



UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

McCALL

FIELD

CAMPUS

Offers exceptional hands-on learning in natural resources

Connecting people, place and science to transform the lives of individuals and communities

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What is the McCall Field Campus (MFC)?

The MFC is a 14-acre education and research facility on the shores of Payette Lake within Ponderosa State Park in McCall, Idaho. It is owned and operated by the University of Idaho's College of Natural Resources (CNR) and provides students, faculty and communities with easy access to water systems, forest and mountains for scientific research and discovery. The campus currently has 26 permanent and temporary structures.

What happens there?

The MFC offers truly unique educational experiences, emphasizing hands-on learning in natural resources, place-based STEM education and science communication programs. It serves K-12 students through the McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS), undergraduate students in lab-based field courses, graduate students through research and the one-year Master of Natural Resources in Environmental Education and Science Communication, and organizations and professional groups through outreach and extension activities.

What is the purpose of the MFC?

Our purpose is to transform the lives of individuals and our communities through innovative experiential research and educational opportunities.

IMPACT

- 1.** In 1939 a summer field studies program was established on site, impacting thousands of natural resources students.
- 2.** Established in 2001, MOSS has hosted over 40,000 K-12 students.
- 3.** Over 250 resident graduate students have completed their master's degrees.
- 4.** Faculty members have generated \$1.6 million in research expenditures in the past three years.
- 5.** All incoming CNR freshmen and transfer students explore the MFC and gain experience in every natural resources discipline offered at U of I.



What's new at the MFC?

Since 2016, U of I, CNR and private donors have invested \$1.25 million in infrastructure improvements, such as upgrading the accessibility and safety of shower facilities, residential cabins, boat docks and student classrooms. Two of six new educational support buildings were constructed, adding over 1,000 square feet of much-needed space to meet growing demand for programming and research.

What's ahead for the MFC?

Our vision for the MFC is to expand the geographic reach of our elementary programs, dual-credit high school courses, field-based undergraduate instruction and immersive experiences for lifelong learners, and to increase the diversity of participants in our graduate programs. To do this, the MFC must add the following location-appropriate facilities, infrastructure and programming to enhance our exceptional educational setting.

- Expanded **programming and student scholarships** to ensure our programs will produce leaders in innovation, who will in turn increase our national impact, and to provide financial support to graduate students as they prepare to become natural resource professionals, educators and scientists.
- A **teaching and learning center** with collaborative workspace for graduate students, office space for faculty and staff members, and meeting spaces that could be available to the public and outside organizations using the MFC for training. This facility will serve as the headquarters for all campus operations.
- A **dining lodge** that brings together students, faculty and staff for connection and learning. This facility will expand dining capacity to meet demand and eliminate food preparation and safety considerations inherent in older structures.
- Four additional **research and education support buildings** for students, staff, faculty and visitors. These facilities and the existing residential cabins provide flexible space to accommodate classroom instruction, research labs, office space and housing.
- Critical **upgrades to campus electrical system and signage**. These infrastructure improvements, including moving utilities underground, are essential to the safety of guests, visitors and employees of the MFC.



How can I learn more?

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These priorities require an investment of approximately \$12 million by 2024.