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**ITEM 158-1012-R0313**

**Authorization to confer the title of Professor Emeritus of Wildlife Biology on B. Riley McClelland, The University of Montana**

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**THAT**

The faculty of The University of Montana College of Forestry and Conservation wishes to express its appreciation to B. Riley McClelland for his dedicated and valued service to the University and the state of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus of Wildlife Biology be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. McClelland earned his Ph.D. in the School of Forestry at the University of Montana in 1977, though he joined the faculty in the School of Forestry as an instructor in 1974. He rose to the rank of Full Professor in 1984 and retired from the University in May 1993.

Professor McClelland's service to the University, especially to its Wildlife Biology program, was significant. Over the years he taught ten different courses emphasizing park, recreation, and wildlife management. He was voted Professor of the Year by the Forestry honorary society in 1979 and the Most Inspirational Teacher by a Forestry Student Honor Society in 1981. He also chaired or served on numerous graduate committees. From 1980 through 1991 he had a position that was jointly funded by the National Park Service and the University of Montana; this proved a valuable connection for students seeking employment and research opportunities with the agency.

Professor McClelland's research and that of his graduate students emphasized eagles and cavity nesting birds. Most of this research was conducted in western Montana. He had numerous research grants during the period and published articles in a variety of peer reviewed journal including *Wilson Bulletin*, *Journal of Raptor Research*, *BioScience*, *Proceedings of the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference*, and the *Journal of Forestry*. During this period he received awards from the National Parks and Conservation Association, the Eagle Foundation, and the Raptor Research Foundation.

The College of Forestry and Conservation is proud to nominate Professor B. Riley McClelland for emeritus status.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

No Attachments