Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources Report to the UW Board of Trustees January 2025



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Advisory Board Updates:

- The spring Haub School Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for May 8th and 9th in Jackson, WY **School Updates:**
 - The Haub School recently welcomed the following employees
 - o Grete Gansauer, Faculty, (Assistant Professor, Sustainable Communities)
 - o **Jake Hawes**, Faculty with a primary appointment in the School of Computing and a joint appointment in the Haub School (Assistant Professor)
 - o Matt McGee, Student Services Staff, Tomé College Relations Representative and Recruiter
 - We are planning campus visits this winter for 4 finalists for the **Spicer Chair of Collaborative Practice** in **Natural Resources** tenure track professor position
- On Thursday, March 27th we will host our **Wild and Working Lands Film Festival in Laramie Development Updates:**
 - On Tuesday, February 25th, the Haub School will host a mixer event in Tubac, AZ for friends of the school
 - Our school's third **food share cabinet** was launched in Crane Hall to enhance food security in our campus community thanks to the support of private donors, a grant from ASUW, and food share community participant contributions.

Student Services Updates:

- At winter commencement 6 Haub School graduate students earned degrees as well as 14 undergraduates.
- On Thursday, February 13th the Haub School will co-host a **Hospitality and Tourism Job Fair**
- The Haub School is now accepting applications for the **Tomé Scholars to Fellows Program**, designed to support students enrolled in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, or Math (STEAM) degree programs who will diversify the student body in the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources. The program provides full cost of attendance including tuition, books, room, and board for four years and stipends to participate in one international field course and one community service experience. Available to new, first-time students.
- Faculty-led winter field courses were held in
 - o **Tenerife, Canary Islands**, "Canaries & Climate" to explore conservation, sustainable development, and climate impacts on island communities and ecosystems
 - o **Patagonia**, Chile, "Conservation & Development" to understand natural resource conservation and development issues in Chilean Patagonia
 - o **The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem**, "Winter Ecology" to study snow science, learn field naturalist skills, and explore plant and animal adaptations to winter conditions
 - o Spring and summer trips to Death Valley and Mongolia are preparing

Research Team Updates:

- We welcome you to read the **MacMillan Private Lands Stewardship Pro**gram newsletter MacMillan Private Lands Stewardship Program from Fall 2023 through Summer 2024.
- Save the Date for October 1&2, 2025 when faculty members Temple Stoellinger and Jake Hochard will be hosting "Managing Wildlife in Large Landscapes: Reciprocal learning for the world's most iconic ecosystems" in Jackson, WY Learn more
- Associate Professor Corrie Knapp was the first Haub School Fellow at Ucross this fall

Ruckelshaus Institute Updates:

• On April 22& 23 the Ruckelshaus Institute will host the 2025 Emerging Issue Forum in Laramie on **State Trust Land Management**



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Jay Kemmerer WORTH Institute Updates:

- WORTH became the Jay Kemmerer WORTH Institute with a generous gift from Jay and Karen Kemmerer.
- WORTH has been busy rebranding (e.g., web site, business cards, promotional items). In addition, we hired Kalen Marketing Solutions out of Casper, WY to assist with a marketing plan and the implementation of that plan.
- We hired Doug Wachob, former Interim Dean of the Haub School to help develop a 3–5-year strategic plan for WORTH.
- We are seeking presentation proposals for the 2025 Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Summit that will take place May 1-2, 2025 in Laramie, WY.

Biodiversity Institute Updates:

- With the departure of Associate Director Brett Addis, we are launching a search for a Haub School Lecturer who will also serve as Associate Director
- Conclusion of **Empowering Youth in Herpetology** program a 7-week program for kids ages 8-12 to learn about the diversity and conservation of Wyoming's reptiles and amphibians, culminating in a creative design project on permanent display in the Berry Center on the UW campus.
- Spanish Science Cafe in Jackson (Nov 9) We hosted our third Science Cafe in Spanish on November 9 at the public library in Jackson, including presentations from three graduate students supported by Biodiversity Graduate Enhancement Grants.
- Rocky Mountain Community Science Conference (Dec 5) We hosted an online conference that gathered community science practitioners, managers, participants and enthusiasts to discuss the successes and challenges of community science in the Rocky Mountain region.
- Registration is open for Winter Moose Day Feb 8&9 in the Laramie area