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Request Name: Natural Resources Graduate Student Lab

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Division Submitting Request: Academic Affairs

Academic Affairs Forestry - Wildland Resources

Nature of Request: Requesting additional or alternate square footage without a specific room/space/location already identified.

Is this change expected to be temporary: No

Preferred Allocation Date: August 19, 2022

### Space Allocation Details

#### Type of Space Needed

I am requesting a small room for Natural Resources graduate students to gather. Many of our students have office space, but some are falling through the cracks. I am requesting this as the Natural Resources graduate coordinator (though I am in the Forestry & WR department). There is no space to indicate Natural Resources in the drop-down menu.

I would like the space to be an office or lab, and we would have students provide their own computers. Sitting space and desks would be all we'd need.

### Alignment with University Principles

#### [HSU Strategic Plan](#)

Strategic Plan Goals: Goal 6: Student Experience & Success

#### Goal 6 Details:

Graduate students in our program have had differential access to resources (including office/lab space) for many years. Having a space for students who don't have space on campus is fundamentally an equity issue. Supporting students by providing space provides for their holistic development, giving them a home base on campus. This request can be viewed as in conjunction to the college-wide request for space being made by Dr. Carmen Bustos-Works - I have not conferred with her on this particular request, but I initially requested the university-wide graduate space as well and I think it is important to have multiple dedicated spaces available for graduate students to congregate and do work.

#### Collective Impact:

Our program generates substantial dollars in terms of grant funding, and we produce a huge share of the published research at the university. Supporting the Natural Resources graduate students as they work towards degrees should be important to the university.

#### Request Importance - Needs Analysis:

This will support Natural Resources graduate students - currently we have more than 80 students, which makes us larger than many departments. The four departments of the Natural Resources graduate program (environmental science, fisheries, forestry, wildlife) are, in many ways, the highlights of university identity and critical to our mission to become a polytechnic university. Anecdotally I have been told of multiple students without permanent space. At any one time, approximately 10% (~8) of our students are without "homes" on campus.

#### Recent History:

MBU/Division Outcomes and Objectives Related to this Request: As indicated above, this meets strategic plan goal #6.

#### Funding

Has Funding for this Request Already Been Identified? No

Proposed Funding: NA

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Additional Relevant Information Not Previously Addressed:

Routed for Review

College of Natural Resources & Sciences Dale Oliver - Dean