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AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Funding Act; providing for funding of large projects under that act; authorizing the additional grant of funds for a large project; specifying projects approved for funding in 2020; authorizing distributions from the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust income account for approved projects; providing for reversion of funds; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.

- (a) As used in this section:
- (i) "Board" means the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust account board created by W.S. 9-15-104;
- (ii) "Income account" means the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust income account created by W.S. 9-15-103(b).
- (b) Pursuant to the authority granted under W.S. 9-15-104(k) and subject to each recipient's certification under W.S. 9-15-103(r), authorization is granted for funding of the large projects provided for in subsections (c) through (e) of this section.
 - (c) Sublette Cheatgrass II:
- (i) Project sponsor: Sublette County Weed and Pest District;

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- (ii) Project purpose: Chemical, mechanical and other treatments of noxious Bromus species on approximately one hundred eighty thousand (180,000) acres in Sublette county in order to:
- (A) Improve habitats for native wildlife species;
- (B) Reduce and eliminate the potential for catastrophic wildfires;
- (C) Improve habitats for greater sage-grouse in core population areas;
 - (D) Enhance rangelands for livestock use.
- (iii) Project description: Invasive species
 elimination;
- (iv) Total project budget: Two million four hundred sixty-five thousand five hundred ninety-five dollars (\$2,465,595.00);
- (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to grant two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) to the sponsor for the purposes specified in this subsection;
- (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from the income account to the board two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.
 - (d) Sheridan Invasive Grasses II:
- (i) Project sponsor: Sheridan County Weed and Pest District;

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- (ii) Project purpose: Chemical, mechanical and other treatments of noxious Medusahead and Ventenata species on approximately forty-four thousand (44,000) acres in Sheridan county in order to:
- (A) Improve habitats for native wildlife species;
- (B) Reduce and eliminate the potential for catastrophic wildfires;
- (C) Reduce or eliminate the potential spread of highly invasive grass species;
 - (D) Enhance rangelands for livestock use.
- (iii) Project description: Invasive species elimination;
- (iv) Total project budget: One million five hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$1,555,000.00);
- (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to grant four hundred forty-six thousand dollars (\$446,000.00) to the sponsor for the purposes specified in this subsection;
- (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from the income account to the board four hundred forty-six thousand dollars (\$446,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.
 - (e) Sunlight Basin Habitat II:

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- (i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Game and Fish Commission;
- (ii) Project purpose: Restoration of stream function and adjacent meadow and riparian uplands on approximately four hundred (400) acres of lands providing crucial winter range to elk, mule deer, bighorn sheep and moose in Park county in order to:
- (A) Maintain habitats and migration passage for game species;
- (B) Reduce or eliminate sediment loads on Sunlight, Painter and Trail creeks;
- (C) Stabilize streambanks and adjacent riparian habitats to maintain proper stream function;
- (D) Increase the amount of forage available for wintering ungulates.
- (iii) Project description: River and rangeland restoration;
- (iv) Total project budget: Two million nine hundred ninety-three thousand eight hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$2,993,829.00);
- (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to grant one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) to the sponsor for the purposes specified in this subsection;
- (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from the income account to the board one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

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(f) Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this section shall revert to the income account on June 30, 2023.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House	President of the Senate
	Governor
TIME API	PROVED:
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I hereby certify that th	is act originated in the Senate.
Chief Clerk	