

March 22, 2023

TO: Dr. Robert L. Mokwa, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Montana State University

FROM: President, Society for Range Management 2023

RE: Re-accreditation of Undergraduate Range Program, Montana State University

Accreditation of university based Professional Programs in Range Management Education is the responsibility of the Society for Range Management. I am pleased to inform you that the Society for Range Management Board of Directors has voted to re-accredit the undergraduate Bachelor of Science Program in Natural Resources and Rangeland Ecology in the Department of Animal and Range Sciences at Montana State University for a 10-year period, ending in 2033. If significant departmental faculty and/or course content changes are made at Montana State that may affect the program, the Society may request an early re-accreditation review.

We realize accreditation reviews require a significant commitment from the department, college and university for the self-study and hosting the accreditation review panel. The faculty, students and administration at Montana State University were gracious hosts and provided thorough answers to questions and information requests.

This approval was granted by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, based on the recommendations of the SRM Program Accreditation Committee (February 16, 2023, in Boise, Idaho). This approval is a strong vote of confidence in your program. The Society has established stringent standards for accrediting universities and accredited programs are invaluable in the continuation of effective rangeland ecology and management education.

Again, congratulations on the re-accreditation of your program and we thank you for your cooperation in the pursuit of excellence. We wish you continued success in the future and, please, feel free to contact us if we can help in any way.

Best Regards,



Barry L Perryman, President SRM

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