

University of Idaho Experimental Forest
Research and Teaching Use Fees – FY26

General Site Use Fees

Undergraduate research projects not associated with teaching: **\$250/yr**

Applied UIEF research installations are characterized as small, medium or large projects with the following site use fees: **\$2,500/yr, \$7,500/yr, \$10,000/yr**

Basic UIEF research installations are categorized as small, medium or large research projects with the following site use fees: **\$5,000/yr, \$10,000/yr, \$15,000/yr**

Curated GIS/Remote Sensing Database Use: **\$250/person/yr**

Non-Standard Stand Treatments or Other Activities (e.g. thinning trials, mastication, prescribed burning, etc.*): ***all treatment costs above and beyond planned UIEF management activities must be paid for by grant. Please describe activities in as much detail as possible in the space below and an estimated cost will be provided within 5 business days.***

Examples of common research treatments are as follows 1) thinning stands to different densities than would occur under conventional UIEF forestry practices; 2) piling stand residuals (slash) in different ways after harvest; 3) prescribed burning with manipulated fuel loading, etc.

Special research infrastructure and impacts: ***all treatment costs above and beyond planned UIEF management activities must be paid for by grant. Please describe activities in as much detail as possible in the space below and an estimated cost will be provided within 5 business days.***

Examples of special research infrastructure include rainfall exclusion, autonomous vehicle courses, excavation of drainage or mounding in regeneration or microclimate studies, tree climbing to install sensors, use of hydraulic lifts to measure or manipulate vegetation, conveyor extraction of stems, roots, or other materials, installation of boardwalks or bridges, soil pit installation, etc.

Long-term or permanent plots, observational: \$100/plot/yr**

Long-term or permanent sample plots removed from management: \$350/plot/yr**

Equipment Rental and Use

TimberPro 755D feller-buncher (including operator): \$175/hr plus transportation cost

CAT 538 / Waratah 622C processor (including operator): \$165/hr

Deere 648L grapple skidder (including operator): \$150/hr

CAT 305.5 compact excavator (including operator) \$75/hr + transportation cost

ASV RC30 skid-steer: \$50/hr (including operator) + transportation cost

Valtra 70 and /80 HP woods tractors with winch, hydraulic forwarder, loader (including operator): \$75/hr

UIEF pickup use: \$55/day + fuel

UIEF trailers: \$15/day

UIEF Type VI Engine 1: \$150/hr + fuel

Upper Hatter Field Station: \$15/day

Big Meadow Field Station: \$35/day

Flat Creek Warming Hut: \$35/day

Flat Creek Cabin: \$35/day

Wall tents (2): \$15/day

Power packs (AC/DC- 3): \$10/day

Two-way radio with licensed UIEF frequencies, repeaters: \$5/day

Portable Starlink WIFI network with solar generator: \$40/day

Staff time (non-fire): \$20/hr

Staff time (fire): \$23/hr

Staff time (UIEF qualified sawyer plus saw): \$27/hr

Outreach and teaching:

Outreach: \$10 per participant per event

Teaching: \$10 per student per semester

Commercial Activities

Fees for organized events such as weddings, work retreats, or any commercial activities are negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

*Non-standard management practices generally add cost to the UIEF operating budget that may not be obvious to the PI. For example, regeneration trials planted at tight spacing or stands thinned to irregular densities will need to be thinned at a later time following research completion; additional staff and other resources are required to implement complex burn treatments, infrastructure needs to be removed and cleaned up after projects are completed, etc.

**Lack of stated fee does not imply that research or other activities are permitted or without cost. Prior approval is required for all new activities on the UIEF with the exception of personal outdoor recreation.

Each year, we have multiple projects proposed on the forest that are *not possible* due to state or federal law, wildland fire hazard, ethical considerations, or conflicts with other uses.

***Observational implies that normal management activities continue and will not be delayed by plot installation or measurement