SUBMISSION FORM

University System/Employee Intellectual Property Joint Participation
MUSP 407

This form is to be submitted with any Board of Regents item whereby a campus seeks the approval of an agreement with or arrangement regarding an employee pursuant to 20-25-109 MCA and Regents Policy 407.

When the submission concerns matters of trade secrets or confidential business information, or any other matter entitled to privacy under state or federal law (e.g., the federal statute known as Bayh/Dole) the submitting campus may request consideration of the submission, in whole or in part, in executive session.

The submitting campus should also provide the Commissioner a copy of the contract(s) that form the basis for the cooperative arrangement for which approval is sought. Submission of the contract does not indicate a conclusion that all or part of the contract is a public document and the question of whether it is in whole or in part protected from public disclosure will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

1. Summarize the nature of the intellectual property that was developed by the employee seeking approval. Indicate the sources of funding for the research that resulted in this invention.

Datasets and services provided by the Rangeland Analysis Platform and developed by University of Montana employees Dr. Brady Allred, Dr. Mathew Jones, and Dr. David Naugle. The various datasets provide information relevant to rangeland and wildlife conservation and management across broad spatiotemporal scales. The various services provide analysis and ease of access to said datasets, i.e. software as a service. Both datasets and services are in part owned by the University of Montana.

2. a. Name(s) of the university employee(s) involved.

Dr. Brady Allred
Dr. Matthew Jones
Dr. David Naugle

b. Name(s) of business entity(ies) involved.

Rangeland Analytics, LLC

3. The university and employee(s) are seeking approval for (check as many as appropriate):

☐ a. The employee to be awarded equity interest in the business entity.

1
☐ b. The employee to serve as a member of the board of directors or other governing board of the business entity.

☐ c. The employee to accept employment from the business entity.

☐ d. Other. Please explain.

4. a. Summarize the nature of the relationship between the university and the business entity (e.g., the entity is licensing the intellectual property from the university, the entity is co-owning the intellectual property with the university).

Rangeland Analytics, LLC is a data analytics service company for rangeland and wildlife conservation and management. Rangeland Analytics, LLC provides software as a service. Rangeland Analytics, LLC will seek to enter into license agreements with the University of Montana and to develop its own intellectual property.

b. The proposed duration of the agreement or arrangement.

The term of any license from University of Montana to Rangeland Analytics, LLC, will likely run with the term of the underlying intellectual property (i.e., copyright). No patent or trademark right exists in this matter.

c. The conditions under which the agreement may be terminated or dissolved.

Any intellectual property license with the University of Montana will contain provisions allowing the University to terminate the license for failure of licensee to perform on essential terms, including failure to provide timely and accurate financial reports or pay applicable royalties, fees, or milestone payments.

5. Explain specifically how the University System or the State of Montana will likely benefit from the agreement or arrangement.

a. Financial gains, primarily through license agreements, will be used by the University of Montana in accordance to MUS policy.

b. Rangeland Analytics, LLC will bring increased employment to Montana.

c. Rangeland Analytics, LLC will enhance the image and notoriety of the University of Montana.

6. Summarize the financial terms of the agreement or arrangement. Include:

a. The value, nature and source of the University’s contribution.
Potential license agreements would consider license rights of datasets. Rangeland Analytics, LLC will pursue commercial opportunities while preserving the financial interests of both parties.

b. The value and nature of the employee’s contribution.

Drs. Brady Allred, Matthew Jones, and David Naugle are co-founders of Rangeland Analytics, LLC and may be paid by the company for their services.

c. The anticipated revenue to be generated by the project and the time line for generating such revenue.

Anticipated revenue and timeline are presently unknown.

d. The manner in which revenue and expenses will be shared by the parties.

Rangeland Analytics, LLC will pay all expenses related to its operations.

e. The nature of each party’s equity interest in the project. If none, so indicate.

Equity interest is undecided.