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November 28, 1990

Keith Schoene, Chairman  
Laramie County Conservation District  
1750 Westland Road  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

RE: Use of State Vehicles

Dear Mr. Schoene:

I am writing in response to your inquiry concerning the use of state vehicles by conservation district employees or members for conservation district activities. You stated the Laramie County Conservation District participates in the Wyoming Retirement System, Workers' Compensation and the Local Government Self-Insurance Pool. Participation in these systems does not make a conservation district member or employee a state employee and therefore eligible to drive state vehicles. A state official or employee is any individual employed by the executive branch of Wyoming State Government in full-time, part-time, or advisory capacity regardless of whether or not the individual receives compensation for his services. (State of Wyoming Travel Policies and Regulations Chapter II, Section 1j.) Policy statement MV-1-10-00 issued May 12, 1982 by Motor Vehicle Management System director Robert Fleming states: MVMS has a fleet of vehicles that may be used by state employees for limited periods of travel (emphasis added). In addition, the May 12, 1975 Memorandum issued by Governor Ed Herschler required all state employees operating any motor vehicle while on state business to complete a defensive driving course. In a second Memorandum issued December 22, 1975, Governor Herschler wrote: Those employees not possessing a valid course graduation card will not be permitted to check out or operate any vehicle while performing state business.

It is clear that only state employees can operate state vehicles.



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If this office can be of further assistance, please call.

Sincerely,

*Donna Rice*

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cc: ✓ Grant Stumbaugh,  
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September 12, 1990

Donna Rice, Assistant Attorney General  
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Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Ms. Rice,

The Laramie County Conservation District has periodically found a need for state vehicles to use during District activities such as tours, seminars, etc. This arrangement has been satisfactory, however, on occasion state employees are unavailable to operate these vehicles. The District is requesting additional information on the steps necessary to obtain access to state vehicles.

Currently, the Laramie County Conservation District participates in the Wyoming Retirement System, Wyoming Worker's Compensation, and are members of the Local Government Self-Insurance Pool.

Conservation Districts fall under the umbrella of the State of Wyoming's Department of Agriculture. We receive funding through a state appropriation issued on annual basis.

We would appreciate any information you may have in regard to this matter. If your in need of any additional information please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Keith Schoene, Chairman  
Laramie County Conservation District

c.c. Grant Stumbaugh, Wyoming Department of Agriculture

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