



## Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources Report to the UW Board of Trustees March 20, 2021

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 environment and natural resource issues.

### General Haub School Updates:

- Completed our Program Review to be used in UW strategic program reorganization
- Initiated search for Occidental Energy and Environmental Policy Chair
- Wyoming Conservation Corps has been transferred to the Haub School
- Lost our Associate Dean, Rob Godby, to the College of Business as Interim Dean

### Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management (ORTM) Degree Program Updates:

- The Haub School submitted an accelerated strategic review to Academic Affairs for consideration for enhanced investment for the ORTM degree. The keystone of the review is to consider creating the Wyoming Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Center (WORTH center) to support critically important industries in the state.
- The ORTM Professional Semester is underway and seniors are completing a number of interesting projects in outdoor recreation and tourism in southeast Wyoming.
- Close to launching an innovative non-credit outdoor guide certification online this spring.

### Advising and Student Services Updates:

- The Haub School submitted a [Strategic Visioning Analysis](#) specific to Advising and Student Services for Academic Affairs review.
- In Fall 2020, 35 students were awarded degrees in Haub School programs, including undergraduate and graduate majors and minors. 30 undergrads, 5 grad students.
- Haub School program enrollment (Day 15 data) = <2% decrease from F20 (431) to SP21 (424), includes all Haub School undergraduate and graduate majors and minors.
  - Data previously reported to BOT in January was well before the first day of SP21 classes, so we saw a lovely positive bump in enrollment by Day 15!
- The Haub School student services team is developing a Professional & Applied Experiences program to expand ongoing curricular and advising support for students to gain career experience outside of the classroom and enhance employability after graduation. In Spring 2021 our student services team is coordinating 3 virtual career preparation events to provide current students with guidance and resources on preparing for summer internships, graduate and law school applications, and careers.

### Ruckelshaus Institute Updates:

Now accepting applications for the Collaboration Program in Natural Resources

- This yearlong program training mid- and upper-career natural resource professionals and engaged citizens in collaborative leadership, conflict resolution, and problem solving is building collaborative capacity throughout Wyoming and the surrounding region.
- Participants attend six 2-day sessions around Wyoming and complete a skills practicum, and graduates go on to lead collaborative problem-solving processes across the West.
- 9th year we have offered the program and the deadline to apply is Friday, April 30, 2021.

Documentary film *Deer 139* online release

- This 55-minute film will be freely available on our website starting with a live Q&A with the film team on Saturday, March 20.
- Tells the story of Haub School scientist Samantha Dwinnell as she follows the migration path of deer #139, a study animal in the Wyoming Range Mule Deer Project. This film advances the Ruckelshaus Institute mission to support stakeholder-driven solutions to environmental challenges by conducting and communicating relevant research.
- The film had its festival premiere at the Banff Mountain Film Festival in November 2019 and has since shown in eight different film festivals and toured around the world.