Montana Tech needs additional laboratory classroom space. The proposed Natural Resources Research Center would either provide an addition to the existing Engineering Lab Classroom Building or become a stand-alone facility. It would include support areas such as office, laboratory, classroom, bathroom and mechanical spaces. The project aims to support Montana Tech natural resource, engineering and energy-related programs.

The additional space will be used for undergraduate- and graduate-level instruction and research. The new space will provide the facilities for growth in natural resource, engineering and energy-related programs. It will support the campus in educating and providing research opportunities for students in fields that have significant impact on the economic growth in the state.

The project would bring an additional 35,000 square feet of space to Montana Tech. The facility also will incorporate state-of-the-art technology with infrastructure that can use new tools as they become available. It also would add much-needed classroom space to the campus, as student enrollment continues to outpace available space.