

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
COMMEMORATIVE TRIBUTES COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM  
January 14, 2019

**TITLE:** **PROPOSAL FOR NAMING THE RANCH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

**SPONSOR:** Dean Sreekala Bajwa, College of Agriculture

**ACTION:** By majority vote or consensus, the Commemorative Tributes Committee provides the University President with affirmation that the Montana State University should name the Ranch Management Program the:

***Dan Scott Ranch Management Program***

This naming is contingent upon the MUS Board of Regents approval of the new Ranching Systems Degree.

**EXPLANATION:** WHEREAS, Mr. Dan Scott, who passed on April 27, 2013, was considered a visionary in the agriculture industry, was the CEO and manager of the Padlock Ranch, a leader in sustainable ranching, for 50 years before retiring;

WHEREAS, Mr. Dan Scott was inducted into the International Livestock Congress Hall of Fame in 2002;

WHEREAS, Mr. Dan Scott was often invited to other countries as an ambassador of agriculture, to see and share how other methods of ranching could produce better livestock and agriculture efficiencies worldwide;


WHEREAS, in 2004, Mr. Dan Scott and his family donated \$500,000 to support the College of Agriculture Animal Bio Science building;

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Padlock Ranch was awarded the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Region Five Environmental Stewardship award;

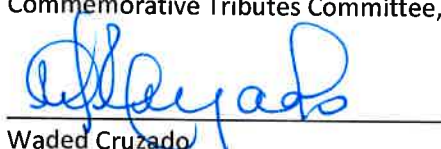
WHEREAS, key members of the Scott Family and upper management of the Padlock Ranch are often invited to speak at College Agricultural Programs throughout the country;

WHEREAS, Risa Scott, one of Dan's five children, is making a \$2MM gift to honor her father and his longtime leadership as CEO of the Padlock Ranch by naming the Ranch Management Program in his honor, subject to the MUS Board of Regents approving the Ranching Systems Degree;

THEREFORE, the Commemorative Tributes Committee recommends the University President support naming of the Ranch Management Program at the College of Agriculture the *Dan Scott Ranch Management Program* dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.

  
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