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Professor Emeritus of Watershed Management Status – Dr. Donald Potts

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor Donald F. Potts from the faculty of UM–Missoula, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his years of dedicated and valued service to the University, the College of Forestry and Conservation, the Forest Management Department, and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of *Professor Emeritus* be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

Professor Donald F. Potts received a Bachelor of Science from State University of New York at Buffalo and a Master's of Science and a Ph.D. from State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Professor Potts has been employed at UM for 32 years and has maintained a long-term record of excellence in areas of faculty endeavor. During his tenure he served as Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Associate Dean, and Department Chairperson within the College. Additionally, Don has been the State Climatologist since 2006 and is the Montana Climate Office Director.

Don has served on numerous committees at the state, university, college and department levels. Also, Don has been an active participant in UM Faculty Senate and the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee including holding various positions within the committees. Additionally, Professor Potts has received various awards throughout his tenure, the most recent being the UM Faculty Service Award in 2010.

Since joining the UM faculty, Professor Don Potts has taught both graduate and undergraduate courses, mentored students, and served on many committees and/or task forces. There is little doubt that Professor Potts has been a significant contributor and inspiration within the College of Forestry and Conservation. Our students were well served as were our faculty and external relationships. He successfully fulfilled each his many roles and for this we commend him. We congratulate him upon his retirement and wish him the very best for his future.

The College of Forestry and Conservation faculty is honored to recommend, by unanimous vote, Professor Donald F. Potts for *Professor Emeritus* status.
