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ADMINISTRATION

PHONE 307-686-5203

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Michael Cole, City Administrator

RE: General Information

DATE: April 24, 2026

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **April 25 - May 1, 2026**

Tuesday, April 28th

6:00 p.m. City Council Special Meeting - Budget Workshop #2
City Hall Council Chambers
Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

1. Attached please find an **agenda and Notice of Special Meeting for the Gillette City Council on April 28, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in Gillette City Hall, Council Chambers** dated **April 22, 2026** provided by **City Administrator Cole**.
2. Attached please find a **letter regarding Arbor Day Celebration** dated **April 23, 2026** provided by **City Arborist Wendy Clements**.
3. Attached please find **information regarding 2026 Next Frontier Energy Summit on May 5-6, 2026** provided by the **Wyoming Energy Authority**.
4. Attached please find a **news release regarding Governor Gordon Enters Into Regulatory Agreement with U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission** dated **April 21, 2026** provided by the **Office of Governor Mark Gordon**.
5. Attached please find an **invitation to the ECED 2026 Annual Event on May 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at Cam-Plex Energy Hall** provided by **Energy Capital Economic Development**.

6. Attached please find **Wyoming Economic Indicators** dated **March 2026** provided by the **State of Wyoming Department of Administration & Information Economic Analysis Division**.
7. Attached please find a **flyer** regarding **2026 Wyoming Funding Summit** provided by the **Wyoming State Budget Department, Grants Management Office**.
8. Attached please find a **thank you card** from the **GALI Class 2025-26**.

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Gillette City Council Special Meeting

(FY27 Budget Workshop #2 – Proposed Capital Improvement Plan and 1% Plan Review)

April 28, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

Council Chambers

City Hall, 201 E. 5th Street, Gillette, WY 82716

Dinner served at 5:30 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Review FY27 Proposed Capital Improvement Plan and 1% Plan (CIP)

No action will be taken on this item. Staff will present requests for CIP and 1% items for the FY27 Budget. The council will review and provide input. No public comment will be received during this item. A public hearing to consider the FY27 budget will be held during the regular meeting on June 2.

- a. General Fund CIP Items
 - b. Enterprise Funds CIP Items
 - c. 1% Fund
 - d. Agency Funding Requests
3. Administrator Comments
 4. Adjournment



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE GILLETTE CITY COUNCIL

TAKE NOTICE that the presiding officer of the Gillette City Council has called for a special meeting. This special meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 28, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Gillette City Hall, Council Chambers, located at 201 E. 5th St., Gillette, WY 82716.** The purpose of this special meeting is as follows:

- **A. Pre-presentation Dinner.**
- **B. Presentation:** Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Review—Capital Improvement Projects; 1% Funding; Agency Funding Requests.

See attached agenda.

- **C. Action Items.** None.

DATED April 22, 2026.

Michael H. Cole
City of Gillette Administrator



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TO: Sawley Wilde, Public Works Director
FROM: Wendy Clements, City Arborist
DATE: April 23, 2026
RE: Arbor Day Celebration, Friday May 8, 2026

I would like to take this opportunity to invite Mayor Lundvall and members of the City Council, Administrator Cole and the Parks and Beautification Board, to the City's Arbor Day Celebration that will be held on Friday, May 8, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The celebration will be held at Rawhide Elementary School located at 200 Prospector Parkway.

This year marks the 34th year the City of Gillette has achieved Tree City USA designation from the Arbor Day Foundation. For many years, the City's Forestry division has partnered with the CCSD to celebrate Arbor Day and educate community youth on the value of trees and benefits they provide. This year we will celebrate by planting a tree with sixth grade students at Rawhide Elementary. The students will also learn the importance of trees, the history of Arbor Day and through tree planting, inspire their inner Lorax to become lifelong stewards of trees. The City Arborist invites CCSD personnel, members of the City Council, Parks Board and WY State Forestry to join them for the event and encourages all citizens to plant trees for our future.

If you need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

WC/dg



Angela Williams <angelaw@gillettewy.gov>

2026 Next Frontier Energy Summit - Registration Extended!

1 message

Wyoming Energy Authority <wea-wyo.gov@shared1.ccsend.com>
Reply-To: jessica@threeelephantpr.com
To: angelaw@gillettewy.gov

Mon, Apr 20, 2026 at 10:49 AM



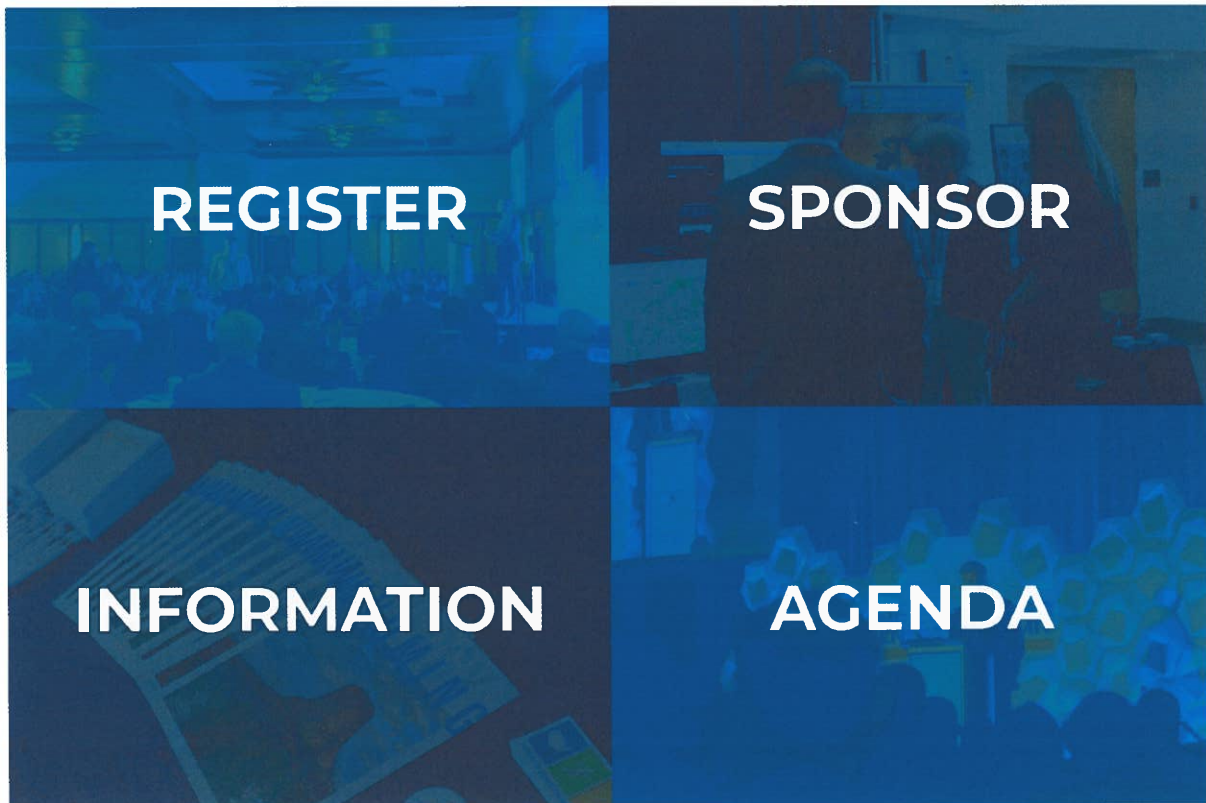
You now have more time to secure your spot at this exciting event, where leaders from across the energy spectrum—innovators, developers, researchers, policymakers, investors and industry stakeholders—come

together. Over two dynamic days, we will explore emerging technologies, forge strategic partnerships and advance Wyoming's role as a national leader in energy innovation.

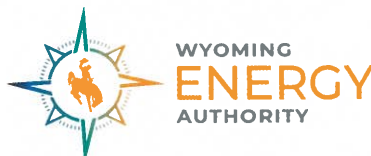
Don't miss your chance to join those actively shaping the next generation of energy solutions. Whether you are an energy executive, advanced technology developer, researcher, policymaker, economic development leader or investor, this summit offers an unparalleled opportunity to examine the technologies, policies, infrastructure and partnerships that will drive long-term resilience and opportunities for Wyoming and beyond.

Registration has been extended, so act now to ensure your place among the visionaries shaping the future of energy in Wyoming and beyond.

Learn more: <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/cd78ebf5/tq93Rg4OdUOsr3JXFLutA?u=https://wyoenergy.org/energy-summit/>



The 2026 Next Frontier Energy Summit is graciously sponsored by BWX Technologies and numerous businesses and organizations supporting Wyoming's energy industry.



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LARAMIE, WYOMING

MAY 5-6, 2026

AGENDA

All sessions will take place at **Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center**
located at 222 S 22nd St, Laramie, WY 82070.

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

- 11:00 **Registration Opens**
- 12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 1:05 **Welcome Remarks**
- Rob Creager, Executive Director, Wyoming Energy Authority
- 1:05 - 1:30 **Featured Speaker: Todd Brickhouse, CEO, Basin Electric**
- 1:30 - 2:30 **Natural Gas at the Frontier: Reliability, Innovation & Markets**
Moderated by Pete Obermueller, President, Petroleum Association of Wyoming
- Stephen Furbacher, Vice President, Williams
 - Paul Ulrich, Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs, Jonah Energy LLC
- 2:30 - 3:00 **Networking Break**
- 3:00 - 3:30 **Featured Speaker: Mike Nasi, Partner, Jackson Walker LLP**
- 3:30 - 4:30 **America's Mineral Advantage: Non-Energy Minerals in a Global Market**
Moderated by Travis Deti, President, Wyoming Mining Association
- Oguz Erkan, CEO, WE Soda
 - Ken Mushinski, CEO, Rare Element Resources
 - Jamey Tippetts, Vice President of Operations, Wyo-Ben, Inc.
- 4:30 - 5:00 **Featured Speaker: To Be Announced**
- 5:00 - 6:30 **Networking Reception**



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Wednesday, May 6, 2026

7:15 - 8:00 **Breakfast**

8:00 - 8:15 **Welcome Remarks**

- Wanda Burget, Chairwoman, Wyoming Energy Authority Board of Directors

8:15 - 9:15 **From Washington to the West: Federal and State Policy Impacts on Energy**

Moderated by Rob Creager, Executive Director, Wyoming Energy Authority

- Lanny Erdos, Acting Assistant Secretary of Land & Minerals and Director of the Office of Surface Mining
- Cyrus Western, Region 8 Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

9:15 - 10:15 **Built in Wyoming: Energy Manufacturing and Economic Strength**

Moderated by Renny MacKay, President, Wyoming Business Alliance

- Marshall Sasse, CEO, Red River LLC
- Mike Wandler, President, L&H Industrial

10:15 - 10:45 **Networking Break**

10:45 - 11:45 **Powering Possibility: Nuclear Energy Beyond Today**

Moderated by John Wagner, Director, Idaho National Lab (INL)

- Lee Robinson, COO & Co-Founder, General Matter
- Joe Miller, President of Government Operations, BWXT

11:45 - 12:15 **Featured Speaker: Governor Mark Gordon, 33rd Governor of Wyoming**

12:15 - 1:15 **Networking Lunch**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Governor Gordon Enters Into Regulatory Agreement with U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

“By bringing this regulatory authority closer to the ground, we can ensure strong oversight while creating opportunities for innovation, investment and good-paying jobs.”

CHEYENNE, Wyo. - April 21, 2026 – Governor Mark Gordon (R-WY) signed the finalized agreement between the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). This agreement expands DEQ’s regulatory authority. Following years of preparation, the formal execution of the amended agreement on April 30, 2026, marked a major milestone in Wyoming’s mission to lead the nation in rare earth element (REE) and critical mineral development.

“This agreement marks an important step in Wyoming’s effort to responsibly lead in the development of critical minerals,” Governor Gordon said. “By bringing this regulatory authority closer to the ground, we can ensure strong oversight while creating opportunities for innovation, investment and good-paying jobs. Wyoming has proven we can do this work the right way, safely, transparently, and with respect for our communities and environment.”

Through a formal signing ceremony, Governor Gordon and Andrea Kock, Director of Nuclear Material, Safety and Safeguards, finalized the agreement officially granting Wyoming authority over source material recovered from mineral resources processed primarily for purposes other than obtaining their uranium or thorium content. This expansion builds upon the state’s existing authority over uranium and thorium milling facilities, which Wyoming has managed successfully since September 2018.

“Wyoming continues to lead the nation in responsible mineral development,” Todd Parfitt said, Director of DEQ. “The expanded agreement with the NRC provides Wyoming with regulatory authority to support advancements in rare earth and critical mineral technologies, all while ensuring compliance with state and federal standards.”

“We are excited to expand upon our existing agreement with the NRC,” Brandi O’Brien, said Land Quality Division Administrator. “Since 2018 we have successfully and responsibly regulated the uranium recovery facilities in Wyoming. With our proximity to the operations in Wyoming, we can more efficiently license and inspect the regulated community. We are excited to expand this success to our new program.”

The initiative was driven by the passage of House Bill HB0061 during the 67th Legislative Session, which prompted the Governor’s formal request for the expansion in 2023. To support this new regulatory scope, the DEQ Land Quality Division (LQD) was authorized to add two fulltime positions dedicated to developing the Source Material Program (SMP).

Under this new program, “source material” refers to uranium or thorium generated as a side stream or waste during other mineral processing activities, such as the processing of REEs.

While this unique category was previously regulated by the federal government, the execution of the April agreement transfers regulatory authority to the State of Wyoming. As a

result, the NRC license for Rare Element Resources, Inc.'s Bear Lodge Project will be officially transferred to the WDEQ/LQD SMP.

The program's rules and regulations underwent a comprehensive review process, receiving a unanimous recommendation from the LQD Advisory Board and approval from the Environmental Quality Council and the Secretary of State's Office. Governor Mark Gordon provided final approval of the rules on Jan. 12, 2026.

In the final step of the process, the NRC published the application and assessment for public comment in a Federal Register Notice on Jan. 30, 2026. Following the close of the comment period and final Commission approval, the formal signing finalizes the transfer of authority.

For more information:

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May 7, 2026

5:00 - 8:00 PM

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*Cocktail Hour 5:00 - 6:00 PM

*Silent Auction begins at 5:00 PM

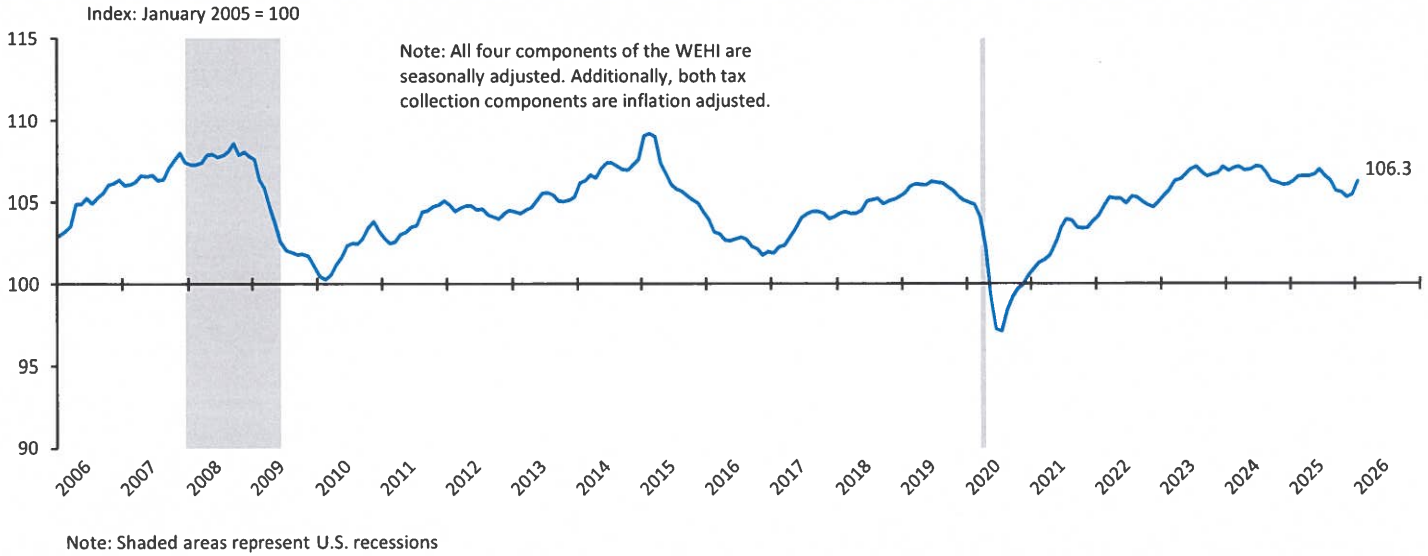
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*Dinner Served 6:15 PM

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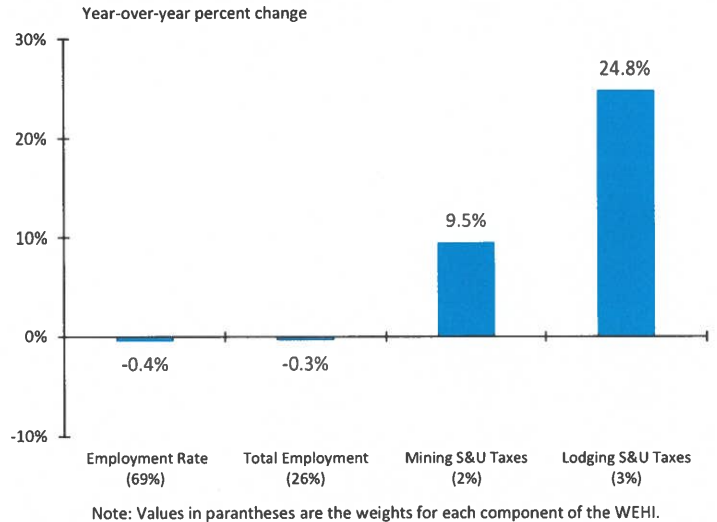
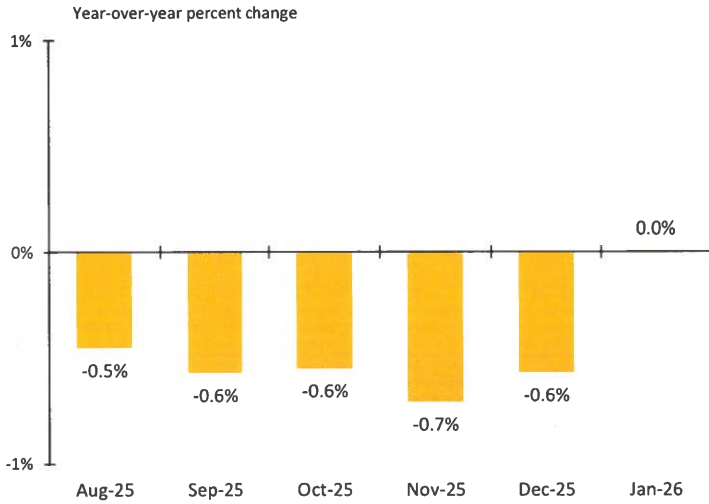
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► Figure 1: Wyoming Economic Health Index as of January 2026

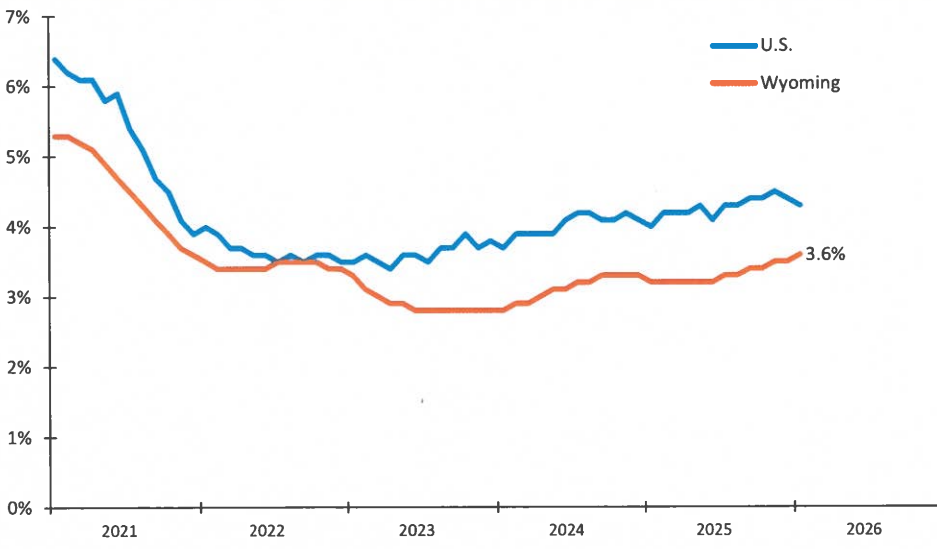


► Figure 2: Change in WEHI - Last 6 Months

► Figure 3: Change in Components of WEHI - January 2026



► Figure 4: Wyoming and United States Unemployment Rate (Seasonally Adjusted or SA)



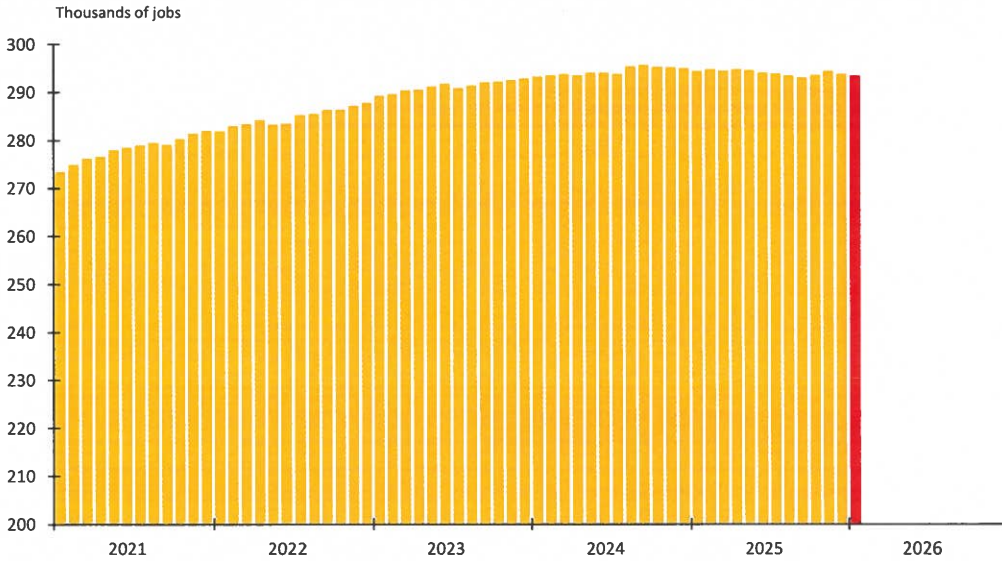
► **SUMMARY:** The Wyoming Economic Health Index (WEHI) reported a value of 106.3 in January 2026 (see Figure 1). This value is equal to the January 2025 value.

► As seen in Figure 2, in five of the past six months (August 2025 - January 2026), the WEHI reported year-over-year decreases, with the largest decrease occurring in November (-0.7%).

► Two of the four WEHI components improved in January compared to January 2025 (see Figure 3). Lodging sales & use taxes saw the largest year-over-year increase, up 24.8%. Employment rate and total employment both declined year-over-year by less than 1%.

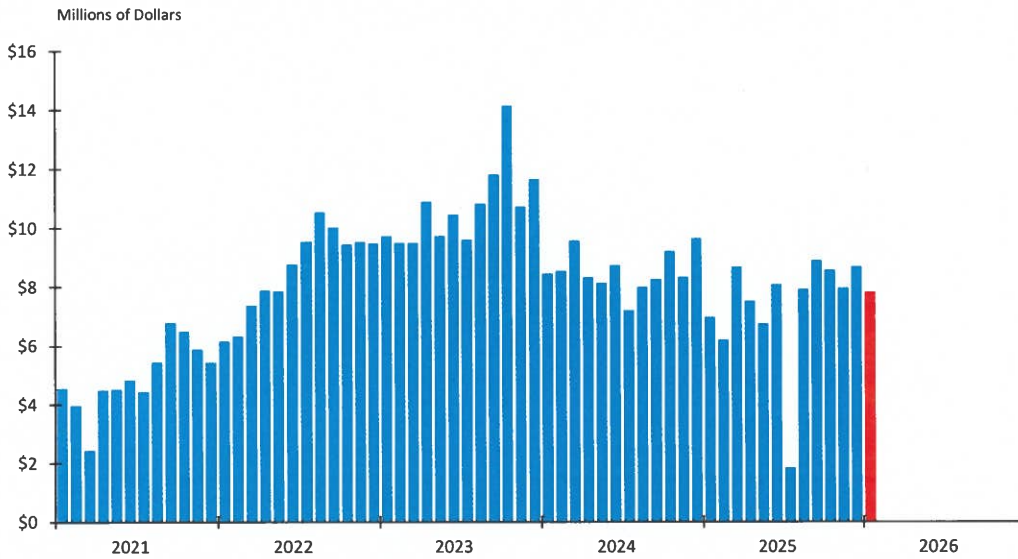
► The unemployment rate (SA) for Wyoming in January was 3.6%, higher than the January 2025 rate (3.2%), but lower than the January 2026 national unemployment rate (4.3%) (see Figure 4).

► Figure 5. Wyoming Total Nonfarm Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)



► The total number of nonfarm payroll jobs in January was 293,500, lower than the January 2025 number by 900 (-0.3%) (see Figure 5). Total employment has declined year-over-year in each of the last six months, potentially signaling a slowdown in the labor market.

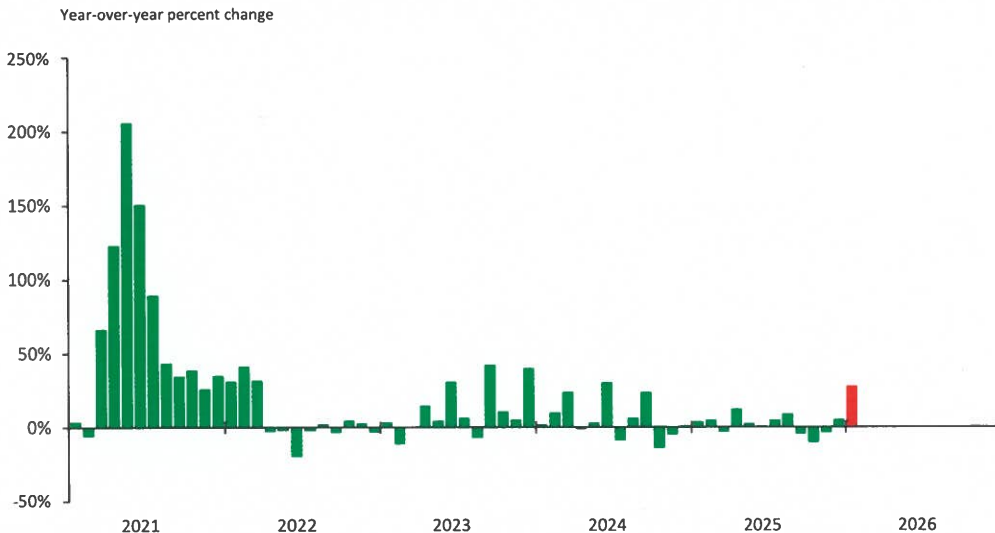
► Figure 6. Wyoming 4% Sales and Use Tax Collections - Mining Sector (1-Month Lag)



► Wyoming's collection of the 4% sales and use tax from the mining sector was \$7.8 million in January 2026, \$0.8 million more (+12.2%) than January 2025 (see Figure 6).

Note: The value for January 2026 in Figure 6 is actually collections from February 2026 because there is approximately a 1-month lag between collections and sales activity.

► Figure 7. Change in Wyoming 4% Sales and Use Tax Collections - Lodging (1-Month Lag)



► Wyoming's collection of the 4% sales and use tax from lodging was \$2.9 million in January, 27.8% higher than January 2025 (see Figure 7).

Note: The value for January 2026 in Figure 7 is actually based on collections from February 2026 because there is approximately a 1-month lag between collections and sales activity.

Wyoming Economic Health Index Addendum

The Wyoming Economic Health Index (WEHI) is a coincident economic indicator designed to provide a current assessment of the state's economy. There are four components of the WEHI. The first two components, unemployment rate and total nonfarm employment, are included to capture overall labor market activity for Wyoming. The third component, sales and use tax collections related to the mining sector, captures economic activity related to mineral production in the state. The fourth component, sales and use tax collections related to lodging, serves as a proxy for tourism activity in the state.

Unemployment Rate: The first component of the WEHI is the unemployment rate. This statistic measures the percentage of people in Wyoming actively looking for work but do not have jobs. In the WEHI model, the employment rate (100% minus the unemployment rate) is indexed rather than the unemployment rate because an increase in the employment rate, similar to an increase in total employment, mining activity, and tourism activity, is considered to be a positive for the state's economy. The unemployment rate is available monthly, seasonally adjusted, from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Total Nonfarm Employment: The second component of the WEHI is total nonfarm employment. This statistic measures the number of people who have wage or salary jobs in Wyoming. The total nonfarm employment is available monthly, seasonally adjusted, from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

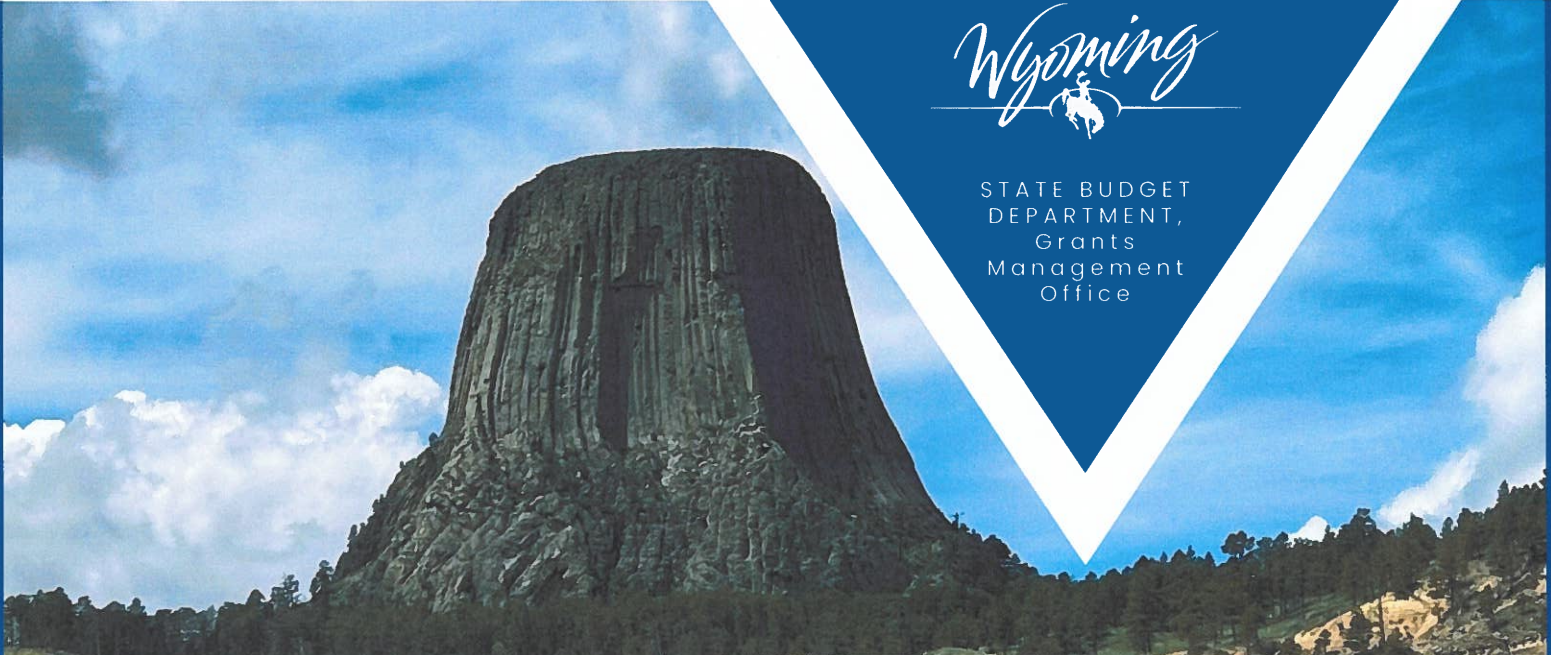
Mining Sales & Use Tax: The third component of the WEHI is the sales and use tax collected from the mining sector (including oil and gas extraction). Because sales and use tax collections the state receives for a given month represent transactions that took place 4 to 6 weeks prior, the data is lagged one month in the WEHI model. This statistic is available monthly from the State of Wyoming's Department of Revenue. The data is adjusted for inflation using the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The data is also seasonally adjusted.

Lodging Sales & Use Tax: The fourth component of the WEHI is sales and use tax collections from lodging. Again, because sales and use tax collections received by the state for a given month of transactions represent transactions that took place 4 to 6 weeks prior, the data is lagged one month in the WEHI model. This statistic is available monthly from the State of Wyoming's Department of Revenue. The data is adjusted for inflation using the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The data is also seasonally adjusted.

Methodology: Each series for the components discussed above are standardized starting in January 2005, resulting in a value of 100 for each component and the WEHI. As each component changes from month to month, the WEHI value changes. Next, the standard deviation of each component's standardized series values is calculated, followed by the calculation of the inverse of each component's standard deviation. Next, the individual inverse standard deviations are standardized, resulting in weights that sum to 1. The rationale for this weighting approach is that the components that are more stable over time will have a smaller standard deviation and thus, a larger inverse standard deviation and weight. A large shift in a typically stable data series would provide a better signal of a change in the economy than a large shift in a data series that typically has large fluctuations. Therefore, this weighting approach allows the WEHI to put a larger weight on the more stable components so that if they do experience a large shift, the WEHI's value will be affected more to represent the change in the state's economic conditions. Lastly, a 3-month moving average is used in order to smooth out the index. This helps eliminate large "spikes" that may occur due to a certain component recording an unusually high or low value in a given month.



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CAMPBELL COUNTY



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Thank you for
your time!
- Heidi

Thank you for
everything!
Kandi Caprent

Thank you so much
for taking the time to
show us around!
Justine Garbuck

Thank you so much!
it was such a great
experience - Faith

Thanks for everything
- Tyson

Thank you!
- Kyrle

Thank you so much!
Kayla

Thank you for sharing
your day
with us
- Michèle

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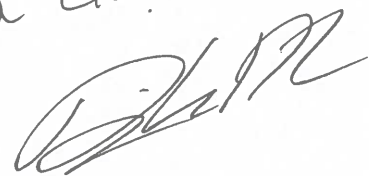
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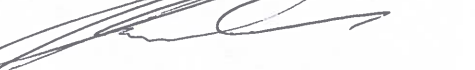
Thank you so
much!
Jenn Palmer

Thank you for the
work you do!

Thank you!
- Kyrle



Thank you for your time
- Lexine

Thanks for
your time


Thanks for
showing us
around. Great
tour!
Shawn

Appreciate your
time!
Thank you
feather

Thank you so much! - Tyson

Thank you
for your time
- Anthony Ludwig