



The University of Idaho Rangeland Center is seeking two University of Idaho undergraduate or graduate students to assist with research and ranch operations at the Rinker Rock Creek Ranch. The ranch is a 20,000-acre property west of Bellevue, ID managed in cooperation with The Nature Conservancy and the Wood River Land Trust and located within a 40-min drive of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Interns will work with a team of graduate students, researchers, and partner organization staff on projects related to wildlife resources, livestock management, rangeland monitoring, and riparian restoration. This position is an exceptional opportunity to broaden a student's professional network.

Description

- Assist with ranch management and land stewardship tasks (e.g., spraying weeds, replacing fence)
- Assist with research and monitoring projects at Rinker Rock Creek Ranch:
 - Sage-grouse habitat use and demography
 - Pollinator surveys
 - Monitoring beaver activity
 - Columbian spotted frog surveys
 - Vegetation sampling including the use of drones
 - Analyzing annual grass invasion and fire risk
 - Sampling ecosystem level processes (e.g., carbon cycling)
 - Measuring effects of riparian restoration on stream and vegetation attributes
 - Monitoring volume and types of public recreation
- Gain experience in measuring plant communities, rangeland and riparian monitoring, livestock handling techniques, and ranch management.
- Support educational and outreach events at the ranch (e.g., setting up chairs or posters for group events)
- Work outdoors and live in a wall tent at the ranch camp with other interns, graduate students, and faculty
- Salary is \$12 to \$13/hour depending on skills and experience. This will be a full-time job with 40-hour work weeks and holidays off.

Required Qualifications:

- Must have completed a minimum of one semester (12-credits) at a college or university and be enrolled at the University of Idaho for the fall 2022 semester. Courses in soil science, animal husbandry, or plant identification are desirable.
- Self-motivated and able to work independently.
- Willing to do physical work in variable conditions and experience working outdoors.
- Pass a criminal background check and driver's record check.
- The intern will be expected to complete a final report of their internship.

To Apply:

- Applications will be reviewed beginning **February 18nd**; open until filled.
- Send: 1) Letter of interest; 2) Resume; 3) Copy of transcripts; and 4) Names and contacts for three references to Cameron Packer (cpacker@uidaho.edu). For more information or answers to questions, call (208) 721-4134.

Work Dates:

- Approximately May 23th through August 12th, 2022.