

## UI Wilderness Research Center Campus Advisory Committee

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**Policies for Use of  
Taylor Ranch Wilderness Field Station  
University of Idaho Wilderness Research Center  
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Taylor Ranch Wilderness Field Station is a facility of the University of Idaho Wilderness Research Center (WRC). The mission of Taylor Ranch Field Station is to host and facilitate wilderness ecosystem research and monitoring and wilderness user studies, to offer wilderness-dependent educational courses emphasizing hands-on learning experiences and to provide service to federal and state natural resource agencies in support of their wilderness data gathering efforts. The field station maintains a simple laboratory, research library, animal and herbarium reference collection, and research data base.

Taylor Ranch is located in the heart of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness (FCRNRW) and can be accessed by trail, or by air for official business. The closest trail head is about 37 miles to the west at Big Creek. Other trailheads are at Meyer's Cove (about 50 trail miles to the east) or Bighorn Crags campground (about 40- trail miles). Air access is by small "bush" plan from Cascade, McCall, and Challis. The private field station airstrip is rugged, requiring experienced pilots. Use of the airstrip is limited to that supporting WRC programs and requires approval by the WRC Director or Taylor Ranch Field Station Resident Manager.

**Policies**

**Space at Taylor Ranch is limited and teaching, research, and other activities must be coordinated. Use of the Taylor Ranch Wilderness Field Station requires approval by the Director of the University of Idaho Wilderness Research Center or Taylor Ranch Resident Manager at least one month prior to proposed use. Users conducting on-going research must provide a schedule of their planned field station use; once the schedule is approved, the director or resident manager must be given prior notice of any changes (e.g., dates and numbers of personnel using the facility).**

- All users are subject to established Field Station user fees (see attached).
- Permission to use the field station **airstrip** must be obtained from the director or resident manager.
- Users are responsible for cleaning the facilities they used and flying or packing out their trash.
- A radio-phone is available for **emergency** or **business** purposes only, but fees must be paid by the caller.
- Users may fish (catch and release) during their free time, but may not hunt from Taylor Ranch. No game may be flown from Taylor Ranch. All Idaho fish and game regulations must be obeyed.
- Users in residence must obtain permission from the director or resident manager to have personal guests.
- Users may not bring **pets, riding, or pack stock** except with prior permission of the resident manager.
- Users should exhibit "backcountry hospitality," including accommodating emergency requests, giving directions, and explaining on-going projects and respecting the spirit of the surrounding wilderness.



## Fees

All fees are payable to the University of Idaho Taylor Ranch Field Station. Any adjustment in fees and payment schedules must be negotiated and agreed to in writing with the WRC director, Taylor Ranch Resident Manager, prior to initiation of projects. Arrangements may include exchange of services to the Field Station to offset fees, e.g. putting up firewood, mowing airstrip, special field station projects.

- **Lodging:** lodging fees are \$12.00 per day per person during **May through September**. From **October through April** lodging is \$14.00 per day per person to cover costs of firewood and additional propane use. Users must provide their own bedding. Special bio-degradable bath soap, shampoo, dish soap, and laundry soap will be provided to limit impacts to the wilderness environment.
- **Food:** Taylor Ranch users must bring their own food and prepare their own meals. Kitchens are available with refrigerators, stoves, ovens, pots and pans, and utensils. Provisions for meals for large groups will be negotiated separately with the resident manager.
- **Research Support:** Field Station staff can provide horse-packing services to transport research equipment, camp supplies, and personnel to remote study sites. A daily fee of **\$10.00** per horse per day and **\$60.00** per Field Station staff per day to handle stock will be charged. Arrangements can be made for Field Station personnel to collect data in the absence of the researcher. A **data collection fee** will be negotiated based upon the frequency of data collection, and the amount of time and effort required. If studies require significant use of the Field Station laboratory, a **laboratory fee** may be negotiated.
- **Clean-up:** Users are responsible for keeping living quarters, kitchens, and laboratory clean and in good repair. **All garbage not composed or burned must be flown or packed out.** Cleaning supplies are available for use in each building. If additional clean-up or repairs by station personnel are necessary after the premises are evacuated, a **\$25.00** per hour cleaning fee plus costs of supplies will be levied.

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