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Mr. Fred Dauber District Ranger Krassel Ranger District P. O. Box 1026 McCall, ID 83638

Dear Fred:

Because of the flood damage to the Cabin Creek airstrip the University of Idaho Wilderness Research Center granted permission this year to the Forest Service for administrative use of the airstrip seven miles downstream at our Taylor Ranch Wilderness Field Station—pending your decision and action on the flood damage at Cabin Creek. We also gave permission to use the Taylor Ranch airstrip to American Adrenalin Company, one of the outfitters dependent on but displaced from air access at Cabin Creek.

Hunting season is here and I have been made aware of the increased need for air access by outfitters displaced by flood damage at Cabin Creek. With this letter, I am granting authority to the Forest Service to notify your legally permitted outfitters dependent on air access at Cabin Creek that they may use the Taylor Ranch airstrip—pending but not beyond the Forest Service decision and action on repair of the flood damage at the Cabin Creek airstrip.

Please inform us of the outfitters you so notify, and remind them of the ecological sensitivity and the difficult landing at Taylor Ranch. For both those reasons we hope to minimize use of the airstrip. The Taylor Ranch resident manager, Dave Duncan, should be notified in advance of landing by radio phone through Carol at 208-382-4336, or by mail at: Taylor Ranch Wilderness Field Station, HC 83, Cascade, Idaho, 83611.



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Attached are regulations governing use of the Taylor Ranch Wilderness Field Station and airstrip, which is normally restricted to official university business for wilderness research and education.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

John C. Hendee, Director

University of Idaho Wilderness Field Station

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c: Mr. Dave Duncan, Resident Manager, Taylor Ranch Wilderness Field Station Dr. Charles Hatch, Dean, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences Mr. Dave Alexander, Supervisor, Payette National Forest, Fax: 208-634-0744

## FIELD STATION VISITOR POLICIES

The Wilderness Field Station at Taylor Ranch is a facility of the University of Idaho Wilderness Research Center and is, therefore, managed in keeping with the purpose and objectives of the Center. The primary purpose of the Field Station is to provide for research and educational activities dependent upon a wilderness setting. All uses and management practices at the Field Station must also be compatible with the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness Management Plan.

Anyone wanting to use the field station facilities must apply to the Director of the Wilderness Research Center or the Field Station scientist/manager. Permission to use the airstrip must be obtained from the director or scientist/manager. Users will be subject to the established field station use fee schedule which is consistent with fees charged for the use of similar University of Idaho facilities.

- \* Users must obtain permission from the scientist/manager in advance to use the airstrip. In the event that the scientist/manager cannot be contacted, permission must be obtained from the director of the Wilderness Research Center and the person in charge at the Field Station (caretakers, technicians) must be notified in advance. Use of the airstrip for recreation is strictly prohibited.
- \* Users are responsible for providing and preparing their own food unless otherwise arranged in advance.
- \* Users are responsible for air freight costs incurred in transporting equipment and supplies.
- \* Users are responsible for keeping cabins clean and leaving buildings as found. Cleaning supplies are available for use in each cabin.
- \* Users are responsible for disposing of their own garbage. This includes flying out metal, glass, and other items that are not burned or composted.
- \* Users may fish during their free time. They may not hunt from the Field Station. No fish or game may be flown from the Field Station. All Idaho fish and wildlife regulations must be obeyed.
- \* A radio-phone is available for emergency use and business purposes. All business phone tolls are to be paid by the caller.
- \* Arrangements can be made for researchers to use field station equipment (tents, etc.) and pack stock, if available, and upon approval of the scientist/manager, subject to established fees.
- \* Being located within a wilderness setting and having limited facilities, the Field Station can accommodate limited numbers of people. Users must obtain permission from the scientist/manager to have personal guests.
- \* Users should exhibit "backcountry hospitality," including accommodating emergency requests such as radio use, giving directions, and explaining ongoing research projects.