

Dr. Maurice Hornocker



Dr. Maurice Hornocker completed his Ph.D. research on mountain lions out of Taylor Ranch in 1967. His goal was to investigate the dynamics of a mountain lion population and to assess the impact of mountain lions on big game animals in the Big Creek drainage.

As a result of his work, mountain lions were given greater respect by both game managers and the public. The hunting status of mountain lions changed from that of a predator to a big game animal. In addition, the University of Idaho acquired Taylor Ranch. While working here, Hornocker envisioned the ranch as a wilderness research station and he encouraged the Taylors to sell the ranch to the University of Idaho. The ranch was purchased in 1969. [Hornocker Wildlife Institute Website](#)

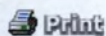
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Maurice Hornocker with houndsman Wilbur Wiles

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