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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY – REQUEST FOR RENAMING
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGICAL AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES GEOLOGY FIELD CAMP

Action Requested: Consider approving the renaming of the Iowa State University Geological and Atmospheric Sciences Geology Field Camp near Shell, Wyoming, as the **Carl F. Vondra Geology Field Station** in honor of emeritus Distinguished Professor of Geology Carl F. Vondra.

Executive Summary: Iowa State University has operated each summer, since 1957, a field station in north-central Wyoming for a course in geology field concepts and methods. The course is now co-taught with faculty from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Professor Vondra joined Iowa State University's Geology Department in 1963 and began teaching at the field camp a year later. He assumed the post of director in the summer of 1965 and continued in that position until 2003, three years after he retired as a faculty member from the University. He also served as chair of the Department of Geological and Atmospheric Sciences from 1991 to 1997.

During his tenure as director, Professor Vondra continually upgraded the physical structures at the camp, including the three original structures that were government surplus buildings from World War II. In retirement, he continues to serve the department by traveling to Houston, Texas, each year to meet with University geology alumni. He is engaged in the Department's efforts to raise funds to replace the current buildings at the field station with more modern facilities.

For his contributions to Iowa State University and the Department of Geological and Atmospheric Sciences, the University requests that the Geology Field Camp be renamed the **Carl F. Vondra Geology Field Station**. The request complies with the Board of Regents naming policy.