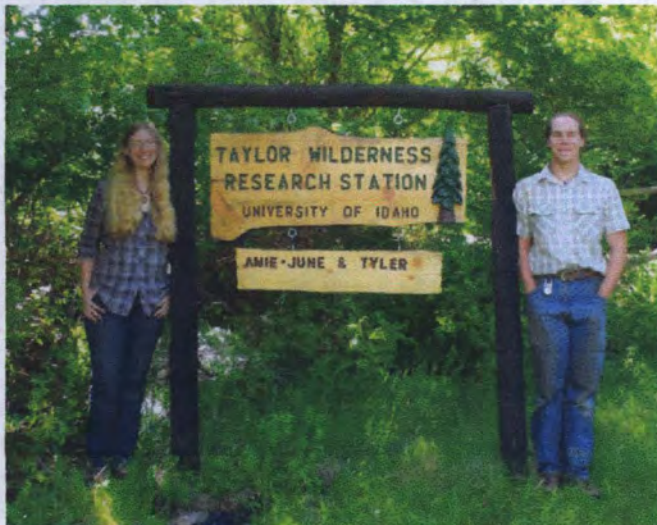




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The DeVlieg Cabin was re-stained this Fall 2011, first stained in 2004!



**Our greetings to you,
board members of the DeVlieg Foundation!**

We are reflecting on the change in seasons here at Taylor today. Our fawns have lost their spots, yellow deciduous leaves are beginning to speckle our riparian areas, and our solar panels (funded by the DeVlieg Foundation in 2010) were tipped to their winter setting last week. As events here finally begin to slow down, it's a great time to think about all the activity at Taylor this year.

We hosted six students through the summer season this year, two of which were DeVlieg research undergraduate scholars: **Andy Osler** (University of Idaho), studying "size/age structure of salmonid populations in small tributaries" and **Tess Gardner** (Idaho State University), studying "how is primary productivity affected by disturbance in wilderness streams of central Idaho?" Other student projects at Taylor included a study of post-fire plant communities over elevational gradients, a survey of invasive weeds, and a major botanical survey of our surrounding area, with hundreds of specimens deposited in the Stillinger Herbarium at the University of Idaho. DeVlieg Graduate Research Scholar **Ryan Blackadar** (Idaho State University) also visited several times throughout the year to gather data, and we expect him to rejoin us for his winter research soon. Finally, we were excited to add a new component to the summer session; a number of short courses taught by visiting professors, on topics including wilderness ethics, soil science, indigenous knowledge, and Idaho prehistory.

We had a great many visitors to Taylor this year. The **McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS)** brought its annual group of graduate instructors to Taylor in late August, totaling 24 people, and ten members of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) arrived for their annual salmonid electroshocking visit shortly afterwards. The **McCall High School** sent its Environmental Science class to us for their annual trip, and we will soon be hosting their first-ever fall visit in addition to the usual group in May. We hosted an undergraduate-level Fish Ecology class last month (25 people), and a graduate-level **Stream Ecology class** in July (10 people). We were also thrilled to host **Janet DeVlieg Pope** on two separate occasions this year. In all, it was an extraordinarily busy summer!

Fortunately, we've been able to find the time in our off-season to make a number of improvements to the property. The University of Idaho **Range Club** recently completed a volunteer work trip to Taylor, which included re-staining the DeVlieg cabin and deck for the first time since its completion in 2004. Private donors funded a massive improvement to the Taylor library this spring. We've repaired office flooring, repaired a bridge, replaced old appliances, added new interpretive displays, planned improvements in user-accessibility to our electric system, and are hoping to install live webcams before the end of the year, but still have enough to keep us busy through the winter and beyond.

Although exhausting, it was a very successful year at Taylor, and as ever, we credit much of our achievement to your continuing support.

Gratefully,

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