1. **Assessment information collected**

A 2013 review of the UAF CRCD Renewable Resources Associate Degree suggested that it should be suspension and discontinued. The primary reason was the difficulty to deliver the degree’s current curriculum across rural Alaska. The Renewable Resource AAS degree was designed in the early 2000s for rural Alaskans, however, since implemented, many of the required courses have never been offered across Alaska, and rural students were unable to complete the degree without relevant course petitions.

There were attempts made to retain and improve the program including:
- A Format 5 (change in program form) was submitted to the Curriculum Review Committee in 2010 that aligned the program with the UAF Environmental Studies Program (Passed CRCD Curriculum Review Committee in 2011 but was not passed by the Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee), and
- A 2012 initiative to cooperate with the School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Science (SNRAS) to teach via distance education many of the required degree courses administered by SNRAS, but the initiative failed.

There are at least four other two year UAF degrees and certificates that students can use as a substitute for the RRAAS including:
- Associate Applied of Science in interdisciplinary Studies,
- Associate Applied of Science in Tribal Management,
- Associate of Science, and
- Certificate in Environmental Studies

Currently in the Renewable Resources Associate Degree there are fifteen (15) students identified as being admitted in the program, but only nine (9) are active and have taken classes in the past year. Three of these students graduated in May, 2014 (leaving 6 active students).

We will call or contact all active students to identify if they are still interested in the program, and if so, we will advise them develop a new graduation plan or change their degree option.
For more info on discontinuing this program please see attached letter from Pete Pinney, Acting Executive Dean of CRCD to Dr. Susan Henrichs, UAF Provost.

2. **Conclusions drawn from the information summarized above**
The RR AAS degree should be discontinued, but the students currently enrolled in the program should have an opportunity to complete the degree.

3. **Curricular changes resulting from conclusions drawn above**
N/A

4. **Identify the faculty members involved in reaching the conclusions drawn above and agreeing upon the curricular changes resulting**
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DATE: March 20, 2014

TO: Susan Heinrichs, Provost
    University of Alaska Fairbanks

FR: Pete Finney, Acting Executive Dean
    College of Rural and Community Development

RE: Suspension of the Renewable Resources AAS program

After a review of the program enrollment statistics and consultation with the program head for the Renewable Resources associate degree program, we request a suspension of the degree option. There have been no recent admissions. We have identified 15 students currently admitted in the program. Of these, two of these are graduating this Spring and three of the students are inactive and need to be withdrawn from the list. For the remaining ten, we will call or contact them again and see if they are still interested in the program, and if so, we will advise them develop a new graduation plan or change their degree option.

We tried revamping the program in collaboration with the Natural Resources Management faculty in the School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences. After several attempts, we could not create a meaningful alignment or pathway. Champions for that approach have moved on, and the school has undergone reorganization. We have also found that the certificate in Environmental Studies and various Occupational Endorsements are a better option for completion.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the request to suspend the program.

cc: Jak Maier, Chair of the CRCD Academic Council
    Libby Eddy, UAF Registrar