

ENROLLED ACT NO. 11, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2015 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to state parks and cultural resources; authorizing use of certain fee income for general operations and maintenance of department facilities as specified; creating an account; providing for interest to accrue to the account; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 36-4-121(a)(xv) and (h) is amended to read:

**36-4-121. Permits to use state parks, recreation areas and historic sites.**

(a) The department of state parks and cultural resources shall offer for sale permits that allow use of the state parks, recreation areas, archeological sites and historic sites. Daily use permits shall be required at Glendo, Guernsey, Curt Gowdy, Edness Kimball Wilkins, Buffalo Bill, Boysen, Seminoe and Keyhole state parks and Fort Bridger, South Pass City, Trail End, Fort Fetterman and Fort Phil Kearney state historic sites, and Hawk Springs state recreation area. The department may establish voluntary pay stations at Bear River and Hot Springs state parks to allow users of those parks to make voluntary contributions for the use of the state parks. Persons who enter or use Bear River or Hot Springs state park without paying daily use fees shall not be subject to the penalties provided for in subsection (j) of this section. Overnight camping permits shall be required at Boysen, Buffalo Bill, Curt Gowdy, Glendo, Guernsey, Keyhole, Seminoe and Sinks Canyon state parks, Connor Battlefield state historic site, Medicine Lodge state archeological site and Hawk Springs state recreation area by the department during the entire calendar year. Except for the lifetime permit issued without cost pursuant to subsection (n) of this section,

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the cost of the permits authorized under this section shall be:

(xv) Funds collected from the amenities fee authorized by paragraph (xiv) of this subsection shall be deposited in an account and are continuously appropriated to the department to pay the utility fees and maintenance costs for the additional amenities offered. The remaining funds collected from the amenities fee authorized by paragraph (xiv) of this subsection at the end of the fiscal year may be deposited in ~~a capital construction~~ the state parks account and expended in accordance with W.S. 36-4-121(h). Revenues and expenditures under paragraph (xiv) of this subsection and this paragraph for each of the immediately preceding two (2) fiscal years shall be reported within the department's biennial budget request submitted under W.S. 9-2-1013;

(h) The funds received by the department from the sale of the permits shall be deposited ~~in a capital construction account~~ into an account within the special revenue fund, hereby created as the state parks account, and may be expended by the department for capital construction projects, major maintenance, and site interpretation such as exhibits, signage and displays as approved by the legislature. Interest on funds in the account shall accrue to the account. Not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds in the account in any fiscal year may also be expended, with legislative approval, for maintenance of outdoor recreation areas and facilities provided that no amount shall be expended for additional full-time employees or increases in salaries or overtime pay for full-time employees.

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**Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk