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### **Bleak Taylor Intern 2012**

Research: "Exploring regeneration of coniferous seedlings around non-living trees."

While trying to figure out what I was going to do for my Senior Thesis Project, Katy Kavanagh told me about the opportunity at Taylor to do my research and explore the Frank Church Wilderness. Once I showed interest in the opportunity to go to Taylor Katy told me about a research project that one of her graduate students did in the past. I looked further into the project that Eric Clippinger did at Taylor and decided that I could take his project further. I was able to complete all of my objectives while at Taylor.



I had a really good time at Taylor; it was a really good experience and I am very thankful for the opportunity to spend my summer at Taylor. I had a really good time at Taylor. I enjoyed being able to meet a lot of new people within the CNR and people from ISU that are doing research in the Taylor area. The opportunity to help fellow interns with projects and professors with their ongoing research was an amazing opportunity that I am thankful to have taken advantage of. Being able to explore such a remote area for the summer was an experience that very few people get to do and I am very thankful for the opportunity. Being able to go for day hikes or overnight hikes in the Frank Church was an amazing opportunity. Having floated down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River twice, it was quite the experience to explore one tributaries of the Middle Fork. I really enjoyed being able to hike around that area for the summer and experience the plant and wildlife diversity that the Frank Church provides. I am really thankful for the opportunity to go into Taylor and do my own research and interact with so many other guests of the Frank Church area. It has given me the opportunity to get hands on experience in such a wide array of fields that you can't get anywhere else.

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