West Ridge Deferred Renewal Information Item

PROJECT UPDATE
The multi-year plan will take a major investment of nearly $361M in deferred maintenance and new construction funds. The initial phases of the plan will be carried out with smaller portions of funding from FY13 and FY14 State of Alaska Deferred Renewal funds.

The first phase of the plan includes relocation of the animal vivarium out of Irving 1 and into the existing BiRD and Virology buildings. Design for this project is at the construction documents stage. UAF is finalizing an initial work package to include purchase of long lead equipment, underfloor plumbing, and the slab on grade in the Virology portion of the project. The project’s critical path has also driven the early selection of a vendor/subcontractor for the hibernation chambers, a keystone program component for the deferred renewal.

Once the vivarium has been relocated to its new space, the existing Irving 1 Animal Quarters will receive a low level renewal and be reassigned to the Veterinary Medicine Program for student cohort space, classrooms, and a class lab. The project is in concept design phase with Formal Project Approval before the Board of Regents at its April 2014 meeting.

The second priority of the plan includes the renovations of the Elvey Building. Though this phase is mostly unfunded and will take a significant investment, two smaller phases have been extracted from the renewal plan. Design work on the first phase of Elvey DM has started and includes relocation of critical functions such as the Alaska Earthquake Information Center from Elvey into the West Ridge Research Building, and renewal of the smaller 2-story annex portion of Elvey. The remaining work for the tower renovation will occur once additional funding has been received.

SCHEDULE
The Animal Vivarium Relocation design will be complete by May 2014 and construction will be complete by February 2015. Renewal of the Irving 1 space is scheduled for occupancy in August 2015. For the Elvey projects, design has started and the first phase of construction may begin in August 2014, contingent upon funding.