

**Taylor Ranch Field Station Advisory Meeting Agenda  
for  
October 19, 2005 10:00-12:00 CNR Rm 200**

1. Introduction

- Summer recap
- Visitors to date: 35 groups & 1,453 user days
- Facility capabilities with heavy use

2. Summer 2005 Projects

- 2 Masters projects – UI and ISU, 5 graduate students
- Whitebark Pine research
- 5 Undergrad researchers
- 2 Courses: Wilderness Ecology Enrichment class, IDF&G Mule Packing clinic
- 2 Field trips: ISU Stream Ecology grads, McCall High School Environmental Science
- 5 Monitoring projects: rangeland vegetation, aquatic invertebrates, wolf production, Lewis woodpecker nesting, bear population
- Bleak intern activities & visiting professionals
- ISU “Onion” project
- ISU Geomorphology
- NOAA Fisheries stream instrumentation
- 10 Agency & nonUI researcher projects

3. Collaborations

- ISU activities
- NOAA Fisheries stream instrumentation
- Root Ranch high school class/wilderness camp
- USFS Heritage program
- IDFG/NPT wolf monitoring & research

4. Donors and grants

- DeVlieg Foundation support for ‘06
- DeVlieg Foundation in recent years
- Bleak Internship
- New donors
- NOAA Fisheries
- Media & outreach

#### 5. Planning for '06

- Optimize high level of facility use in summer
- Decrease high level of time demands for Jim & Holly in summer
- Improve USFS Special Use Permit process
- Bleak internship (3 week project + Root Ranch teaching)
- Akenson-UI finalize horse use and liability policy
- Stock lease for student projects (2 head)
- Assist. Manager position
- Develop a Field Ecology class: Spring semester multidisciplinary? Wilderness Ecology 302?

#### 8. Managers/Scientists Activities

- Taylor Ranch, Fire, and History presentations: at Big Creek Symposium at ISU, to UI classes, and at St Gertrude's Museum; Fire essay published by Univ Oklahoma Press
- Mountain Lion Workshop research presentation, publication, arrange next mtg for Idaho
- Packing and "living history" classes
- Wilderness First Responder training (advanced first-aid)

#### 9. Facilities planning

- DeVlieg Cabin is complete
- Facilities are FULL in summer, expand use to other times of year
- Boost electric with solar power, (DeVlieg grant)
- Improve wireless internet
- Re-roof 3 buildings, upgrade appliances, minor cabin renovations
- Make an office for managers (new or conversion of existing building)