

## Resume and Biography

William Ogden Driskill

### Education

- Graduated Hulett High School in 1977
- AA Casper College (Agri Business) 1980
- Attended The University of Wyoming 1980-1981 (7 hours short of Bachelors)

Family—Wife Rosanne Shoop Driskill—Married 40 years. Lived in current residence since 1993.

Daughter Andrea Wood—husband Matt Wood (ranchers, business) Children Ellen and Gary Live on family ranch in Carlisle WY

Daughter Katerie Driskill—works in the court system in Oregon

Son Lincoln Driskill-wife Ashley Reynolds (Ranchers, business) son Merritt (Live on Ranch in Devils Tower)

### Experience:

❖ Wyoming State Senate 2011-2022

❖ Elected Leadership Positions

Majority Floor Leader 2021-2022

Vice President 2019-2020

❖ Committees:

- Agriculture and Public Lands 2011,2012,2013,2014
- Travel Recreation and Wildlife 2011,2012,2013,2014,2019(chairman),2020(chairman)
- Select Water Committee  
2011,2012,2013,2014,2015,2016,2017,2018(vice-chairman),2019,2020,2021,2022
- Labor Health and Social Services 2015,2016
- Revenue 2015,2016,2019,2020
- Appropriations 2017,2018
- Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions 2021(chairman), 2022(chairman)
- Blockchain Task Force 2018(chairman),2019,2020
- Select Committee on School Facilities 2018
- Management Council 2019,2020,2021,2022
- Rules and Procedure 2019,2020,2021,2022
- Energy Council 2019,2020,2021,2022
- State Building Commission—Liaison 2019,2020,2021,2022

- Gaming Commission Liaison 2020,2021,2022
- Select Committee of Capital Financing and Investments 2021,2022
- State Lands and Investment Board-Liaison 2021,2022
- Governors Wyoming Wildlife Task Force 2021,2022
- Governors Forestry Task Force 2013,2014
- Council of State Government West Ag and Water 2015,2016,2019
- Council of State Government West Executive Committee 2013,2014
- Council of State Government Ag and Rural Affairs 2013,2014
- Council of State Government National Governing Board 2019

Other experiences with governments and non-profits:

- Western Legislative Academy (leadership for legislators (2 per state)—Class President
- Wyoming Stockgrowers Lifetime Member –Vice President
- Founding Member Wyoming Stockgrowers Land Trust—Board President
- Founding Member Partnership of Land Trusts
- Land Trust Alliance Board Member
- Community Hero of Wyoming 2007
- Farmers Cooperative Board Hulett
- Farmers Cooperative Board Gillette, Hulett, Broadus
- Producers Livestock Board

Business Experience

- Ranch hand for Driskill family ranch 1981-1988
- Operated Devils Tower Trading Post 1985-1993; including gift shop, café, ice cream shop and gas station
- Ran a leased ranch operation 1988-2020
- Own/operate Devils Tower KOA from 2012-present
- Owned/operated a commercial spraying operation (4 states, dozens of employees), federal government contracts, state contracts, large mining companies, utilities, oil and gas work. 1993-2010
- Partnered in opening a large mining permit mine for gypsum in Sundance Wyoming. 2016-2020

- Partnered with a team to save a local radio station from going off of the air and moved its physical location from South Dakota to Moorcroft Wyoming.
- Helped found a company for marketing beef called Beefchain

I am proud to announce my candidacy for Senate District #1. I am a strong fiscal conservative. I believe in a smaller government. I am pro-life and pro-business. I am opposed to taxation. I am a staunch supporter of the second amendment. I am pro-law enforcement. I clearly fall within the 80% pledge of the Republican Party—both state and locally.

I am dedicated to protecting Senate District #1 and Wyoming as a whole from the Biden Administrations policies, mandates and economy - including the President's war on oil, gas, coal and the Second Amendment. I will fight to preserve the Wyoming way of life.

I am highly motivated to run for re-election because things have never been more insane. However, there is also more opportunity right now to repair the damage caused by progressives. That will take leadership, not talk. Some legislators do a fair amount of talking but I take pride in getting things done for Senate District 1. Going forward, I will build on what we have steadfastly accomplished to date. Below, I provide a few examples of what I have done and plan to accomplish in the future:

I was the Primary sponsor of the bill allowing charter schools in Wyoming.

I Passed multiple bills that protected and expanded our second amendment rights.

I was a Cosponsor of the Constitutional amendment “Health Care Freedom”—the constitutional amendment that GUARANTEES your constitutional right to decide your personal healthcare—this amendment played a huge role during COVID.

I was a Cosponsor of the constitutional amendment that guarantees Wyoming citizens the Right to Hunt Fish and Trap.

I personally killed the Medicaid expansion bill. This bill would have amounted to a multi-million dollar annual cost to the state for the purpose of extending a welfare benefit to able-bodied adults.

I sponsored the bill that allows school districts to put hunter education in the classroom

If you ride an ATV on Wyoming roads—it is legal because of a bill I cosponsored.

I was a cosponsor of runoff election bill (failed—will be there to bring back and pass)

Cosponsor of Voter ID bill—carried the bill into being law from the senate. First sponsored in 2012—years before it became a huge issue.

Have Cosponsored crossover voting bills multiple times—successfully passed out of the Senate. Will continue to push this bill through.

Co-sponsor of the suite of food freedom bills—these bills have helped family farms and have created jobs and business in our communities. These laws help to diversify the economy at no cost to the state.

Sponsor of a bill that stopped onerous regulation on private homeowners that rent out their personal residences. Certain counties were imposing burdensome code requirements that attempted to treat private residences like commercial hoteliers - e.g. forcing homeowners to install commercial fire sprinkler systems and imposing regulations in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) lodging requirements.

Sponsored funding for the Pine Beetle Program in Crook, Weston and Campbell counties—keeping our forest green and our local sawmills in business. (Black Hills National Forest has the lowest pine beetle kill in the west due to this)

Helped lead the way to take Game and Fish, WYDOT and Tourism off the general fund budget to be self funded.

Put 25 million dollars into Rural Clinics in Wyoming—Directly affecting the care we receive in rural communities.

Staunch supporter of Senior Centers and Veterans.

I have sponsored and PASSED more Firearm/Hunting legislation than any other legislator— both serving or retired. Examples are: Concealed Carry, Castle Doctrine, Stand your Ground, Silencers, Youth hunting, Senior Hunting, SAPA, Hunter Education in Schools, Helped establish High School Trapshooting program in Wyoming—and many others.

Led the effort to fund the lawsuit against the President for imposing unconstitutional mandates.

These are just a few among the dozens of other bills—I have one of the highest pass rates on bills that I have sponsored/co-sponsored.

❖ What else has happened during Ogden's tenure in Senate District #1???

The state general fund budget has been cut somewhere between 700 million and 1 Billion dollars in the last 12 years—this represents close to a 30% cut in general fund spending. Less state employees. 200-700 less depending on how you use figures.

❖ What do I intend to do in the coming term:

I will focus heavily on property taxes—Our property taxes are skyrocketing in Wyoming-statewide. This has incredible impacts on all citizens-but even further causes an incredible hardship on elderly, low income, and those on fixed incomes. This is an issue for all property owners. It is embedded in the constitution—so the solutions will require effective leadership. Being taxed out of your property should NEVER happen in Wyoming. I will fight the Biden economy and the President's unconstitutional Federal mandates.

I will protect oil, gas, coal, agriculture and tourism.

I will continue to protect and expand our Second Amendment rights.

I will work relentlessly with our Congressional delegation to stop illegal immigration.

Every day I will work to preserve Wyoming values and our way of life.

School Reform—I will continue to offer legislation to expand school choice (charter, virtual, home school and possibly vouchers) as options in Wyoming. I strongly believe that we need to get as much of the school funding as possible into the classroom and should keep administrative and other costs to an absolute minimum. I will continue to work within the supreme court decisions that extremely limits the legislature’s ability to control school funding. I continue to believe “we can do more with less” while still having a quality education-much as we have done with the rest of state budgets.

Black Hills National Forest—The federal government is in the process of rewriting the Black Hills National Forest Resource Management Plan—I have helped put dollars into our local counties to coordinate with South Dakota to ensure that we have a local emphasis in the management of OUR forest. The current federal administration is trying to EXTREMELY limit local uses of the forest including recreation, off road use (closing vast areas to public motorized use), restricting the use of existing roads, limiting timber harvest (causing a huge possibility of disease outbreak and fires), and in general making the forest much less friendly to multiple uses.

Runoff Election and Crossover voting bills/reform.

Reducing regulatory burdens in Wyoming—Despite on paper being the most business-friendly state in the nation, we continue to have way too many regulatory burdens creating a hurdle for new and existing businesses.

Continuing to shrink the budget and keeping putting dollars into savings

I feel my past experience in conjunction with my business experience makes me uniquely suited to serve in Senate District #1. I have a proven record of delivering for Senate District 1. I am honored that my peers in the Senate have supported me for leadership roles. Big talk without leadership accomplishes little to move state policy. If re-elected, I stand a solid chance to serve as Senate President. This puts District 1 in a unique position to drive the conservative agenda and to position true conservatives on key committees in order to be effective in protecting Wyoming values.

If these issues mean as much to you as they do to me, I would deeply appreciate your vote.

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