

## 2025 Legislative Priorities

### **Fiscal Responsibility**

*We support:*

- An annual legislative review of all state spending.
- Biennial budgets with no supplemental budget requests or appropriations during the general session unless an emergency situation.
- Budget cuts in local, county and 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 and 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.

*We oppose:*

- Further increases in taxes, fees and charges.
- A statewide mill levy for community colleges.
- Systems that would increase the costs of establishing and 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.

### **Private Property Rights**

*We support:*

- 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 and 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.
- Support legislation against the SUSTAINS Act.

### **Eminent Domain**

*We support:*

- 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**

*We support:*

- 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

### *We support:*

- 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.
- Encourage cleaning or dredging reservoirs to increase capacity.

### *We oppose:*

- 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

### *We support:*

- State management of the wolf and grizzly bear.
- Increasing the predatory animal control program due to wildlife, crop and livestock losses.
- Increasing damage payments for standing and 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 species harvested.
- Thermal scope hunting.

### *We oppose:*

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

## Livestock

### *We support:*

- 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.

### *We oppose:*

- Mandatory animal ID beyond existing requirements as of 2023.
- Any increase in the beef check-off program.
- A state beef check-off program.

## General

### *We support:*

- 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.

### *We oppose:*

- 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 Record of Decision.
- "Non-use" as a conservation practice.

