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4-20-3 Rangeland Improvement Account distribution.

- (1) The department shall distribute restricted account money as provided in this section.
 - (a) The department shall:
 - (i) distribute pro rata to each school district the money received by the state under Subsection 4-20-2(1)(b)(i) from the sale or lease of public lands based upon the amount of revenue generated from the sale or lease of public lands within the district; and
 - (ii) ensure that all money generated from the sale or lease of public lands within a school district is credited and deposited to the general school fund of that school district.
 - (b)
 - (i) After the commissioner approves a request from a regional board, the department shall distribute pro rata to each regional board money received by the state under Subsection 4-20-2(1)(b)(i) from fees based upon the amount of revenue generated from the imposition of fees within that grazing district.
 - (ii) The regional board shall expend money received in accordance with Subsection (2).
 - (c)
 - (i) The department shall distribute or expend money received by the state under Subsections 4-20-2(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) for the purposes outlined in Subsection (2).
 - (ii) The department may require entities seeking funding from sources outlined in Subsections 4-20-2(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) to provide matching funds.
- (2) The department shall ensure that restricted account distributions or expenditures under Subsections (1)(b) and (c) are used for:
 - (a) range improvement and maintenance;
 - (b) the control of predatory and depredating animals;
 - (c) the control, management, or extermination of invading species, range damaging organisms, and poisonous or noxious weeds;
 - (d) the purchase or lease of lands or a conservation easement for the benefit of a grazing district;
 - (e) watershed protection, development, distribution, and improvement;
 - (f) the general welfare of livestock grazing within a grazing district; and
 - (g) subject to Subsection (3), costs to monitor rangeland improvement projects.
- (3) Annual account distributions or expenditures for the monitoring costs described in Subsection (2)(g) may not exceed 10% of the annual receipts of the fund.

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