

# MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS

## LEVEL II REQUEST FORM

Item No.: 146-1020-R0310 Date of Meeting: March 4-5, 2010  
Institution: The University of Montana - Missoula  
Program Title: National Center for Landscape Fire Analysis

Level II proposals require approval by the Board of Regents.

**Level II action requested (check all that apply):** Level II proposals entail substantive additions to, alterations in, or termination of programs, structures, or administrative or academic entities typically characterized by the (a) addition, reassignment, or elimination of personnel, facilities, or courses of instruction; (b) rearrangement of budgets, cost centers, funding sources; and (c) changes which by implication could impact other campuses within the Montana University System and community colleges. Board policy 303.1 indicates the curricular proposals in this category:

- 1. Change names of degrees (e.g. from B.A. to B.F.A.)
- 2. Implement a new minor where there is no major;
- 3. Establish new degrees and add majors to existing degrees;
- 4. Expand/extend approved mission; and
- 5. Any other changes in governance and organization as described in Board of Regents' Policy 218, such as formation, elimination or consolidation of a college, division, school, department, institute, bureau, center, station, laboratory, or similar unit.

### **Specify Request:**

The University of Montana-Missoula requests authorization to create a National Center for Landscape Fire Analysis on the University of Montana-Missoula campus. The NCLFA develops, integrates, and synthesizes geospatial, remotely sensed, and socio-economic data to improve fire and fuels management at the landscape scale through the application of relevant technologies, research, and information distribution systems. The NCLFA also engages in innovative approaches to education, training, and graduate-level research to continue building capacity at all scales of wildland fire management.