

## **Office of the Governor**

### **Quality of Life Result**

Wyoming state government is a responsible steward of state assets and effectively responds to the needs of residents and guests. (Government)

### **Agency**

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### **Contribution to Wyoming Quality of Life Results**

As noted in statute, the governor formulates and administers executive policy and exercises general supervision, direction, and control over the executive branch of state government. It is the responsibility of the Office of the Governor, which includes the State Planning Office, to drive solutions and progress for the state of Wyoming that will outlast the administration by virtue of direct public engagement and government support. The office makes the result statement above more possible by striving to ensure the people of Wyoming have superior government access and responsiveness, while prudently managing the state's resources.

### **Basic Facts**

The Office of the Governor, which includes the State Planning Office and the Office of Homeland Security, employs 53 full-time personnel, and has a combined biennial budget of \$53.5 million.

As defined in Article 4 of the Wyoming Constitution, the duties of the governor, and by extension his office, include:

- Formulating and administering policy
- Directing the executive branch of state government
- Appointing individuals to state offices, boards, commissions, judicial positions and U.S. Senate vacancies,
- Serving as commander in chief of the military forces of the state,
- Submitting biennial balanced budgets,
- Faithfully executing all laws,
- Declaring a state of emergency in a disaster,
- Recommending measures for legislative action,
- Approving or vetoing legislation and disapproving part(s) or item(s) of any bill making appropriations of money or property,
- Convening the Legislature on extraordinary occasions,

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- Granting pardons, commutations, reprieves and suspending executions when appropriate,
- Approving financial transfers and contracts,
- Serving on boards and commissions,
- Remitting fines and forfeitures when appropriate,
- Responding to constituent inquiries,
- Performing ceremonial duties,
- Providing information and advocacy to the public regarding the state's interests,
- Hosting local, national and international dignitaries,
- Cooperate with other states and the federal government and its agencies, and with all private concerns to produce proactive, innovative planning for the State.
- Develop and advocate official state positions on federal land use issues regarding multiple use of federal lands in Wyoming,
- Actively monitor and request federal agencies to include the state government in the early planning stages of various federal land use management decisions,
- Notify various individuals, interest and user groups and solicit from them their views regarding pending federal land management issues,
- Utilize state agency expertise on specific issues, solicit and coordinate appropriate agency comment on pending federal land issues

The Office of the Governor will also continue its commitment to being responsive to the public, remaining in touch with the issues that affect the lives of Wyoming residents and helping state agencies realize the "10 Wyoming Result Statements."