# STATE OF WYOMING
# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
# EXECUTIVE ORDER

## Order 2026-03

## DATA CENTERS THE WYOMING WAY

**WHEREAS,** Wyoming is an energy-producing state with abundant natural resources, a business-friendly environment, reliable infrastructure, and a proven commitment to innovation which provides Wyoming a leading role in America's digital future; and

**WHEREAS,** data centers and other large-load developments represent significant opportunities to enhance national security, economic diversification, job growth, community investment, and continue energy development and production in Wyoming; and

**WHEREAS,** on June 2, 2026, President Donald J. Trump signed an executive order promoting advanced artificial intelligence and its role in support of national security; and, as expanded, development of data centers supports the President's order and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming is a prime location to participate in the buildout of data centers and other advanced computing facilities, such as supercomputers and other technological infrastructure, and is prepared with statutory and regulatory frameworks that welcome responsible investment that strengthens local communities, creates jobs for Wyoming workers, and contributes to the long-term prosperity of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming's growth must reflect the values embodied in the Wyoming way of life, including stewardship of natural resources water and wildlife, respect for local communities, transparency, personal responsibility, and good neighborliness; and

**WHEREAS,** Wyoming citizens have expressed legitimate interests regarding the potential impacts of large-scale industrial and digital infrastructure development on electric rates, water resources, wildlife, transportation systems, local government services, and community character; and

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**WHEREAS,** Wyoming is committed to ensuring that economic development occurs in a manner that insulates residential and small-business utility customers from bearing additional costs associated with new data center development by using Wyoming's existing regulatory framework to ensure that developers bear all incremental costs incurred to provide the required power for large-load projects; and

**WHEREAS,** water is among Wyoming's valuable natural resources and must be managed responsibly to support future generations, agriculture, industry, wildlife, and local communities to preserve Wyoming's values and way of life; and

**WHEREAS,** Wyoming's agencies are experienced and have the technical expertise to manage and regulate the effects of large industrial developments, including data centers, and thus help to mitigate the effects on Wyoming's natural resources and its communities while meeting the challenges and demands of the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming's local town and city councils and county commissioners have the power to protect community interests and further mitigate siting and nuisance issues that may arise from large industrial developments; and

**WHEREAS,** the people of Wyoming are experienced with balancing natural resource stewardship with development and are provided by law and regulation opportunities to comment on issues attending large industrial developments; and

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming's educational institutions, community colleges, and workforce partners are experienced and committed to preparing Wyoming citizens for jobs and careers these developments will bring; and

**WHEREAS,** Wyoming's economic future is strongest when development is pursued in partnership with local communities and with meaningful opportunities for public engagement to address concerns and mitigate impacts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Gordon, Governor of the State of Wyoming, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Wyoming, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purposes of this Executive Order are to:

A. Establish the Wyoming Data Center Development Framework;

B. Promote responsible development of data centers and other large-load facilities;

C. Ensure state agencies coordinate efforts related to large-scale digital infrastructure projects; and

D. Encourage development that reflects Wyoming values and heritage while advancing economic growth, jobs, energy production, and national security interests.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION

This Executive Order applies to executive branch agencies involved in permitting, reviewing, regulating, supporting, or facilitating large-scale data center development within Wyoming under existing regulatory frameworks.

SECTION 3. WYOMING DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

The Wyoming Data Center Development Framework consists of the following principles:

A. Water Sustainability

Wyoming shall encourage the use of advanced technologies and best practices that minimize water consumption and protect water quality. State agencies shall support responsible water stewardship and encourage innovative cooling and operational technologies appropriate for Wyoming's semi-arid climate.

B. Wildlife and Natural Resource Stewardship

Wyoming shall seek to balance economic growth with the conservation of wildlife, habitat, open spaces, and natural resources that contribute to Wyoming's quality of life and economic vitality.

C. Transparency and Public Engagement

Wyoming shall encourage open and continual communication regarding proposed developments and provide meaningful opportunities for public participation. State agencies shall provide transparent information regarding project impacts, benefits, and regulatory processes, and public meetings.

D. Energy Leadership and National Security

Wyoming recognizes that data centers are increasingly important to national security, global technological competitiveness, and economic growth. Wyoming shall pursue opportunities that

strengthen America's energy security and technological leadership while concomitantly advancing Wyoming's role as the nation's leading energy state.

E. Grid Stewardship

Wyoming shall protect residential and small-business utility customers from bearing incremental costs exclusively associated with data center development. State agencies shall support policies and practices that ensure new infrastructure investments associated with data centers are appropriately borne by those creating the demand while exploring opportunities for broader public benefits to existing ratepayers.

F. Revenue-Driven Economic Growth

Wyoming shall continue to leverage its competitive business climate to attract investment across Wyoming while ensuring that economic development is consistent with Wyoming's heritage and generates meaningful benefits for local governments, infrastructure, schools, and public services. Agencies shall act within their statutory authority to promote transparency regarding the economic impacts and public benefits of major data center developments.

G. Responsible Workforce Growth

Wyoming shall prioritize workforce development efforts to prepare Wyoming citizens for careers associated with digital infrastructure, advanced manufacturing, energy production, construction, and other in-demand industries. Agencies shall work with data center developers and the University of Wyoming, Wyoming community colleges, school districts, and workforce partners to prioritize training and apprenticeships for Wyoming residents.

H. Community Investment

Wyoming shall encourage developments that demonstrate a commitment to the communities in which they operate through local partnerships, charitable contributions, workforce and housing investments, and responsible corporate citizenship.

SECTION 4. AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

Executive branch agencies shall:

A. Consider the principles of the Wyoming Data Center Development Framework when carrying out agency responsibilities related to data center development;

B. Coordinate and communicate regularly with other state agencies, local governments, utility providers, natural resource managers, educational institutions, and economic development partners regarding implementation of this Framework;

C. Identify opportunities to improve interagency coordination and intergovernmental communication, regulatory efficiency, and transparency while maintaining appropriate environmental and public protections;

D. Support workforce development initiatives aligned with emerging industry needs;

E. Engage with local communities and stakeholders regarding opportunities and challenges associated with major development projects; and

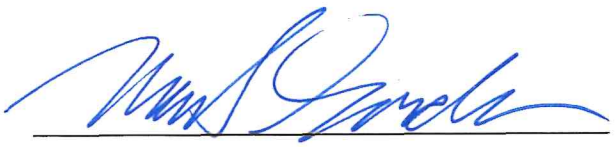
F. Within 60 days of this order, provide recommendations to the Governor regarding improvements to existing policies, adaptations of best practices if existing practices are insufficient, and potential legislative actions needed to further the goals of this Framework.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTATION

Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to alter existing statutory authority, permitting requirements, property rights, water rights, local land-use authority, or regulatory obligations established under Wyoming law.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wyoming to be affixed this 3rd day of June, 2026.



Mark Gordon
Governor