

HOUSE BILL NO. 312

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DIRECTING THE EXPENDITURE OF THE PORTION OF SMITH
RIVER USER FEES DEPOSITED IN THE SMITH RIVER CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT FOR
SPECIFIC PURPOSES RELATED TO THE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE SMITH RIVER
CORRIDOR; AMENDING SECTION 23-2-409, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 23-2-409, MCA, is amended to read:

"23-2-409. Allocation of user fees -- expenditure of Smith River corridor enhancement account.

(1) All money collected as recreational and commercial user fees for floating and camping on the Smith River
waterway pursuant to 23-2-408 must be deposited in the state treasury in ~~a~~ an account in the state special
revenue fund to the credit of the department.

(2) Money deposited in the Smith River corridor enhancement account must be expended to:

(a) protect and enhance the integrity of the natural and scenic beauty of the Smith River waterway and
its recreational, fisheries, and wildlife values through the lease or acquisition of property, including lease or
acquisition of partial interests in property by the department within the Smith River corridor;

(b) pursue projects that serve to protect, enhance, and restore fisheries habitat, streambank stabilization,
erosion control, and recreational values within the Smith River corridor, including Smith River tributaries; and

(c) pursue projects that serve to maintain and enhance instream flows for recognized recreational and
aquatic ecosystem values in the Smith River corridor."

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Saving clause. [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured,
penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

