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**23A-6-205 Wildlife Land and Water Acquisition Program.**

- (1) As used in this section, "program" means the Wildlife Land and Water Acquisition Program created in Subsection (2).
- (2) There is created a program known as the "Wildlife Land and Water Acquisition Program" under which the division may lease or acquire land or water assets that achieve one or more of the following:
  - (a) protect and enhance wildlife populations;
  - (b) provide the public the opportunity to hunt, trap, or fish; and
  - (c) conserve, protect, and enhance wildlife habitat.
- (3) In making a decision as to whether to lease or acquire land or water assets, the division shall:
  - (a) consult the relevant state or county resource management plan;
  - (b) prioritize leases or acquisitions that involve land that:
    - (i) is adjacent to land already owned by the division; or
    - (ii) provides access to other public land;
  - (c) develop a management plan for the land or water asset in a manner consistent with Section 23A-6-301; and
  - (d) facilitate grazing as a management tool if consistent with the management plan described in Subsection (3)(c).
- (4) The division shall annually report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee regarding how the division expends money in the program.

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