

## Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources Report to the UW Board of Trustees July 1, 2022

*The Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources has continued to foster sustainable landscapes and livelihoods by expanding efforts to engage and have impact on the state of Wyoming's needs in environmental and natural resource issues.*

### **\$20M NSF Grant**

- Haub School Assistant Professor Corrie Knapp provided leadership on a team of five UW principal investigators who have been awarded a \$20M National Science Foundation grant to study climate-driven changes to the state's water supply.
- The project will include establishing a Laboratory for Regional Earth System Modeling, launching a Center for Climate, Water and People, and investing in new capabilities centered at the UW-National Park Service (NPS) Research Station in Grand Teton National Park.
- Key collaborators in the project are the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho tribes, as their participation is crucial in developing approaches to the research and communicating outcomes.

### **\$800K Department of Energy Grant**

- Haub School Assistant Professor Rachael Budowle's proposal has been selected for an \$800k research award from the U.S. DOE. It focuses on applied community-based environmental justice research with community members, environmental organizations, developers and other stakeholders in Wyoming.
- The project seeks to provide an adaptable justice-based, community-engaged process for emerging and advanced nuclear energy technology siting.
- Haub School faculty members Steve Smutko and Temple Stoellinger will also participate.

### **Saddle-Up and Living Learning Community**

- The Haub School version of "Saddle Up" will engage 30 freshmen in class sessions with various Haub School faculty, field trips to Pole Mountain and the Snowy Range, leadership and team-building activities, sustainability and food security service projects, and study sessions that introduce them to a range of UW resources that support student success. The Haub School is also hosting a new Living Learning Community (LLC) as an early adoptor of the concept.

### **Wyoming Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality (WORTH) Initiative**

- Hospitality Management BS feasibility study awaits review on arrival of new College of Business Dean
- The web site is complete ([www.uwyo.edu/worth](http://www.uwyo.edu/worth)) and other marketing materials are being developed
- Hiring is in process for the Tourism Extension position through the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and a new position in Sustainable Tourism in the Haub School is planned
- Dan McCoy has secured several fee-for-service projects from stakeholders across the state
- A Wyoming resident tourism sentiment survey is being developed. In addition, the director is exploring a short-term rental market report for Wyoming

### **Haub School Advisory Board May 18 and 19 in Cody**

- Our new Advisory Board Chair, Haub School Alumni Joe Evers, provided leadership
- New members Joe Hiller, Rich Innes, Chip Jenkins, Rebecca Watson, and Polly Weber joined
- The meeting was integrated with 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Yellowstone Symposium events in Cody
- An Ad Hoc Committee was formed for Strategic Planning and Program Review with Joe Hiller as chair and Rebecca Watson, Chip Jenkins, John Hay, Karen Kemmerer and Liliane Haub participating

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Yellowstone Symposium May 19 and 20 in Cody**

- The Haub School and UW College of Law brought together agencies, tribes, landowners, scholars, and students to discuss and celebrate the 150th anniversary of Yellowstone becoming a national park.
- The full agenda and video recordings of the panels/keynotes are available on [the symposium website](#).

### **Ruckelshaus Day**

- Prior to 24 July 2022 the Ruckelshaus Institute will celebrate the birthday of the late Bill Ruckelshaus by using social media to educate stakeholders about his impact on UW, Wyoming, and the nation.