

Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources Report to the UW Board of Trustees May 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.

Academic Programs

• Undergraduate Programs

- Undergraduate enrollment remains strong, and another near-record graduating class is anticipated... Haub School Undergraduate Degrees Awarded Spring and Summer 2023 (total 114):
 - ORTM major: 15,
 - ENR major: 44; ENR minor: 6
 - ESS major: 30
 - OUTL minor: 8
 - SUST minor: 11
- We have been engaging in faculty-led curriculum mapping for each of our degree programs (BS in Environment & Natural Resources; BS in Environmental Systems Science; BS in Outdoor Recreation & Tourism Management) in preparation for our upcoming self-study and external review. As we assess student work, review qualitative data from our long-standing exit surveys, and discuss the trends and needs in our fields, we are excited to create and fortify our curricula, and continue to lead in delivering innovative, interdisciplinary educational experiences in the ENR, ESS, and ORTM fields.
- We are excited to offer field, international, and online courses this summer, to include Exploring Human & Physical Landscapes of Queensland (Australia); Natural Resource Mgmt. on Western Indian Reservations (Lander); Collaborative Practice Methods (Laramie); and Expedition Leadership (online w/mountaineering expedition option).

• Graduate Programs

- Anticipated Graduate Degrees Awarded Spring 2023 (13 total)
 - 3 MS in Environment Natural Resources & Society (ENRS)
 - 7 ENR major/minor degrees
 - 3 JD/MA degrees

Centers and Institutes

• Ruckelshaus Institute

- **2023 CPNR Water Symposium** On April 20, the Ruckelshaus Institute's Collaboration Program in Natural Resources (CPNR), hosted a symposium in Thermopolis on collaboration and water in Wyoming and the West. Participants learned about and discussed the role of collaborative process in such areas as Colorado River Compact negotiations, climate change adaptation, the water-energy nexus, and the role of watershed collaboratives.
- **Emerging Issues Forum on Outdoor Recreation in Wyoming** In late April, the Ruckelshaus Institute emerging issue initiative convened over 100 stakeholders, managers, policymakers, and interest groups in Laramie for a 3-day forum exploring ideas for balancing the benefits and impacts of outdoor recreation in Wyoming. Speakers, panels, and breakout sessions stimulated thinking and conversations around a proactive approach to the growth of outdoor recreation Wyoming, where communities envision and work towards mutually agreed-upon futures.
- **Wild and Working Lands Film Festival** Over 300 community members attended the 2023 Wild and Working Lands Film Festival in Laramie and a second screening in Cody was also well received. The festival curates a 2 hour program of short films to inspire audiences to better understand our current world and work toward a future where people and natural environments prosper together.

• Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Tourism and Hospitality Initiative (WORTH)

- We co-hosted the Inter-tribal tourism summit on April 21 w/>80 attendees and 26 speakers.
- We co-convened the Emerging Issues Forum on outdoor recreation with the Ruckelshaus Institute.
- On May 4-5 we co-sponsored a workshop on eco-entrepreneurship and innovation in Laramie, WY.
- We hired our first Internship & Employment Coordinator, a position shared between the College of Business and the Haub School of ENR, to support the ORTM degree and the new Hospitality focus