ITEM 148-1604-R0910 The University of Montana Western B. S. Major in Biology

THAT

The University of Montana Western is requesting to add a new Bachelor of Science Major in Biology with Options in: Molecular Bioscience CIP = 26.0204; Wildlife Ecology CIP = 26.0709; and Integrative Biology CIP = 26.0101. Concurrently, Montana Western is proposing to eliminate the BA: Biology Option with its six associated Related Areas (sub-options)

EXPLANATION

The Biology Department of The University of Montana Western (UMW) is proposing to restructure its degree offerings. It currently offers a Bachelor of Arts Major (B.A.) with a Biology Option and six associated Related Areas (Sub-Options): Biological Mathematics; Cell/Molecular Biology; Health and Human Performance; Preprofessional Health Sciences; Veterinary Science and Wildlife Biology. Montana Western is proposing to eliminate the BA: Biology Option and its six associated Related Areas (Sub-Options) and replace it with a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Major in Biology with three Options: Molecular Bioscience, Wildlife Ecology and Integrative Biology. The new B.S. Major will allow the UMW Biology Department to more effectively meet the needs of its students as it will eliminate redundancy in the current biology program, it is a more appropriate degree for our students and it is easier to explain to prospective students.

ATTACHMENTS

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