

**IDAHO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
NOTICE OF INTENT**

**To initiate a  
New, Expanded, Cooperative, Discontinued, program component or Off-Campus Instructional  
Program or Instructional/Research Unit**

Institution Submitting Proposal: UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO  
 Name of College, School, or Division: COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
 Name of Department(s) or Area(s): RANGEALND ECOLOGY & MANAGEMENT

Indicate if this Notice of Intent (NOI) is for an Academic or Professional Technical Program  
 Academic XX Professional - Technical \_\_\_\_\_

This is a New, Expanded, Cooperative, Contract, or Off-Campus Instructional Program, or  
 Administrative/Research Unit (circle one) leading to:

**Discontinue BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RANGE LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT**

(Degree or Certificate)

Proposed Starting Date: Summer 2009

**For New Programs:**

**For Other Activity:**

Program (i.e., degree) Title & CIP 2000 \_\_\_\_\_

- Program Component (major/minor/option/emphasis)
- Off-Campus Activity/Resident Center
- Instructional/Research Unit
- Addition/Expansion
- Discontinuance/consolidation
- Contract Program
- Other

**Dean's signature on file** 2/6/09

College Dean (Institution) \_\_\_\_\_ Date

VP Research & Graduate Studies \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Chief Fiscal Officer (Institution) \_\_\_\_\_ Date

State Administrator, SDPTE \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Chief Academic Officer (Institution) \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Chief Academic Officer, OSBE \_\_\_\_\_ Date

President \_\_\_\_\_ Date

SBOE/OSBE Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**Before completing this form, refer to Board Policy Section III.G., Program Approval and Discontinuance.**

1. Briefly describe the nature of the request e.g., is this a new program (degree, program, or certificate) or program component (e.g., new, discontinued, modified, addition to an existing program or option).

**The Rangeland Ecology and Management Department (in concurrence with the Department of Animal and Veterinary Science) is dis-continuing (dropping) the program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Range Livestock Management (B.S.R.L.M.). The BSRLM is a cooperative degree offered by the UI Colleges of Natural Resources (CNR) and Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALIS).**

2. Provide a statement of need for program or a program modification. Include student and state need, demand, and employment potential. **Attach a Scope and Sequence, SDPTE Form Attachment B, for professional-technical education requests.** (Use additional sheets if necessary.)

**The BSRLM program has enrolled a low number of students (2-4 graduates per year) since its inception. It must be recognized that, though this is a small number of students, these students were attracted to the University of Idaho because of this degree program. Loss of this degree program will have a small but actual reduction in students attending the University of Idaho.**

3. Briefly describe how the institution will ensure the quality of the program (e.g., accreditation, professional societies, licensing boards, etc.).

**Deletion of the BSRLM will have little effect on other degree programs in the Rangeland Ecology and Management. Necessary courses for accreditation and certification in the Rangeland Profession will be offered.**

4. Identify similar programs offered within the state of Idaho or in the region by other colleges/universities. If the proposed request is similar to another program, provide a rationale for the duplication. This may not apply to PTE programs if workforce needs within the respective region have been established.

**None offered.**

Enrollment and Graduates (i.e., number of majors or other relevant data). By Institution for the Proposed Program Last three years beginning with the current year and the 2 previous years

Institution	Relevant Enrollment Data			Number of Graduates		
	Current	Previous Year	Previous Year	Current	Previous Year	Previous Year
BSU	0	0	0	0	0	0
CSI	0	0	0	0	0	0
CWI	0	0	0	0	0	0
EITC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ISU	0	0	0	0	0	0
LCSC	0	0	0	0	0	0

NIC	0	0	0	0	0	0
UI	0	0	0	0	0	0

Degrees offered by school/college or program(s) within disciplinary area under review

**None to our knowledge**

Institution and Degree name	Level	Specializations within the discipline (to reflect a national perspective)	Specializations offered within the degree at the institution
BSU	0	0	0
CSI	0	0	0
CWI	0	0	0
EITC	0	0	0
ISU	0	0	0
LCSC	0	0	0
NIC	0	0	0
UI	0	0	0

5. Describe how this request is consistent with the State Board of Education's policy or role and mission of the institution. (i.e., centrality).

**The University of Idaho is the institution designated by the State Board of Education to deliver an undergraduate curriculum in “Range Science” (in the 8-year plan). Though we propose that the Range Livestock Management B.S. Degree will be discontinued, students interested in this area of study will still be able to attain a B.S. Degree in Rangeland Ecology and Management or Animal and Veterinary Science.**

6. Is the proposed program in the 8-year Plan? Indicate below.

Yes  No

**The 8-year plan lists a B.S. degree in Range Science as part of the State-Wide Mission for the University of Idaho. We believe this mission will still be fulfilled as a B.S. in Rangeland Ecology and Management will still be offered at the University of Idaho.**

If not on 8-year plan, provide a justification for adding the program.

8. Resources--Faculty/Staff/Space Needs/Capital Outlay. (Use additional sheets if necessary.):

Estimated Fiscal Impact	FY <u>09</u>	FY <u>10</u>	FY <u>11</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>A. Expenditures</b>				
1. Personnel				
2. Operating				
3. Capital Outlay				
4. Facilities				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>B. Source of Funds</b>				
1. Appropriated- reallocation				
2. Appropriated – New				
3. Federal				
4. Other:				
<b>TOTAL:</b>				
<b>B. Nature of Funds</b>				
1. Recurring *				
2. Non-recurring **				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	0	0	0	0

\* Recurring is defined as ongoing operating budget for the program, which will become of the base.

\*\* Non-recurring is defined as one-time funding in a fiscal year and not part of the base.

## CNR Curriculum Committee

January 31, 2009

Present: Janet Rachlow, chair, Karen Launchbaugh (sub. for Lee Vierling), David Roon, Larry Young (sub. for Troy Hall), Fran Wagner, Mike Whiteman, Anthony Davis (sub. for Penny Morgan).

Also present: Charles Tibbals, academic publications editor, Registrar's Office, and Valarie Roberts, Assistant to the Dean, College of Graduate Studies

### **Masters - NOI Discussion**

The draft NOI proposal prepared by Bill McLaughlin to combine the college's seven masters into one was discussed.

Objections voiced by department faculties included: Options not already included in the college should not be added without further deliberations. A Master of Science in Natural Resources is somewhat confusing compared to MNR, which is more of a professional degree. A Master of Science without options would provide more flexibility and would provide more flexibility and would be a strong program across the college. Programs with fewer than ten students are protected from elimination. There is a danger in moving to a common program but, it was noted, that has not happened with the college's PhD. Most prefer to have the program listed or included in the title; with the exception of fisheries and wildlife, that would not discourage students from coming.

The college's PhD is a Dr. of Philosophy with a major in natural resources. The proposed change to the CNR masters would create a Master of Science with a major in natural resources.

Valerie noted that it is not uncommon to have a college-wide doctoral program, e.g. a sports physiologist with a College of Education degree; they describe their background with their list of publications and letters of reference. It was noted that a master degree is different and for many is a terminal degree.

A question was raised about what specialization term could be used without SBOE approval. Charles said "concentration" is used most commonly and Karen indicated REM has used "Career Track" to describe a focus area. Neither will show up on an official transcript.

### **Next Steps**

*MSP (Larry Young; Fran Wagner): Put forward these two approaches that do the following:*

- *MS degree with a major in natural resources with no specified options*
- *MS degree with major in natural resources with six specified options that are being consolidated*
- *A clear explanation of the reasoning behind those two approaches be provided and departments have an opportunity to react to those and this or another NOI as modified.*

Anthony agreed to write the rational for master with no options and Janet agreed to write the master with options.

*MSP (Rachlow, Wagner): After discussion with respective departments that we forward the*

*recommended modifications to the dean.*

The process was discussed:

- 1) Return to dean for revision with recommendations
- 2) Dean returns to committee
- 3) Committee discusses and circulates to faculty for 5 days
- 4) If no dissenting vote from 5 faculty, then it will forward to UCC

Charles explained the university's stand. According to legal counsel there is no veto in this process. Items may be forwarded to SBOE in two ways:

- The president can send something to SBOE. Even if there is no support in the college, with UCC and Faculty Council, the proposal may be forwarded anyway.
- The faculty can circumvent the president and forward items to SBOE

It is possible that retaining options may not appear to the SBOE as enough of a change. And, if the process in the college doesn't move swiftly it is possible changes will be made for us.

Representatives from the departments were asked to caucus and get a consensus or email vote from their faculty. The default position needs to be clarified to the faculty.

A vote of the committee was taken:

1. Master of Science, no options (4 in favor; Larry unknown)
2. Master of Science with 6 existing majors as options (1 in favor; Larry unknown)

*MSP(Launchbaugh, Wagner): The recommendation of these two options from the Curriculum Committee favors a single Master of Natural Resources degree without options. A footnote and rationale will be included.*

Janet and Anthony will redraft the NOI today, forward the proposal to faculty today, meet Tuesday, February 3, or Wednesday, February 4, and forward the committee's recommendations to the dean by the end of the week.

There was a consensus that "sustainable" and other options that were added should be removed.

### **Bachelor of Science for Range Livestock**

MSP (Launchbaugh): That the NOI with amendments that drops the Bachelors of Science for range livestock.

To approve the NOI with amendments that drops the Bachelors of Science I range livestock.

Vote: unanimous vote

**From:** Rachlow, Janet  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2009 8:33 PM  
**To:** McLaughlin, William  
**Cc:** Matthews, Nancy  
**Subject:** Curriculum minutes & Range livestock NOI vote  
**Attachments:** 2NOI Discussion.docx

Bill,

Please find attached the meeting minutes from the CNR Curriculum Committee meeting at which the NOIs were discussed (thank you Nancy!).

Also, regarding the NOI about dropping the Range Livestock joint degree, the vote at our meeting on 30 Jan 09 was unanimous. Members present were:

Larry Young (sub for Troy Hall, Conservation Social Sciences)  
Anthony Davis (sub for Penny Morgan, Forest Resources)  
Janet Rachlow (Fish and Wildlife Resources), Chair  
David Roon (Ecology and Conservation Biology)  
Karen Launchbaugh (sub for Lee Vierling, Rangeland Ecology and Management)  
Fran Wagner (Forest Products)

Thanks,  
Janet

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## Notice of Intent (NOI) Approval Tracking Form

*Committee Chairs please append this document to the relevant NOI and send it forward to the next committee for review.*

**Committee:** University Curriculum Committee Date: 2/23/09

**Present:** Richard Battaglia, Jill Dacey (Chair), Gail Eckwright, Walter Hesford, Allen Kitchel, John Marshall, Mark Secrist, Bob Stone, Richard Wells, Jeanne Christiansen, Jean Henscheid, Rod Hill, Nancy Krogh, Heidi Anderson, Garrett Holbrook, Joel Zwainz.

**Absent:** Ruprecht Machleidt.

**Others Present:** Margrit Von Braun, Paul Joyce (substitute for Ruprecht Machleidt), Chris Thompson, Paul Rowland, Kathy Browder, James (Ding) Johnson, Andrew Brewick, Janet Rachlow, Robert Zemetra, Kathy Aiken, James Connors, Carl Hunt, Sandra Evenson, 1 Other Guest, Charles Tibbals, Dwaine Hubbard

**Program/Degree:** Discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Range Livestock Management (B.S.R.L.M.) degree and its associated major.

### Discussion:

**UCC-09-101** College of Natural Resources

The committee approved the motion to consider items UCC-09-099 and 09-101 10 for and 2 against.

The committee reviewed the proposed Notice of Intent (NOI) from the College of Natural Resources to discontinue Bachelor of Science in Range Livestock Management degree (B.S.R.L.M.) and its associated major. Janet Rachlow indicated that the College of Natural Resources Curriculum Committee vote was unanimous approval for discontinuing this program. Carl Hunt provided some background on this program. Committee member Marshall conveyed a discussion he had with Karen Launchbaugh in which Launchbaugh indicated that her department was in support of the Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences and if they are able to continue to offer this program Rangeland Ecology and Management would like to continue to be involved in offering this program. Committee member Battaglia noted that if this program is discontinued no courses will cease to be offered. All courses used towards this degree are used elsewhere in other majors that will continue to be offered. Hunt provided some insight into why students might choose to enroll in this major in Animal and Veterinary Sciences (AVS) or Rangeland Ecology and Management (REM). Paul Joyce asked why all the students appear to be on the AVS side and none on the REM side. Marshall provided some thoughts on the discrepancy and how both sides provide different views of the same program. The committee **Denied** the proposed NOIs 0 for and 8 against with 2 abstentions, and will forward the proposed NOIs to Faculty Council for review.

**Vote:** Denied – 0 for and 8 against with 2 abstentions