

2024 Rinker Rock Creek Ranch Internship

The University of Idaho is seeking a student to assist with research, outreach, and ranch operations at 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 researchers, graduate students, ranch staff, 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 and gain hands-on experience in the field.

Dates of Internship: Late May - Early August

Pay Rate: \$17/hr. Full time (40 hr/week.) Holidays off

JOB DUTIES:

- Collect data for a variety of rangeland and livestock research projects
- Organize and advertise Sagebrush Saturday outreach events, including coordinating invited speakers for educational topics, planning and managing day-of logistics, outreach and advertisement to local communities
- Data entry and management as needed to support on-going research
- Assist ranch staff (*Operations Manager, Cattle Manager*) as needed with ranch stewardship and cattle management including: identifying and mapping areas of invasive plants, flagging and fixing fences, monitoring stream flow and temperature, improving ranch signage and working to educate recreational users at the ranch about public access
- Participate in Advisory Board Meeting, assist with organization and planning prior to the day-long meeting, interact with representatives of 11 stakeholder groups at the meeting held in June at the ranch.
- Work outdoors and live in a wall tent at the ranch camp with other interns, graduate students, and faculty

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be 18 years or older and graduated from high school or equivalent.
- Must have completed a minimum of one semester (*12 credits*) within the last year at one of the eight Idaho public universities or colleges, and currently enrolled for the next fall semester (*12 credits*) at one of the eight Idaho public universities or colleges.
 - Applicants who just graduated from high school or equivalent and completed a minimum of 12 credits in a dual enrollment program from one of the eight Idaho public universities or colleges within the last year may apply but priority will be given to those who meet the above requirement.
 - Private universities or colleges do not qualify.
 - Priority will be given to University of Idaho student applicants
- Have access to reliable transportation for some travel to multiple work sites. Mileage will be reimbursed when personal vehicle is used.
- Ability to pass a background check; clean driving record
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills; computer literate
- Self-starter and ability to complete a task without close supervision, willingness and ability to work outdoors in varied conditions on a working ranch

TO APPLY:

- Applications will be reviewed beginning **March 8th**; open until filled.
- Send: 1) Letter of interest; 2) Resume; 3) Transcripts (*unofficial okay*); and 4) Names and contacts for three references to **Cameron Weskamp** (cpacker@uidaho.edu).

For more information:

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