date.

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

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-8-1801 and 36-8-1802 are created
 14 to read:

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ARTICLE 18

1 HIGH PLAINS RESEARCH STATION AND ARBORETUM

2 STATE HISTORIC SITE

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4 **36-8-1801. High Plains Research Station and Arboretum**
5 **state historic site; strategic master plan; leasehold and**
6 **concession agreements.**

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8 (a) The lands in Laramie County managed by the
9 department of state parks and cultural resources and known
10 as the High Plains Research Station and Arboretum are
11 declared to be a state historic site. The department shall
12 by rule specify the legal description of the state historic
13 site.

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15 (b) The state historic site shall be known as the
16 "High Plains Research Station and Arboretum state historic
17 site".

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19 (c) The department of state parks and cultural
20 resources shall prepare a strategic master plan for the
21 preservation and operation of the High Plains Research
22 Station and Arboretum state historic site. Under the
23 strategic master plan required by this subsection, the

1 department may develop memoranda of understanding with any
2 city, town, county, department, political subdivision,
3 state agency or other entity, as necessary, to administer,
4 operate, maintain, preserve and study the state historic
5 site.

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7 (d) The department of state parks and cultural
8 resources is authorized to enter into leasehold and
9 concession agreements in accordance with the plan provided
10 by subsection (c) of this section. Funds received by the
11 department pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited
12 and expended in accordance with W.S. 36-4-121(h).

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14 **36-8-1802. Administration; fees.**

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16 (a) The department of state parks and cultural
17 resources shall preserve, administer, operate and maintain
18 the High Plains Research Station and Arboretum state
19 historic site in accordance with the strategic master plan
20 specified under W.S. 36-8-1801(c).

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22 (b) The department may, under lease agreement or
23 contract management arrangement, provide for special events

1 at the historic site in accordance with W.S. 36-4-121(o) or
2 management of specified areas of the historic site by a
3 public or private entity.

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5 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
6 department of state parks and cultural resources may impose
7 an admissions fee in excess of fees charged for admissions
8 to other state parks and sites under W.S. 36-4-121 to fund
9 necessary expenses incurred for preservation, development,
10 operations, personnel and maintenance of the High Plains
11 Research Station and Arboretum state historic site. The
12 remaining funds collected from the admissions fee at the
13 end of the fiscal year shall be deposited in the state
14 parks account and expended in accordance with W.S.
15 36-4-121(h). Revenues and expenditures under this
16 subsection for each of the immediately preceding two (2)
17 fiscal years shall be reported within the department's
18 biennial budget request submitted under W.S. 9-2-1013.

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20 **Section 2.** The department of state parks and cultural
21 resources shall initiate the strategic master plan required
22 by this act within one (1) year following the effective
23 date of this act and provide a report on the strategic

1 master plan to the joint travel, recreation, wildlife and
2 cultural resources interim committee no later than October
3 1, 2025.

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5 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
6 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
7 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
8 Constitution.

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