



CITY OF GILLETTE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Patrick G. Davidson, City Administrator
RE: General Information
DATE: December 29, 2017

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **December 30th – January 5th**

Monday, January 1st

New Years Day – **City Offices Closed**

Tuesday, January 2nd

6:00 p.m. City Council Pre-Meeting, Agenda Attached

- Legends' Liquor License Discussion
- Review January 2nd Agenda
- Executive Session
- City Hall – 3rd Floor Conference Room
- Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Reception for new Council Member

- City Hall - Lobby Outside Council Chambers

7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting

- City Hall - Council Chambers

Friday, January 5th

4:30 p.m. City Council Strategic Planning Session

- City Hall – 3rd Floor Conference Room

Saturday, January 6th

8:30 a.m. City Council Strategic Planning Session

- City Hall – 3rd Floor Conference Room

1. Attached please find a **letter** regarding **2018 Refuse Truck** dated **December 26, 2017** provided by **Public Works Director Wilde**.
2. Attached please find **Snow Event #6** dated **December 22, 2017** provided by **Public Works Director Wilde**.
3. Attached please find **information** regarding **Economic Summary: 3Q2017** dated **December 2017** provided by the **Wyoming Department of Administration & Information Economic Analysis Division**.
4. Attached please find a **news article** regarding the **Wyoming Business Council** dated **December 27, 2017**.
5. Attached please find **information** regarding **Energy Capital Economic Development's Quarterly Breakfast** on **January 11, 2018** at **7:00 a.m.** at the **Gillette-Campbell County Airport** provided by **Energy Capital Economic Development**.

* Item previously discussed by Council

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**Pre-Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall – 3rd Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, January 2, 2018
Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.**

Pre-Meeting Topic(s):

- Legends' Liquor License Discussion
- Review January 2nd Council Agenda
- Executive Session
- Reception for new Council Member following the Pre-Meeting in the area outside of City Hall Council Chambers.

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TO: Patrick G. Davidson, City Administrator

FROM: Sawley Wilde, Public Works Director

DATE: December 26, 2017

RE: 2018 Refuse Truck

As you are aware, we went out to bid for a 2018 refuse truck to replace Unit 148. We received one bid from Jack's Truck & Equipment, of Gillette, Wyoming, in the amount of \$280,653.00.

This will go before Council on January 2, 2018. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this purchase.

SW/kk

Snow Event Report #6

Event Start Date: 12/22/2017 Event Start Time: 1:00 p.m.
Event End Date: 12/23/2017 Event End Time: 3:30 p.m.
Duration of Event: 26.5 Hours Streets First Responder: Day Crew

Storm Event Overview:

The Streets Day Crew responded to increasing snowfall and slick roads at 1:00 p.m. on 12/22/17.

The Day Crew began checking known trouble areas, hills and bridges. As the snowfall became heavier, the Day Crew had to shift their focus to priority streets.

Day Crew plowed snow and applied material to priority and trouble area streets until shift change at 7:00 p.m.

The Night Crew continued working on priority streets and trouble areas throughout the night as snowfall continued and temperatures dropped.

Night Crew was only able to keep priority streets and trouble areas clear and treated due to the steady snowfall and icy conditions.

Day Crew took over at 7:00 a.m. on 12/23/17 and continued re-working priority areas and trouble spots until mid-morning. Day Crew then began plowing and applying material to subdivision streets citywide.

As skies cleared, sunshine helped keep plowed areas open, Day Crew was able to finish subdivisions by 3:30 and Event Six was ended.

Number of Pieces of Equipment Used:

Snow Plows:	<u>9</u>	Blades:	<u>0</u>
1-Tons:	<u>1</u>	Snow Blowers:	<u>0</u>
Loaders:	<u>1</u>	Liquid Truck:	<u>0</u>

Amount of Material Used:

Ice Slicer lbs:	<u>164,332</u>
Scoria lbs:	<u>164,555</u>
Brine Gallons:	<u>210</u>
Apogee Gallons	<u>0</u>

Number of Miles Plowed During Event: 2,913

Personnel:

Day Crew – Leo Rodell, Nick Scherry, Melissa Bell, Shane Prentice, Cammryn Nelson, Lonnie Meidinger, Brian Hartle.

Night Crew – Dale Harter, Jeremy Hagen, Dale Warren, Leonard Taylor, Mark Webb, Josh Wright, Billy Little, Ryan Waliser.

Volunteer Drivers - Brian Hartle

Contractor Work Effort:

N/A

Subdivision Activities:

Crews plowed and applied material to hills, corners, trouble areas and streets within subdivisions during this event.

Parks and Building Maintenance Division Activities:

Parks and Building Maintenance Divisions plowed City owned parking lots and facility sidewalks and bike paths after the close of the event.

Environmental Conditions Present:

Snow: 1" Drifting: No Rain: No Low Temp: -9 Wind: 9-16 mph

Equipment Issues:**Incidents:**

None

Complaints / Concerns:

None

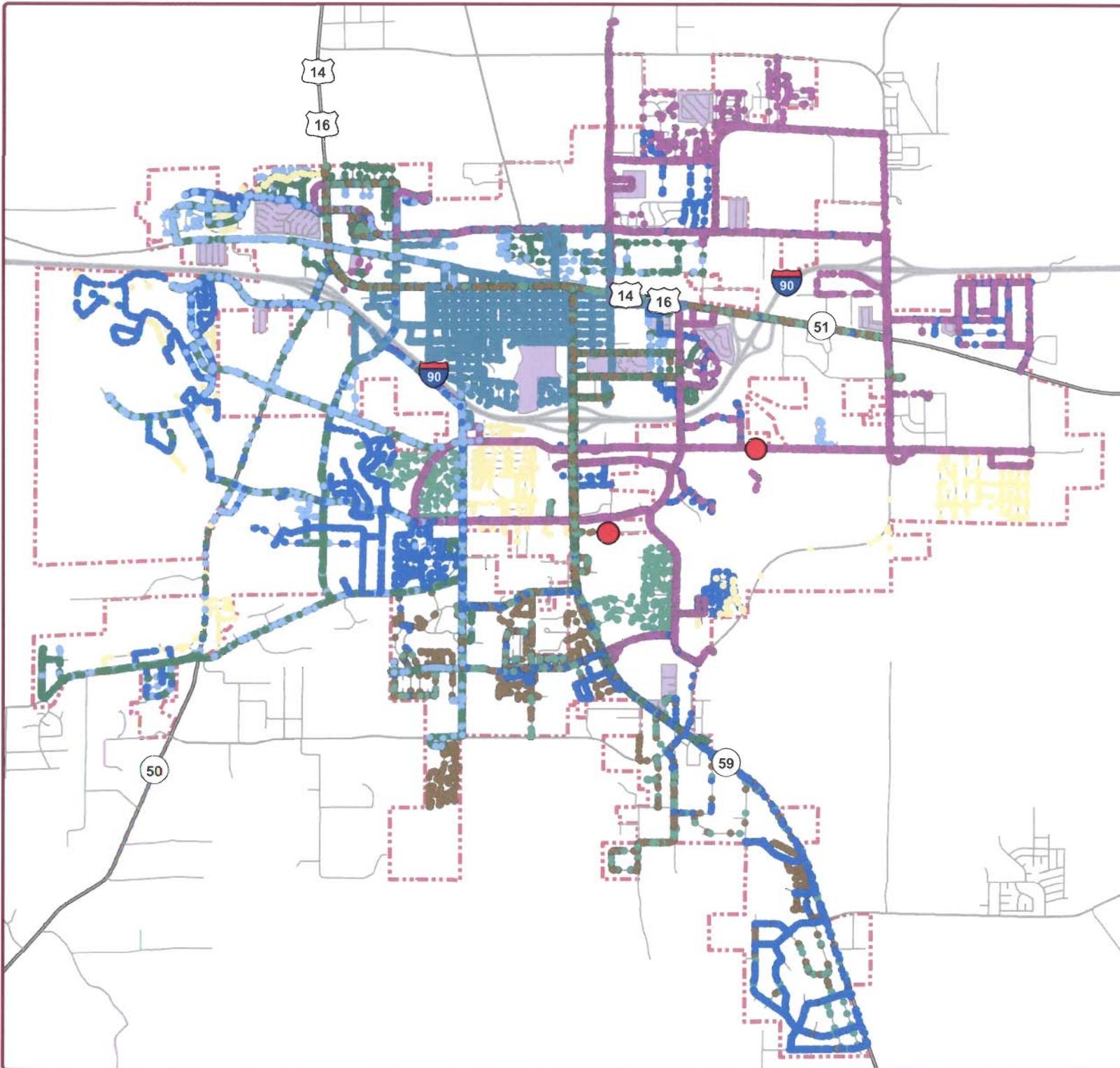
Items of Interest:

During this weather event the Gillette Police Department investigated eight vehicle crashes. Two of those crashes occurred on a City of Gillette maintained roadway and were influenced by weather conditions.



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Legend

Unit # & Description

- Unit 25 Snow Plow
- Unit 28 Snow Plow
- Unit 40 Snow Plow
- Unit 44 Snow Plow
- Unit 99 Snow Plow
- Unit 100 Snow Plow
- Unit 157 Snow Plow
- Unit 160203 Snow Plow
- Unit 160204 Snow Plow
- Reported Crashes

According to the AVL system, our snowplows drove a total of 2,890 miles during this event.

Police Report:
Crashes: 2
Crashes w/Injuries: 0
Citations: 0
Personal Property Damage: \$1,500
City Property Damage: \$200

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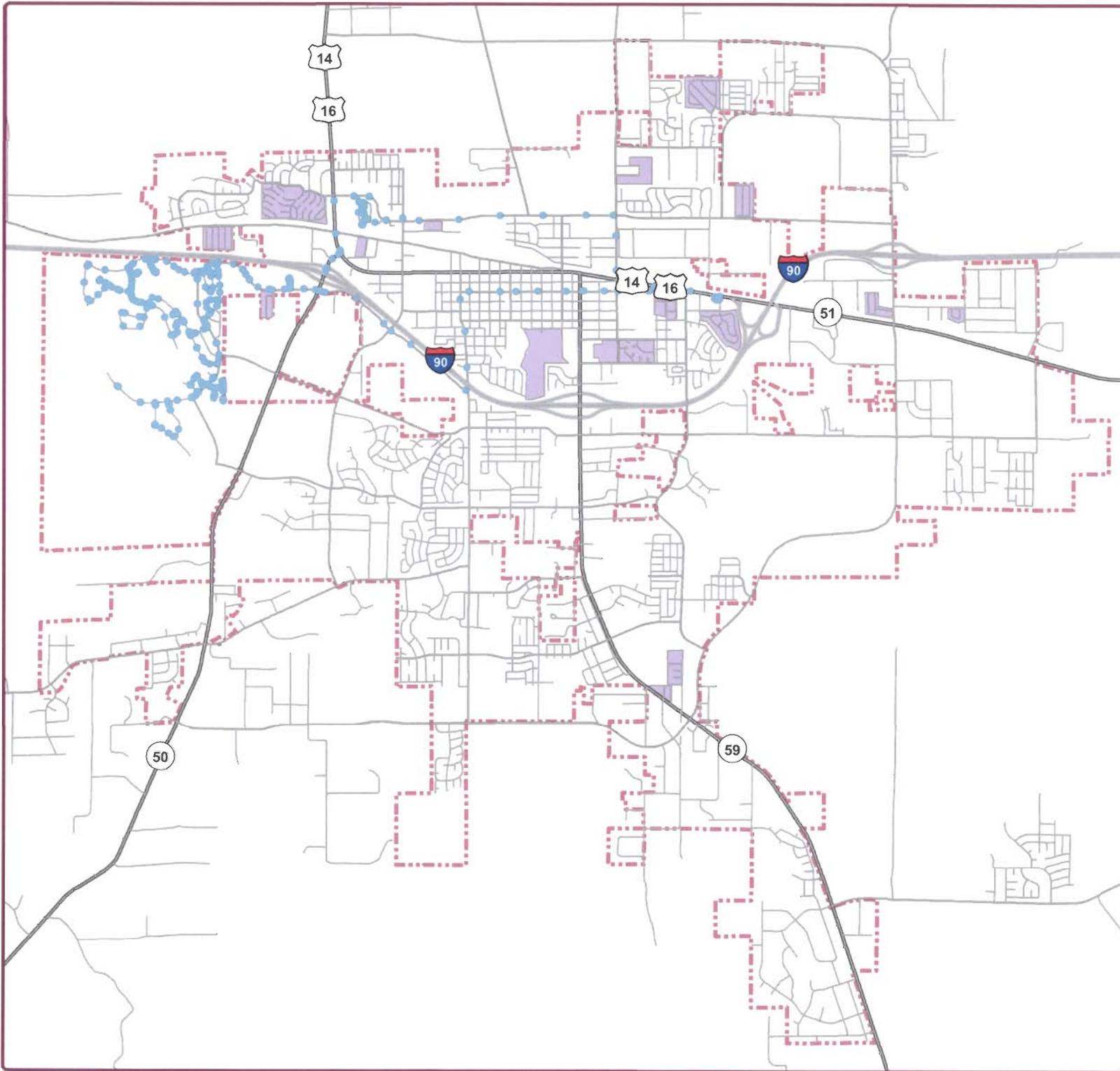
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Feet

Snowplow AVL Snow Event Six

12/22/2017 1:00 pm to
12/23/2017 03:30 pm
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One Tons

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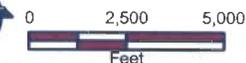
- Unit 168 One Ton Streets

According to the AVL system, our one ton trucks drove a total of 23 miles during this event.

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One Ton AVL

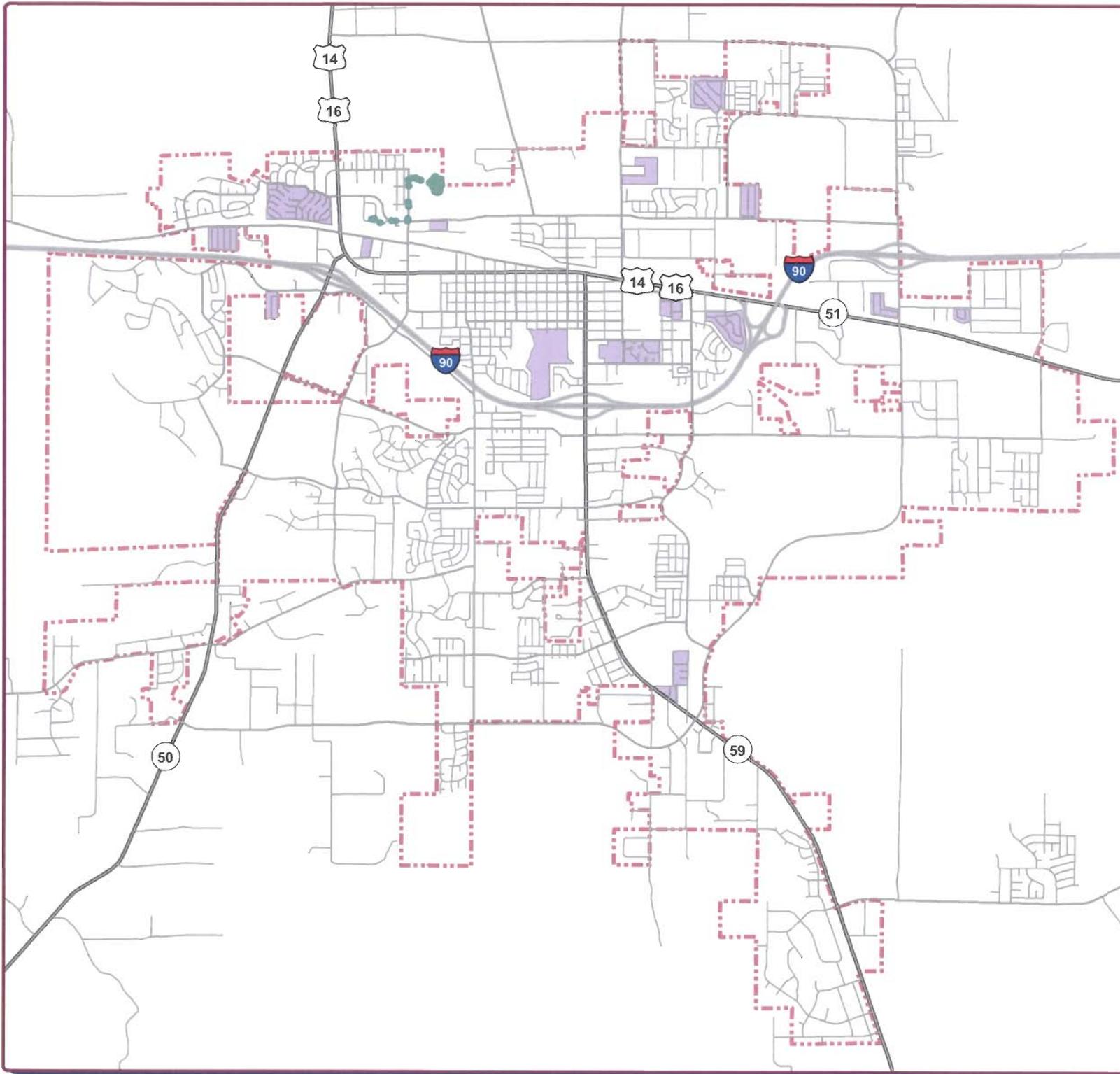
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Tractors & Others
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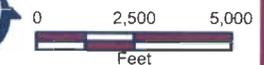
- Unit 96 Wheel Loader

According to the AVL system,
 our tractors drove a total
 of 27 miles during this event.

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Tractor AVL
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**Gillette Police Department
2017/2018 Weather Event Crash Report VI**

IR#	Date/Time	Location	Injury	Property Damage	Citation	Cause
28228	12/22/2017 - 1441	900 Edwards Street	None	Private - <\$1,000 City - >\$200	No	Vehicle was east on Edwards and slid on the snow/ice while entering Dalbey Park, striking a dead end sign.
28289	12/23/2017 - 1236	Boxelder Rd. / Pepsi	None	Private - <\$500	No	Vehicle was east on Boxelder Road and lost control on the snow/ice, struck the curb and caused damage to the vehicle.

December 22, 2017 1:00 p.m. to December 23, 2017 3:30 p.m.

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Economic Summary: 3Q2017



Wyoming Department of Administration & Information

Economic Analysis Division

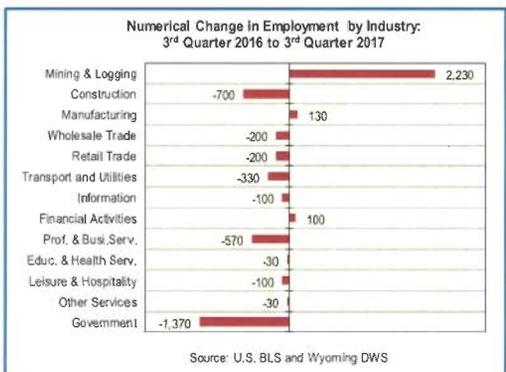
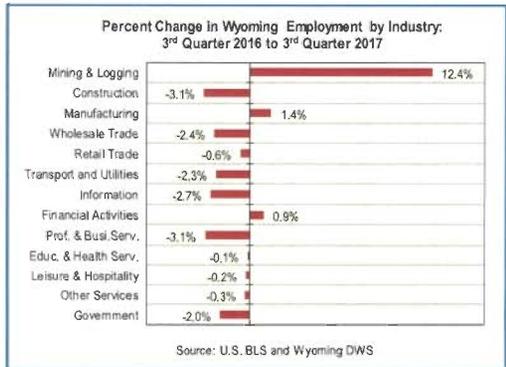
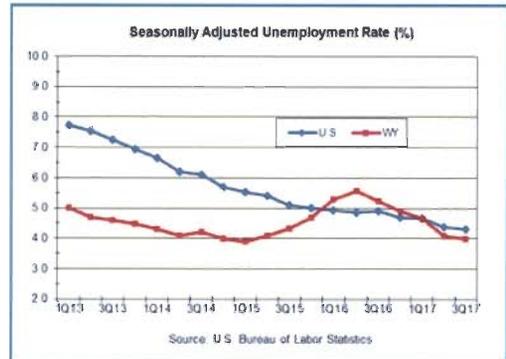
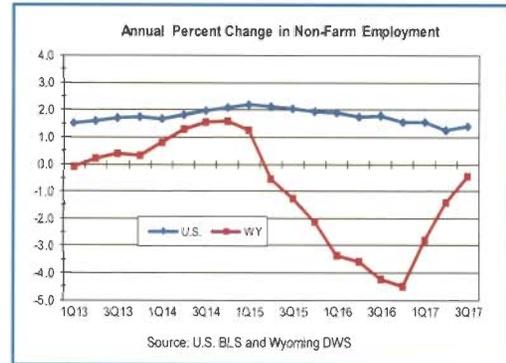
Current Global and U.S. Economy

According to Moody's Analytics, the global expansion is gaining momentum as growth continues to synchronize across both developed and emerging economies. Monetary policy in the U.S. and the euro area will also remain supportive as the normalization of interest rates and the removal of extraordinary accommodation put in place during the global financial crisis follows a gradual path. Stronger than expected growth in China and the European Union will continue to strengthen global aggregate demand, boosting the external accounts of export-oriented emerging markets such as Brazil and Russia that have also benefited from recovering commodity prices.

The U.S. economy continues to power forward. Real GDP growth remains just above 2.0 percent, and job growth at over 2 million per year. The pace of growth remains firmly above the economy's potential, and underutilized resources are being quickly absorbed. The unemployment rate, just over 4.0 percent, was the lowest since the beginning of the 21st century. The overall housing vacancy rate, including both homeowner and renter, is as low as it has been in 30 years. Buoyed by strong job market and solid balance sheet, consumers have been the strongest and most consistent source of growth in the current economic expansion. The household debt-to-income ratio is close to a quarter-century low and stable. Credit quality on mortgage and consumer loans is as good as it has ever been. The increase in household wealth has been stunning as stock and house prices surged. However, with Fed now winding down its quantitative easing and the prospects for higher interest rates, asset prices may come under pressure, and the wealth effect fades.

Employment

Wyoming's unemployment rate continued to fall in the third quarter of 2017 to 4.0 percent, lower than the U.S. level of 4.3 percent. However, Wyoming still experienced a decline of 0.4 percent (or 1,170 jobs) in total employment in the quarter compared to one year earlier, though it's the smallest year-over-year decrease since the second quarter of 2015. Most industrial sectors in the state experienced job decreases during the period. The government sector, which includes both public education and public hospitals, suffered a loss of 1,370 payroll jobs or 2.0 percent in the third quarter of 2017. Employment in construction industry and professional & business services declined 3.1 percent, respectively. As supply and demand rebalancing continues, prices for both oil and natural gas, though still depressed, have rebounded significantly from early 2016, and have been fluctuating in a much narrower range. The state's mineral extraction industry, therefore, increased their drilling activities, experienced an annual employment growth of 2,230 jobs or 12.4 percent in the third quarter.



Personal Income and Earnings

Wyoming's total personal income grew 2.6 percent in the third quarter of 2017 from the previous year, the fastest increase since the first quarter of 2015. U.S. personal income also increased 2.6 percent during the same period. Personal income is the income received by all residents from all sources. It is the sum of wage & salary and proprietors' earnings; property income (dividends, interest, and rent); and personal transfer receipts, such as Social Security Income, Medicare and Medicaid benefits. Total earnings in the state grew 2.6 percent annually in the quarter, while property income increased 3.6 percent. The earnings for most industries experienced increases from a year ago. The mining industry showed the largest growth of 9.7 percent, contributed 42.2 percent of the total earnings increase in the state. However, the construction industry and farm sector continued to decline from the third quarter of 2016.

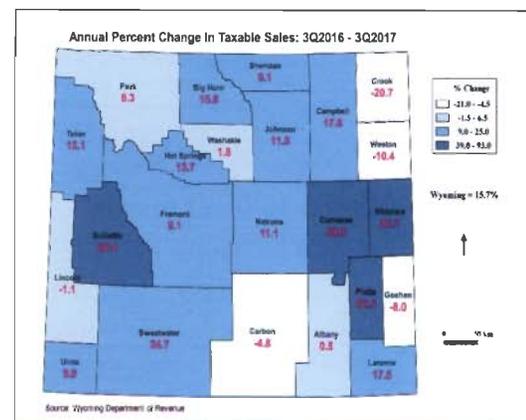
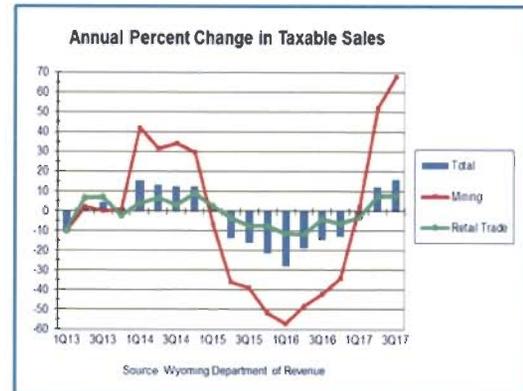
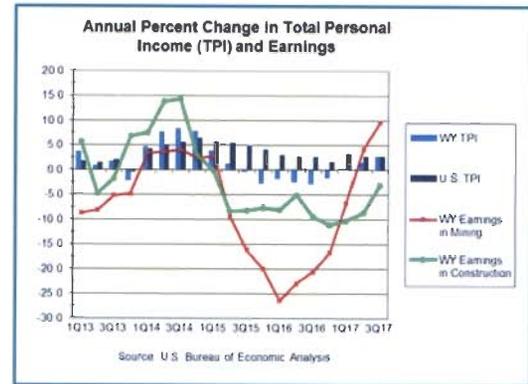
Housing

The statewide home price increased 2.3 percent in the third quarter of 2017 from one year ago, an improvement from the prior quarter, while the national average price appreciated 6.5 percent during the same period. In Wyoming, single family building permits for new privately-owned residential construction in the third quarter of 2017 were only 2.3 percent higher than the previous year level. Both mortgage delinquency rate and foreclosure rate in September were lower than last year.

The U.S. housing market is characterized by continuing to rise prices and tight supply which have led to a slowdown in existing-home sales in 2017. The persistent shortage of skilled and specialty construction labor has prevented new-home buildings from meeting the increasing demand. Meanwhile, U.S. cities are making a comeback, and housing price appreciation is the strongest in the most densely populated metro areas. The outperformance of central cities has intensified in recent years, resulting in much stronger rebound of multifamily construction than single-family homebuilding.

Taxable Sales

Based on sales and use tax collections, total taxable sales in the state grew 15.7 percent to \$4.8 billion in the third quarter of 2017, the fastest annual increase since the first quarter of 2012. Increases occurred in most economic industries, with the largest boost in mining (including oil & gas extraction), which accounted for nearly half of the total increase. Due to the new energy exploration and production activity, sales of equipment, supplies, and services in the mining sector (Wyoming does not impose sales tax on the production of minerals) experienced a year-over-year expansion of 68.1 percent for the third quarter of 2017, the fastest recorded in recent decades. However, the third quarter amount was still 42.8 percent less than the figures for the fourth quarter of 2014 - before the energy downturn. Traditionally, over one-sixth of collections are from the mining industry, therefore the changes in total sales and use tax collections in Wyoming have been greatly affected by the fluctuation in mineral activities.



Construction, manufacturing, and transportation & warehousing sectors, which are closely related to mineral extraction, each increased over 35.0 percent. The public administration sector, which reflects automobile sales, showed an increase of 8.4 percent over the year. The retail trade industry, the largest in terms of sales tax contribution, grew 7.8 percent. Across the state, 18 out of 23 counties experienced increases in taxable sales, led by Niobrara County (92.3%). Three other counties, Sublette, Platte, and Converse, demonstrated around 50.0 percent expansions, respectively. Increased drilling activities in mineral exploration mostly contributed to the faster growths in these counties.

Tourism

The number of recreational visitations to Yellowstone National Park reached 2,518,638 in the third quarter of 2017, down 0.8 percent from the previous year, but 1,938,397 visits in Grand Teton National Park increased 0.1 percent. Visitation figures in 2016 were the highest ever, due mostly to national parks' centennial celebration. The huge fluctuations in visitations for the fourth quarters of 2013 and 2014 were attributed to the 16-day Federal government shutdown in October 2013. Lodging sales for the third quarter were 44.8 percent higher than a year ago in Teton County, and were 39.3 percent higher for the state a whole. Drawn by the August 21, 2017 solar eclipse, visitors to several Wyoming places apparently boosted lodging sales, and many visitors to Jackson Hole may have also made a trip to national parks in the state.

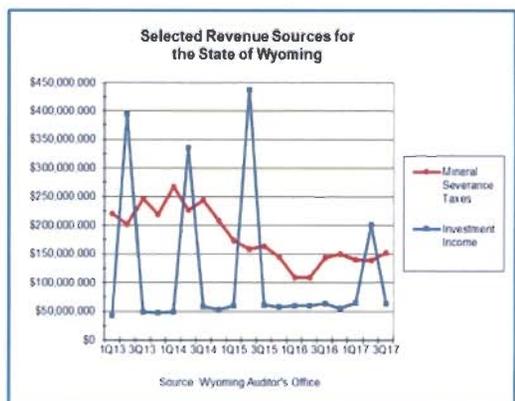
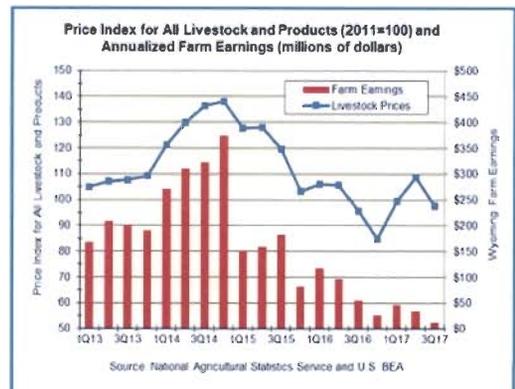
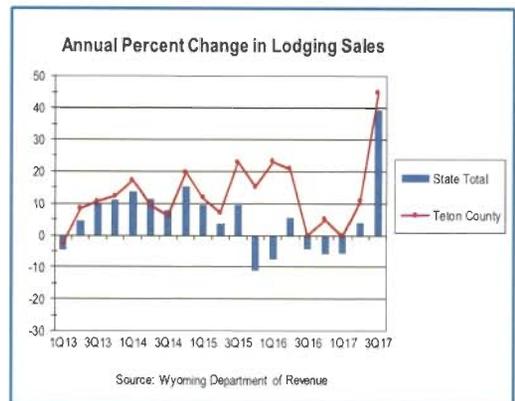
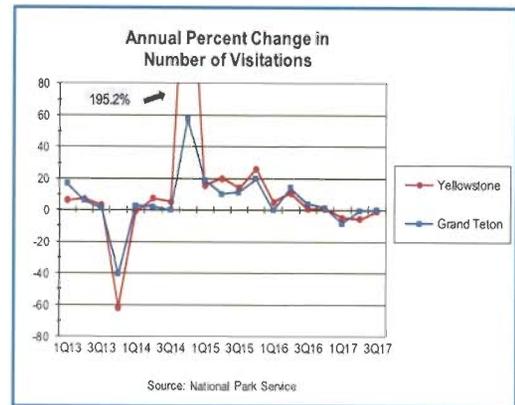
Agriculture

The index of prices received by farmers for all U.S. livestock and products decreased in the third quarter of 2017, but the price level was slightly higher than a year ago. Since the fourth quarter of 2014, farm earnings in Wyoming have been experiencing a dramatic downward trend amid strong supply and weak global demand in beef products. Alfalfa hay production in Wyoming is expected to climb 10.0 percent, but sugarbeet production is forecast to decline 8.0 percent this year from 2016, according to USDA survey.

Nationwide, January to September 2017 commercial red meat production was 38.4 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2016. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 5 percent.

Revenue

Investment income into the state general fund, including income from the Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund and state agency pooled income accounts, reached \$63.8 million in the third quarter of 2017, which was 0.6 percent lower than the amount recorded a year ago. The huge boosts in second quarters were due to the net realized capital gains being distributed at the end of each fiscal year, which ends on June 30. The \$152.7 million in mineral severance taxes generated in the third quarter of 2017 was 10.3 percent higher than the previous quarter, and it was the highest amount in two years.



Thursday, December 28, 2017



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Wyoming Business Council worried state lawmakers see ENDOW as its replacement

By Joel Funk, Wyoming Tribune Eagle Dec 27, 2017

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Shawn Reese, chief executive officer of the Wyoming Business Council, talks about Wyoming's economy during an interview on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017, at the Wyoming Business Council. The Wyoming Business Council recently had its annual meeting to discuss what it has done in the past year and what it has in store for 2018. Blaine McCartney/Wyoming Tribune Eagle

CHEYENNE -- The opportunities and challenges of economic diversification make 2018 perhaps the most exciting year to date for Wyoming Business Council CEO Shawn Reese.

With consequential decisions in the first few weeks of 2018, Reese and his associates will be watching decision-makers closely.

The upcoming year will see the Wyoming Business Council -- the state agency tasked with making strides in economic diversity -- mark its 20th anniversary. And it's a critical time for the agency's existence.

ENDOW -- which stands for Economically Needed Diversity Options for Wyoming -- is Gov. Matt Mead's initiative to diversify the economy through the next 20 years.

It comes at a time when the state is leveling off from a devastating economic bust that resulted in two years of cuts to state agencies across the board.

With the 2018 legislative session approaching, lawmakers are still grappling with a more than \$700 million budget deficit. In the past, Wyoming's economic downturns have been reversed when prices in the state's breadbasket mineral commodities have gone back up. Revenue estimates improved in late 2017, and lawmakers are hoping for an even better outlook when an updated report is released in January. However, Mead, legislative leadership and economists believe the situation is different this time around.

"If minerals come back -- and we don't think they'll come back to the extent they have in the past -- if we become complacent, we're doomed to repeat history," Reese said.

For Reese, one positive of the downturn since late 2014 is that people are talking about economic diversification.

"When the economy is really cooking, we didn't have those same conversations," he said. "We've got to keep momentum going with idea generation in the spirit of change and innovation."

Mead is currently asking to take \$37.5 million from the state's Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account -- commonly known as the "rainy-day fund" -- to fund ENDOW initiatives during the 2019-20 biennium. Some speculate that amount could increase.

The Wyoming Business Council is one of the entities overseeing ENDOW, and Reese said he appreciates how it's brought a broad swath of considerations under one umbrella. But as lawmakers consider the allocation for ENDOW initiatives, he said he hopes lawmakers don't lose sight of the continued importance of the Business Council's work.

One of the largest programs in the state's budget is the Business Ready Community Grant and Loan program, which prioritizes job-creating initiatives, but allows for diverse projects. If there's already an allocation for ENDOW economic diversification long-term initiatives from the rainy-day fund, it's possible some lawmakers could see an opportunity to reduce general fund expenditures to Business Council programs that benefit in the near-term.

Reese said that would be a mistake.

"I anticipate there are going to be a lot of questions and scrutiny on the Business Council budget, particularly the Business Ready Community program," Reese said. "There will be questions about, 'Do we need to change this? Has it been effective? Is the money better placed in other programs?'"

Reese said lawmakers need to understand the interrelationship and distinction between ENDOW and the Business Council, as some seem to confuse one as a replacement for the other.

"I do think there's a distinction and complimentary aspect to ENDOW and the Business Council," he said.

The Business Council's budget was reduced by 25 percent in the current biennium, which ends June 30, 2018, from the previous two-year cycle. Mead's request for the agency in his budget for the upcoming cycle, which starts July 1, is about a \$300,000 reduction from the current biennium.

Even with the state's budget shortfalls, Reese said it's not the time to stop making the investments overseen by the Business Council. While there were damaging consequences from the most recent bust in terms of jobs lost and workers fleeing the state, he said it has turned out better than past downturns. Reese attributes that healthier economic state to investments in areas that foster diversification.

"A pitfall is to stop those investments when the economy is in a downturn," he said. "That may be when you want to invest more in people and communities and infrastructure."

Looking back at 2017, Reese cites success on several fronts:

- Collaboration between the Business Council and the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services was strengthened.
- Focus was shifted to the needs of businesses and industry, rather than focusing on offering programming and services to businesses.
- The Outdoor Recreation Task Force released its report to help the sector thrive.
- Main Street programs continue to grow.
- Work with internet providers and telecommunication companies began mapping out where there are broadband service gaps.
- Data on housing was synthesized to make it available to bankers and community leaders.
- The Business Council worked with businesses on international market development.
- The Grown in Wyoming program, dedicated to connecting Wyoming agricultural producers with retailers in the state, was launched.

Kicking off the coming year, Reese said there are two Business Ready Community requests that could bring projects to Sheridan and Upton, assuming they are approved by the State Loan and Investment Board in January. The Sheridan project would increase manufacturing jobs by at least 18 percent, while the Upton request would bring a railcar service facility to the state, Reese said.

Both the potential projects, he said, tell a story.

"The story they tell is the importance of having all the economic development building blocks working," Reese said.

Reese said those economic development building blocks not only helped Wyoming keep its head above water through the latest downturn, but they set the state up for what could come with ENDOW.

Joel Funk

Joel Funk is the Wyoming Tribune Eagle's state government reporter. He can be reached at jfunk@wyomingnews.com or 307-633-3124. Follow him on Twitter at [@jmacfunk](https://twitter.com/jmacfunk).



Angela Williams <angelaw@gillettewy.gov>

Fwd: Business Aviators, Inc. to Host January Quarterly Breakfast

1 message

ADMN ADMN <admngillettewy.gov>
To: Angela Williams <angelaw@gillettewy.gov>

Fri, Dec 22, 2017 at 8:17 AM

For GI

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From: **Phil Christopherson** <mary@energycapital.com>
Date: Thu, Dec 21, 2017 at 2:24 PM
Subject: Business Aviators, Inc. to Host January Quarterly Breakfast
To: admngillettewy.gov



Economic Development

Learn about the importance of air service in Wyoming and a proposed solution to support better air service at Energy Capital Economic Development's Quarterly Breakfast. You are invited to attend the breakfast, sponsored by [Business Aviators, Inc.](#), on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7 a.m. at the [Gillette-Campbell County Airport](#).

State Senator Michael Von Flatern will provide information about air service in Wyoming and will also visit with attendees about the progress of the [ENDOW](#) initiative. Senator Van Flatern is on the ENDOW Executive Council. Energy Capital Economic Development will give an update on its previous quarter's activities.

This event is free due to the generosity of Business Aviators, Inc. However, **space is limited, so please RSVP by Friday, Jan. 5** by emailing doni@EnergyCapitalED.com or calling 307-686-2603.