

CHAPTER 230

NATURAL RESOURCES

SENATE BILL 98-191

BY SENATORS Dennis, Bishop, Chlouber, Feeley, Johnson, and Norton;
also REPRESENTATIVES Entz, Salaz, Gotlieb, Sullivant, Udall, and Veiga.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE IN LAS ANIMAS COUNTY
FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Acquisition authorization. The division of wildlife in the department of natural resources is hereby authorized to acquire land in Las Animas county, Colorado, consisting of approximately twenty-nine thousand nine hundred forty acres, more or less, but not more than thirty thousand four hundred acres, subject to survey, and located in the Upper Purgatoire watershed.

TOGETHER with such rights and improvements, water and water rights, coal and coal rights, minerals and mineral rights, sand, and gravel located thereon or appurtenant thereto that the division may choose to acquire. All taxes that would be payable upon extraction of any such nonrenewable resources if such land were privately owned, shall be due and payable as if such land continued to be privately owned.

SECTION 2. The division of wildlife in the department of natural resources, shall annually request appropriations from the wildlife cash fund sufficient to cover all reasonable operation and maintenance and weed control costs to assure compliance with applicable law.

SECTION 3. Appropriation. In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the wildlife cash fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of natural resources, for allocation to the division of wildlife, the sum of nine million four hundred thousand dollars (\$9,400,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the acquisition authorized by section 1 of this act. The moneys appropriated shall become available upon passage of this act and

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shall remain available to the division of wildlife until January 1, 2001. The appropriation from the wildlife cash fund shall be reduced by the amount of any moneys received from federal or other sources and not appropriated in this act.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 26, 1998