

May 19-20, 2016

**ITEM #171-1001-R0516**

**Request for Approval of University System/Employee Equity Interest and/or Business Participation Under MUSP 407 (Lukacs, Nowak) – University of Montana-Missoula**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents of Higher Education approves UM-Missoula employees Dr. Paul M. Lukacs and Dr. James J. Nowak for having an equity interest in and to serve as officers, employees, or members of a governing board of Speedgoat Wildlife Services, LLC, a Montana limited liability company. The Board of Regents of Higher Education further authorizes The University of Montana-Missoula to enter into licensing agreements and contractual arrangements with Speedgoat Wildlife Services, LLC for use of University facilities, if needed.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Paul M. Lukacs is an Associate Professor in the Department of Ecosystem and Conservation Sciences of the College of Forestry and Conservation. Dr. James J. Nowak is a Research Scientist in the Department of Ecosystem and Conservation Sciences of the College of Forestry and Conservation. Drs. Lukacs and Nowak seeks approval to hold equity interests in and to serve as officers, employees, or members of a governing board of Speedgoat Wildlife Solutions, LLC, a Montana limited liability company established to provide consulting, expert reviews, expert advice and data analytics services for wildlife management.

Drs. Lukacs and Nowak will work in accordance with conflict management plans developed by UM. Under Policy 407 and MCA 20-25-109, university employees must have board approval to serve as officers, employees, or members of a governing board of a business entity, or to hold an equity interest in a business entity which has an agreement with, or shares ownership of intellectual property with, the university, relating to the development, licensing or commercial exploitation of that intellectual property.

UM benefits from this approval. By allowing this University-private sector relationship, intellectual property developed at The University of Montana can be used to grow a Montana-based company, will set an example for other entrepreneurs from the University looking for opportunities for commercialization of their innovations and creations, and will generate goodwill for University employees and the private sector.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment #1 – Submission Form