ITEM NO.:  140-1002-R0708

Approval to Create an Undergraduate Minor in
Mountain Studies

THAT:  In accordance with Montana University System
Policy, the Board of Regents of Higher Education
authorizes The University of Montana – Missoula
to create an undergraduate minor in Mountain
Studies.

EXPLANATION:  The University of Montana currently offers no
formal academic program in Mountain Studies, a
scientific field emerging at national and
international levels. As a result of student interest
and demand, the Department of Geography has
taken the lead to coordinate this minor program.
The minor in Mountain Studies would represent a
consolidation and expansion of The University of
Montana's offerings in this area. The minor
curriculum is designed to complement students’
disciplinary focus with scientific, systematic, and
region-based knowledge and training. It is in the
State's best interest to create this minor in order to
make a unique offering to Montana students and to
remain responsive to the needs of students,
Montanans, the region and the nation.