

SENATE FILE NO. SF0012

State parks and historic sites-boundaries and designations.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and  
Cultural Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks and historic sites;  
2 designating state parks, state historic sites, state  
3 archaeological sites and state recreation areas; requiring  
4 legal descriptions by rule; repealing statutory legal  
5 descriptions; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-8-1501 is created to read:

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## ARTICLE 15

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## OTHER DESIGNATIONS

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14 **36-8-1501. State park designation; state historic**  
15 **site designation; state archeological site designation;**  
16 **state recreation area designation.**

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2           (a) In addition to state parks designated in other  
3 statutes, the following lands are designated as state parks  
4 and the department shall by rule specify the legal  
5 description of the parks:

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7           (i) The lands in Fremont County managed by the  
8 department as of July 1, 2010 as Boysen state park;

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10           (ii) The lands in Park County managed by the  
11 department as of July 1, 2010 as Buffalo Bill state park;

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13           (iii) The lands in Natrona County managed by the  
14 department as of July 1, 2010 as Edness Kimball Wilkins  
15 state park;

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17           (iv) The lands in Platte County managed by the  
18 department as of July 1, 2010 as Glendo state park;

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20           (v) The lands in Platte County managed by the  
21 department as of July 1, 2010 as Guernsey state park;

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23           (vi) The lands in Crook County managed by the  
24 department as of July 1, 2010 as Keyhole state park;

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2 (vii) The lands in Carbon County managed by the  
3 department as of July 1, 2010 as Seminoe state park.

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5 (b) In addition to state historic sites designated in  
6 other statutes, the following lands are designated as state  
7 historic sites and the department shall by rule specify the  
8 legal description of the sites:

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10 (i) The lands in Albany County managed by the  
11 department as of July 1, 2010 as Ames Monument state  
12 historic site;

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14 (ii) The lands in Sheridan County managed by the  
15 department as of July 1, 2010 as Conner Battlefield state  
16 historic site;

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18 (iii) The lands in Sheridan County managed by  
19 the department as of July 1, 2010 as Fetterman Battlefield  
20 state historic site;

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22 (iv) The lands in Sublette County managed by the  
23 department as of July 1, 2010 as Fort Bonneville state  
24 historic site;

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2 (v) The lands in Uinta County managed by the  
3 department as of July 1, 2010 as Fort Bridger state  
4 historic site;

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6 (vi) The lands in Converse County managed by the  
7 department as of July 1, 2010 as Fort Fetterman state  
8 historic site;

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10 (vii) The lands in Johnson County managed by the  
11 department as of July 1, 2010 as Fort Phil Kearny state  
12 historic site;

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14 (viii) The lands in Johnson County managed by  
15 the department as of July 1, 2010 as Fort Reno state  
16 historic site;

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18 (ix) The lands in Uinta County managed by the  
19 department as of July 1, 2010 as Fort Supply state historic  
20 site;

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22 (x) The lands in Sweetwater County managed by  
23 the department as of July 1, 2010 as Granger Stage Station  
24 state historic site;

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2           (xi) The lands in Laramie County managed by the  
3 department as of July 1, 2010 as the Historic Governors'  
4 Mansion state historic site;

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6           (xii) The lands in Natrona County managed by the  
7 department as of July 1, 2010 as Independence Rock state  
8 historic site;

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10           (xiii) The lands in Fremont County managed by  
11 the department as of July 1, 2010 as Lander Cemetery state  
12 historic site;

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14           (xiv) The lands in Lincoln County managed by the  
15 department as of July 1, 2010 as Names Hill state historic  
16 site;

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18           (xv) The lands in Platte County managed by the  
19 department as of July 1, 2010 as Oregon Trail Ruts state  
20 historic site;

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22           (xvi) The lands in Uinta County managed by the  
23 department as of July 1, 2010 as Piedmont Kilns state  
24 historic site;

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2 (xvii) The lands in Carbon County managed by the  
3 department as of July 1, 2010 as Platte River Stage  
4 Crossing state historic site;

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6 (xviii) The lands in Sweetwater County managed  
7 by the department as of July 1, 2010 as Point of Rocks  
8 Stage Station state historic site;

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10 (xix) The lands in Natrona County managed by the  
11 department as of July 1, 2010 as Red Buttes Battle and  
12 Cemetery state historic site;

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14 (xx) The lands in Platte County managed by the  
15 department as of July 1, 2010 as Register Cliff state  
16 historic site;

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18 (xxi) The lands in Sheridan County managed by  
19 the department as of July 1, 2010 as Trail End state  
20 historic site;

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22 (xxii) The lands in Sheridan County managed by  
23 the department as of July 1, 2010 as Wagon Box Fight state  
24 historic site;

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2 (xxiii) The lands in Platte County managed by  
3 the department as of July 1, 2010 as Wyoming Pioneer Museum  
4 state historic site.

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6 (c) In addition to state archaeological sites  
7 designated in other statutes, the following lands are  
8 designated as state archaeological sites and the department  
9 shall by rule specify the legal description of the sites:

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11 (i) The lands in Hot Springs County managed by  
12 the department as of July 1, 2010 as Legend Rock state  
13 archaeological site;

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15 (ii) The lands in Big Horn County managed by the  
16 department as of July 1, 2010 as Medicine Lodge state  
17 archaeological site.

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19 (d) The lands in Goshen County managed by the  
20 department as of July 1, 2010 as Hawk Springs recreation  
21 area are designated as the Hawk Springs state recreation  
22 area. The department shall by rule specify the legal  
23 description of the recreation area.

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1           **Section 2.** W.S. 36-8-302, 36-8-501 by creating a new  
2 subsection (c), 36-8-601(a)(intro), 36-8-701(a),  
3 36-8-801(a)(intro) and (b), 36-8-902(a) and (d) and  
4 36-8-1001(a)(intro), (b), (c) and (d)(intro) and  
5 36-8-1002(b)(intro) and (i) are amended to read:

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7           **36-8-302. Name of park.**

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9 From and after the passage of this act, the land ~~which was~~  
10 ~~granted to the state of Wyoming by act of congress of 1897,~~  
11 ~~which ceded to the state of Wyoming, one (1) square mile of~~  
12 ~~land,~~ managed by the department as of July 1, 2010 in the  
13 northeast portion of the Shoshone Indian Reservation, upon  
14 which is located the Big Horn Hot Springs, is hereby  
15 declared to be and shall hereafter be known as the "Hot  
16 Springs State Park". The department shall by rule specify  
17 the legal description of the state park.

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ARTICLE 5

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SOUTH PASS CITY STATE HISTORIC SITE

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22           **36-8-501. Old South Pass City historic site.**

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1       (c) The state-owned lands in Fremont County managed  
2 by the department as of July 1, 2010 as South Pass City are  
3 designated as the South Pass City state historic site. The  
4 department shall by rule specify the legal description of  
5 the historic site.

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7       **36-8-601. Declaration of Curt Gowdy state park.**

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9       (a) The lands in Laramie and Albany counties ~~known as~~  
10 ~~the~~ managed by the department as of July 1, 2010 at Granite  
11 Reservoir, Crystal Reservoir and Upper North Crow Reservoir  
12 areas ~~described as follows~~ known collectively as Curt Gowdy  
13 state park are hereby declared to be a state park. ~~+~~ The  
14 department shall by rule specify the legal description of  
15 the state park.

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17       **36-8-701. Declaration of Sinks Canyon state park;**  
18 **disposal of land.**

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20       (a) The ~~state-owned~~ lands in Fremont County managed  
21 by the department as of July 1, 2010 and known as Sinks  
22 Canyon ~~described as follows~~ are hereby declared to be a  
23 state park. ~~.: In township 32 north, range 100 west, 6th~~  
24 ~~p.m., section 8: S1/2SE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4; section 9:~~

1 ~~NW1/4SW1/4; section 17: E1/2NW1/4; N1/2SW1/4; SW1/4SW1/4;~~  
2 ~~W1/2NE1/4; section 18: NE1/4SE1/4; S1/2SE1/4; SE1/4SW1/4,~~  
3 ~~containing 600 acres, more or less~~ The department shall by  
4 rule specify the legal description of the state park.

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6 **36-8-801. Declaration of area as Fort Fred Steele**  
7 **state historic site; administration; safety facilities.**

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9 (a) The lands in Carbon county managed by the  
10 department as of July 1, 2010 and known as the Fort Fred  
11 Steele area ~~described as follows~~ are hereby declared to be  
12 a ~~historical~~ state ~~park:~~ historic site. The department  
13 shall by rule specify the legal description of the site.

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15 (b) The department of state parks and cultural  
16 resources shall administer this area providing for the best  
17 possible ~~historical state park~~ state historic site, and it  
18 shall be the responsibility of the department to provide  
19 all reasonable and necessary safety facilities made  
20 necessary by reason of the increased hazards resulting from  
21 the establishing of a state park adjacent to, and on both  
22 sides of, Union Pacific Railroad Company's main line right-  
23 of-way and tracks. These safety facilities shall include,  
24 but are not limited to, such fencing of Union Pacific

1 Railroad Company's main line right-of-way as is reasonably  
2 necessary to prevent access by the general public to such  
3 right-of-way; some type of pedestrian walkway through the  
4 grade separation to provide pedestrian access between the  
5 south and north sides of the ~~park~~site; and either the  
6 closing of the Fort Steele grade crossing to the general  
7 public or the establishment at said crossing of grade  
8 crossing protection devices consisting of flasher lights  
9 and gates. The department is hereby authorized to enter  
10 into agreements with Union Pacific Railroad Company  
11 relative to the department's providing such reasonable and  
12 necessary safety facilities. In the event the department  
13 and Union Pacific Railroad Company are unable to so agree,  
14 the public service commission of Wyoming shall determine  
15 what reasonable and necessary safety facilities shall be  
16 provided by the department at Fort Fred Steele state ~~park~~  
17 historic site, upon application filed with the public  
18 service commission of Wyoming by either Union Pacific  
19 Railroad Company or the department. These necessary and  
20 reasonable safety facilities shall be constructed before  
21 the opening of the Fort Fred Steele state ~~park~~historic  
22 site to the public.

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1           36-8-902. Designation of lands as Bear River state  
2 park; park administration and operation.

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4           (a) The state-owned lands in Uinta county ~~described~~  
5 ~~as follows~~ managed by the department as of July 1, 2010 are  
6 designated as the Bear River State Park. ~~;~~ ~~In Township 15~~  
7 ~~North, Range 120 West, 6th P.M., Section 22: N1/2 SE1/4;~~  
8 ~~SE1/4 SE1/4; that portion of S1/2 NE1/4 lying south of the~~  
9 ~~Interstate 80 highway right of way; that portion of SW1/4~~  
10 ~~SE1/4 and E1/2 SW1/4 lying northeast of a line described as~~  
11 ~~follows: beginning at a point on the south line of Section~~  
12 ~~22 which is 42.30 chains east of the southwest corner of~~  
13 ~~Section 22, then running North 21°15' West 11.20 chains to~~  
14 ~~a point, and then running North 27° West 43.50 chains, more~~  
15 ~~or less, to a point where the line intersects the west line~~  
16 ~~of SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 22; and that portion of SE1/4~~  
17 ~~NW1/4 lying northeast of the above described line and south~~  
18 ~~of the Interstate 80 highway right of way; containing 280~~  
19 ~~acres, more or less. Effective no later than May 1, 1997,~~  
20 ~~pursuant to a conveyance of state owned lands from the~~  
21 ~~Wyoming state hospital to the department of commerce, the~~  
22 ~~state owned lands in Uinta county described as follows~~  
23 ~~shall be designated as part of the Bear River State Park:~~  
24 ~~within Section 26, Township 15 N. Range 120 W., 6th~~

1 ~~Principal Meridian, Uinta County, Wyoming described to wit:~~  
2 ~~NW1/4 OF NW 1/4 of the NW1/4 of said Section 26; containing~~  
3 ~~10 acres, more or less~~ The department shall by rule specify  
4 the legal description of the state park.

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6 (d) The department of state parks and cultural  
7 resources ~~is the successor agency to the department of~~  
8 ~~commerce and the Wyoming recreation commission and~~ shall  
9 administer and operate the state park created by this  
10 section. ~~in accordance with the plan specified in W.S.~~  
11 ~~36-8-901(e) unless otherwise directed by the legislature.~~

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13 **36-8-1001. Wyoming Territorial Prison state park and**  
14 **state historic site.**

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16 (a) The state owned lands in Albany County ~~described~~  
17 ~~as follows~~ managed by the department as of July 1, 2010 and  
18 known as the Wyoming Territorial Prison are declared to be  
19 a state ~~park and historical~~ historic site. ~~+~~ The department  
20 shall by rule specify the legal description of the state  
21 historic site.

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1           (b) The state ~~park and historical~~historic site shall  
2 be known as the "Wyoming territorial prison state ~~park and~~  
3 ~~historical~~historic site".

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5           (c) The board of land commissioners shall not trade,  
6 sell or otherwise dispose of the lands described in  
7 paragraph ~~(a)(i)~~(a) of this section without approval of  
8 the legislature.

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10           (d) The department of state parks and cultural  
11 resources shall prepare a plan for the operation of the  
12 Wyoming territorial prison historic site ~~and state park~~ by  
13 the department as part of the department's comprehensive  
14 plan under W.S. 36-4-106~~;~~: ~~In developing the plan, the~~  
15 ~~department shall:~~

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17           **36-8-1002. Transfer of lands; site administration;**  
18 **lease and contract agreements.**

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20           (b) The department of state parks and cultural  
21 resources shall administer, operate and maintain the ~~state~~  
22 ~~park, excluding lands and buildings comprising the~~ historic  
23 site~~; as specified under W.S. 36-8-1001(e), as follows:~~  
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1           (i) ~~Park development, operation and management~~  
2 ~~shall be~~ In accordance with the plan specified under W.S.  
3 36-8-1001(d). The department may, under lease agreement or  
4 contract management arrangement with a local public or  
5 private nonprofit entity, provide for special events at the  
6 ~~park~~ historic site in accordance with W.S. 36-4-121(o) or  
7 management of specified areas of the park by the public or  
8 private entity;

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10           **Section 3.** W.S. 36-8-501(a), 36-8-601(a)(i) through  
11 (v), 36-8-801(a)(i) through (iii), 36-8-901, 36-8-902(b)  
12 and (c), 36-8-1001(a)(i), (d)(i) and (ii) and 36-8-1002(a)  
13 and (c) are repealed.

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15           **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2010.

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(END)