Dear Scott Shannon and Committee on Curriculum

The Department of Forest and Natural Resources Management is proposing revisions to all three AAS programs at the Ranger School, with associated course revisions and new courses proposals. These curriculum and course revisions, and new course proposals were approved by FNRM faculty vote on January 17th. Dr. Chris Nowak, as Dept. Chair (copied here), will affirm his support of these revisions in separate email.

The Department considers the revisions to the Forest Technology and Land Surveying Technology curricula minor, and while the Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation program revisions are a little more extensive, they could also still be considered minor.

Links to specific documents related to proposed curricula changes and course revisions to all three Ranger School AAS degree programs are available below.

1) Draft 2018.docx gives a quick summary of the all three proposed curriculum changes.
2) ESFMinorCurriculumChangeProposalForm_RS_ENRC_2018.doc
3) ESFMinorCurriculumChangeProposalForm_RS_FT_2018.doc
4) ESFMinorCurriculumChangeProposalForm_RS_LST_2018.doc
5) FTC 210 Wildlife Techniques 1 – We propose splitting this course into two 1-credit courses, one offered in both the fall and spring semesters, in order to better address wildlife concerns. So, the current FTC 210 would be reduced by 50%, but its full content will still be presented.
6) FTC 212 Adirondack Cultural Ecology – We propose a credit reduction from 2 to 1 credit (decrease of 50%), and moving the course to the fall semester, which is more appropriate for an introductory course.
7) FTC 225 Timber Transportation and Utilization – We propose a credit reduction from 3 to 2 credits (decrease of 33%), removing much of the emphasis on road design, and allowing time to add FTC 239 to both the Forest Technology and Land Surveying Technology programs.
8) FTC 236 Environmental Interpretation Principles and Techniques – We propose a name change from “Interpretive Techniques in Forest Recreation” and an increase from 2 to 3 credits, a 50% increase.
9) FTC 237 Introduction to Water and Soil Resources – We propose an increase from 3 to 4 credits (33% increase), in order to focus more effort on the water resource.
10) FTC 239 GIS Practicum – This represents a course name change (formerly GIS Applications), a reduction from 2 to 1 credit (decrease of 50%), and a change of course objectives. It will now also be a required course in all three A.A.S. programs.
11) FTC 240 Wildlife Techniques 2 – This is a new course, so, 100% new. But it’s actually half of the former FTC 210 Wildlife Techniques

Let me know if you have any difficulties with the links to any of the above documents.

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