

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

*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. We continue to make progress in our efforts to assist in the management of our wild and working lands!*

### Undergraduate Programs

- We graduated our largest Spring (2022) and Fall (2022) classes in Haub School history and now we are working to actively recruit new students to maintain our growth.
- Tomé Scholars to Fellows Program ... the Tomé Family Foundation has provided 4 more full-ride, 4 year scholarships with paid summer experiences bringing the number of Tomé Scholars to 10 in Fall 2023

### Graduate Programs

- The new stand-alone degree Environment Natural Resources and Society (ENRS) program will graduate its first students this spring (3)
- Current Enrollment
  - 19 ENRS graduate students
    - Another strong cohort expected to begin in fall 2023 increasing enrollment by an estimated 50%
    - Majority of ENRS students continue to be supported through external funding
  - 9 current JD/MA students
  - Current joint degree graduate students (ENR)
    - ENR graduate major: 15
    - ENR graduate minor: 2
    - MFA/ENR graduate Anna Nellis-Smith is a final candidate for UW's outstanding MS Thesis Award.
    - JD/MA student Iva Reckling and her team made it to the quarterfinals of the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition at the Elizabeth Haub School of Law at Pace

### Ruckelshaus Institute

- *Western Confluence* magazine released its 12<sup>th</sup> print edition, titled "Conservation and Prosperity." Articles are also available online at <https://westernconfluence.org/category/12/>
- On April 26-27, the Ruckelshaus Institute will host the 2023 Emerging Issue Forum on the theme "Outdoor Recreation in Wyoming: Building It the Way We Want It." Stakeholders, managers, policy makers, and interest groups from around the state will convene to explore this topic. On April 28, a workshop aimed at the Wyoming Office of Outdoor Recreation's Outdoor Recreation Collaboratives will provide additional skills training and peer-to-peer learning. Registration is open at <http://www.uwyo.edu/haub/ruckelshaus-institute/forums/rec-forum/index.html>
- The Collaboration Program in Natural Resources will host a symposium on the challenges of collaborating around water issues, April 20 in Thermopolis. This event will also celebrate the graduation of the twelfth CPNR cohort. Registration is at <https://tinyurl.com/CPNRWater>
- The Wild and Working Lands festival will be held at the Laramie Plains Civic Center on April 6.

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

- Hailey Moss is the first [Tourism Extension Educator](#) for WORTH. She started in January.
- Morgan Holland is the new WORTH Economist in the Center for Business and Economic Analysis. Morgan started in January.
- WORTH worked with the Wyoming Office of Outdoor Recreation to publish a report on [outdoor recreation in Wyoming](#).
- Catalogue changes have been approved in the College of Business for a new Hospitality Focus in the B.S. in Management degree and a restructuring of the Hospitality minor. Hiring will begin soon for a faculty member to support those credentials in the College of Business.
- We received permission from both the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone Business Councils to host an [Inter-Tribal Tourism Summit](#) on the reservation this April 21.
- We are working with the Ruckelshaus Institute to host a two-day forum on campus focused on [outdoor recreation in Wyoming](#). We expect 100-150 attendees April 26-27.