

HOUSE BILL NO. 277

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR A GRANT TO THE GLEN LAKE IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR WATER LOSS MITIGATION WORK TO ENHANCE BULL TROUT RECOVERY; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR EXPENDITURE OF THE GRANT; REQUIRING THE GLEN LAKE IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS REGARDING PROJECT SUCCESS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation.** There is appropriated ~~\$100,000 from the general fund~~ \$45,000 FROM THE STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR STATE PARKS to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks for fiscal year 2006 for a grant to the Glen Lake irrigation district for water loss mitigation to enhance bull trout recovery, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The grant must be used solely by the Glen Lake irrigation district for hiring contractors to install water loss liners, bentonite, or other commonly available technology to prevent water loss that has been revealed through previously conducted engineering studies on file with the Glen Lake irrigation district.

(2) Grant money may not be used for fish screens, further engineering studies, or time spent by department employees attempting to acquire additional water rights. Further conditions, such as work scheduling requirements, may not be attached to the grant, other than those conditions outlined in this section. The Glen Lake irrigation district is not required to submit an application for the grant.

(3) Following the water loss mitigation work, the Glen Lake irrigation district shall report to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks concerning the success of the project, including the percentage of water loss that has been mitigated through the installation of water loss mitigation technology.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2005.

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