M.S. in Parks, Tourism, and Recreation Management  
2020 Assessment Report

MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Parks, Tourism, and Recreation Management M.S. is to prepare students to address real-world problems through scientific inquiry as they relate to the understanding and management of natural resources and associated protected areas for recreation and tourism. This mission is achieved through the innovative teaching, research and service of the PTRM faculty who conduct basic and applied state-of-the-art research at various scales from the local to the global. PTRM faculty and graduate students interact with public agencies, protected area managers, private enterprises, and decision-makers to facilitate the appropriate use of scientifically generated knowledge in policy and management decisions.

DEPARTMENT ALIGNMENT WITH PRIORITIES FOR ACTION
1. Foster the success and professional growth of students and faculty who desire to solve an increasingly complex array of environmental and natural resource problems (PFA 1)

2. Deliver a high-quality graduate degree program in the natural resource/environmental sciences which prepares graduate students to engage as professionals in science, policy, or management (PFA 1, PFA 2)

3. Cultivate an interdisciplinary cadre of faculty, students, and other researchers, who support a community of scholarship and an environment conducive to innovation and cutting edge research (PFA 3)

4. Provide research experience and training that prepares students to work at local, regional and/or international scales and to address the big problems facing natural and human systems (PFA 4)

5. Aspire to develop knowledge and skills in the social and natural sciences to advance more sustainable and resilient social and/or ecological systems (PFA 1)

STUDENT LEARNING GOALS and MEASUREMENT TOOLS
We are currently considering how we might transition the MS program to an online/professional degree. PTRM faculty are currently active in graduate education through other degrees in the College of Forestry and Conservation. We do not have student learning goals or measurement tools for this degree. Given COVID, budget decreases, and strategic planning efforts in the FCFC we have put this effort on hold until summer 2021.

RESULTS and MODIFICATIONS
Not available

FUTURE PLANS FOR CONTINUED ASSESSMENT
Re-visit plans for MS in PTRM during summer 2021