



## Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources Report to the UW Board of Trustees September 2023

*The Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources supports students as well as citizens, stakeholders, and decision makers by giving them the skills and tools they need to build durable, inclusive solutions to our most pressing environment and natural resource challenges.*

### **October External Program Review**

In conjunction with our 30th anniversary, we have completed our 5 year (2023-2028) [Strategic Plan](#) after a robust and inclusive process. Our self-study was completed in early July 2023 and the Provost has invited an external review team to campus October 9 and 10. We look forward to robust discussion and assessment of our accomplishments and future plans as we continue to strive for excellence in natural resource leadership for our wild and working lands in Wyoming, the West and the World.

### **Leadership Wyoming Session**

The Haub School and WORTH initiative hosted a Leadership Wyoming session on 14 September 2023 to discuss the increased breadth of our engagement and impact on the state.

### **“Meet the Dean” Event in Jackson on 25 September**

We are hosting a happy hour with Dean Koprowski on the Cloudveil Hotel rooftop in Jackson at 5 pm on 25 September to review our accomplishments and build partnerships...all Board of Trustee members are welcome.

### **Potential Move to Crane Hall for Partial Consolidation and Intermediate-term Space Solutions**

With the support of the Provost Carman and VP Mai we are considering moving our Bureau of Mines and Ross Hall teams to Crane Hall. Ross and Mines teams would combine with two new WyACT NSF-EPSCoR teams which include the Laboratory of Regional Earth Systems Modelling (Dr. Melissa Bukovsky) and the Center for Climate, Water and People (Dr. Corrie Knapp). This move would provide sorely needed space for the growth of burgeoning research programs and would start a 5-to-10-year goal of consolidating the Haub School into less than the 8 buildings that we now occupy.

### **Undergraduate and Graduate Programs**

With well over 170 Haub School undergraduate degrees/minors issued in 2022-23, we are hard at work in recruitment to replace those departing students. A new Recruitment Committee has been added to the Haub School of Environment & Natural Resources to seek innovative strategies to keep the best students in Wyoming who are passionate about our wild and working lands and to attract the best from out of state.

### **30 years of Interdisciplinary Efforts**

Fall 2023 marks the 30th anniversary of the formation of our interdisciplinary unit focused on novel approaches to our wild and working lands that is now known as the Haub School of Environment & Natural Resources; Fall 2024 will celebrate the 30th year of formal courses being offered. Over the next two years we will have events that commemorate and celebrate our increased impact in teaching, research, and service to our state over the last three decades.