

HISTORIC BARN

RESTORATION at

RINKER ROCK CREEK RANCH

Rinker Rock Creek Ranch (RRCR) is a 10,400-acre working ranch in Idaho's Wood River Valley. Managed by the University of Idaho since 2018, the ranch is a living laboratory for hands-on research and education in rangeland systems, livestock production, wildlife management, and invasive species.

RRCR holds enormous potential for collaboration with public and private partners including other universities, conservation organizations, cattle industry, community members and local, state and federal agencies.

A BOLD VISION FOR RINKER ROCK CREEK RANCH

Our vision is to establish a **worldclass field station** to explore solutions relevant to western rangelands including **sage grouse recovery, riparian restoration, wildfire, and recreation impacts on wildlife.** This work is especially important in Idaho, where rangelands are over half the landscape, about 28 million acres.

A critical component in the vision is infrastructure. The University of Idaho is partnering with private donors, federal agencies, industry, and foundations to construct modern facilities for cattle operations, student classrooms, and scientific monitoring equipment.

URGENT NEED: HISTORIC BARN RESTORATION

In 2024, restoration began on the historic barn located in the heart of RRCR. The vision is to convert the old milking stalls and hay storage into student and community space for classrooms, staff offices, and research labs. Federal funding has contributed \$750,000 towards construction, but *an additional \$300,000 is needed to complete the project.*

ABOUT THE HISTORIC BARN

- 1,728 total square feet
- 50-person classroom space
- 530W Solar PV
- Research dry lab
- Staff offices
- Equipment storage



We invite you to learn more about Rinker Rock Creek Ranch and the restoration of the historic barn:

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