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ITEM 200-2003-R0522

Request for Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Range Sciences upon Dr. Bret E. Olson; Montana State University

THAT

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Bret E. Olson from the Department of Animal and Range Sciences at Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System, and the people of the State of Montana.

EXPLANATION

Dr. Olson has served as range science faculty since 1990, with research and academic interests including physiological ecology and population biology of semiarid plants. Montana's animal industry has been helped with his research and instruction related to leafy spurge and spotted knapweed in animal behavior and grazing lands, including studies of grazing winter range with cattle as an alternative to feeding them hay.

Undergraduate and graduate students benefitted in the classroom from Dr. Olson's research program. Scientific articles, book chapters, and national and international presentations influenced the master's degree students under his tutelage. The department and college benefitted for four years when he served as interim head, a period during which stakeholder groups were formed, fundraising for the new Animal Biosciences Building was conducted, and outreach blossomed in response to the department newsletter.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Bret Olson the rank of Professor Emeritus of Range Sciences at Montana State University and wishes him well for many years into the future.

ATTACHMENTS

None