



RINKER ROCK CREEK RANCH

WORKING LANDSCAPE

Rinker Rock Creek Ranch (RRCR) is representative of many rangelands across the West. Across nearly 22,000 acres of sagebrush steppe there are riparian corridors, mesic and dry meadows, scattered aspen stands, year-round recreation opportunities, and livestock grazing, all under public and private ownership.

FOCUS

RRCR is a place for rangeland research, education, conservation, community outreach and recreation. RRCR is jointly managed by the College of Natural Resources and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. An advisory board that includes representatives from The Nature Conservancy and the Wood River Land Trust, two nonprofits that were instrumental to the property's acquisition, collaborate with the university to provide management direction.

SUPPORT

- University of Idaho faculty in animal science, rangeland management and natural resources
- Year-round undergraduate interns, on-site May-August
- Species inventory data
- Riparian and upland assessment data
- Aquatic and terrestrial monitoring data
- Drones and trained pilots available for research/video/aerial photos

HIGHLIGHTS

- RRCR encompasses an entire watershed
- Livestock used for grazing research purposes, including 162 cow-calf pairs from Nancy M. Cummings Research, Extension and Education Center
- Access to Rock Creek and associated perennial and ephemeral tributaries
- Beaver dam analogs installed in 2017

For more information about conducting research or education activities at RRCR, visit www.uidaho.edu/research/entities/rock-creek

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Proposed projects may be subject to screening.