



# 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



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## Fiscal Responsibility

Supports:

- \* An annual legislative review of all state spending.
- \* Biennial budgets with no supplemental budget requests or appropriations during the general session.
- \* Budget cuts in local, county & state departments/entities.
- \* Inviolate integrity of the PMTF and using the interest generated to provide a renewable tax base.
- \* Using severance taxes to develop surface & underground water and rehabilitate existing irrigation infrastructure.
- \* Amending taxing authority statutes to require a majority vote of all registered voters in a district and requiring issues to go before the registered voters every four years.

Opposes:

- \* Further increases in taxes, fees and charges.
- \* A statewide mill levy for community colleges.
- \* Systems that would increase the costs of establishing & operating special taxing districts.
- \* Income tax and amendments to the income tax provisions in the Wyoming constitution.
- \* Recognition of crypto currency as a legal tender and its removal from the Wyoming Money Transmitter Act.
- \* A fourth property tax bracket , separating out residential properties

## Private Property Rights

Supports:

- \* Protection of private property rights.
- \* *No net gains* of state lands measured and implemented on a county by county basis.
- \* Requiring analysis of proposed legislation and regulation for impacts on private property.
- \* Continual gubernatorial and legislative involvement in issues involving natural resource management & States rights.
- \* Reduction in risks associated with industrial projects on private property.
- \* Strengthening criminal trespass laws including legislation to prohibit corner crossing between federal lands.

## Eminent Domain

Supports:

- \* Amending Wyoming's eminent domain statutes to provide greater protection for agricultural use owners during condemnation cases.
- \* Rights-of-way obtained by condemnation should be for right of easement only, not for right of ownership.
- \* Two-thirds of landowners must be signed to agreements before eminent domain use is possible.

## Education

Supports:

- \* Local control of schools.
- \* Vocational education programs in all schools for grades 7-12.
- \* Requiring consideration of the means of the State for education costs and school capital construction costs.
- \* Only necessary buildings should be updated or replaced.
- \* Revision of teacher tenure. Every third year a panel of teachers, parents, and board members should evaluate teachers; so that quality teachers are recognized and rewarded based on performance.
- \* The use of school vouchers to provide students with the best available education.
- \* Local school boards should control their school lunch program.
- \* Equal access for students to all educational opportunities that districts provide.
- \* Resisting efforts to incorporate Critical Race Theory in Wyoming public schools.
- \* Election of University of Wyoming Board of Trustees

## Water

### Supports:

- \* Including historic time of use as a criterion for change of use situations.
- \* Comprehensive underground water management plans made with local input and county meetings.
- \* Notification of water right holders and local hearings on possibly damaging applications.
- \* Continual gubernatorial and legislative involvement on issues of States rights.
- \* Funding for emergency irrigation infrastructure repairs.
- \* Water rights holders should be notified when water rights are regulated.
- \* Transfer of title from Bureau of Reclamation to local districts once the districts pay the costs off.

### Opposes:

- \* The gift, sale or lease of water outside the state or for instream flow.
- \* Permitting private instream flow. Changes in *temporary* use & the concept of *salvage* water.
- \* The federal government obtaining water rights.
- \* Delegation of authority for pursuing instream flow applications from the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.
- \* Developing underground water before availability assessments have been conducted.
- \* Developing Hydrogen power from Water.

## Wildlife

### Supports:

- \* State management of the wolf and grizzly bear.
- \* Increasing the predatory animal control program due to wildlife, crop & livestock losses.
- \* Increasing damage payments for standing & stored forage.
- \* Managing wildlife based on how much forage is available for wildlife.
- \* Appointment of Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioners.
- \* Conducting cost analysis on Migration Corridors.
- \* Base Landowner Coupon Payments on Specie Harvested

### Opposes:

- \* Wyoming Game and Fish Commission being able to set license fees.
- \* Migration Corridors encroaching on private property rights.

## Livestock

### Supports:

- \* Efforts to retain our Brucellosis class free status outside the current Designated Surveillance Area (DSA).
- \* Funding for voluntary Brucellosis testing outside of the DSA.
- \* Legal recognition of Vet Tech degrees.

### Opposes:

- \* Mandatory animal ID beyond existing requirements.
- \* Any increase in the beef check-off program.
- \* A state beef check-off program.

## General

### Supports:

- \* State agencies performing a consistency review to comply with county land use plans when proposing new rules.
- \* Special district elections being held in conjunction with general elections.
- \* Legislative review of federal actions for constitutionality.
- \* Wyoming's extractive mineral industry

### Opposes:

- \* Granting additional rights to any special groups.
- \* Legalization or decriminalization of marijuana.
- \* Make America Beautiful Executive Order signed by President Biden.
- \* Switching parties for the primary election at the polling place.
- \* Utilization of Environment, Social, Governance (ESG) scores.
- \* Rock Springs RMP Alt B
- \* "non-use" as a conservation practice as per RS RMP