

VISITING SCHOLAR RESEARCH PROJECT AGREEMENT

1. A project proposal should be submitted to Pepperwood Preserve for review, feedback, and approval in advance of the proposed field season. The project proposal should include the following information:
 - a. Project Title, Institution/Affiliation
 - b. Contact information (email, phone, and mailing address) for the Principal Investigator and any key team members (e.g. graduate students or technicians)
 - c. Rationale for the project
 - d. Objectives listed in terms of hypotheses or descriptive results
 - e. Methods including sampling design and proposed analysis, if/when/how many specimen collections are proposed and whether the appropriate collection permits have been obtained (if required)
 - f. Calendar of implementation and accomplishments, anticipated project duration
 - g. Special considerations that may be affected by our land management practices (e.g. requires seasonal grazing or other exclosures)
 - h. Reporting objectives
 - i. A copy of this protocol agreement signed by the Principal Investigator
2. If the project changes significantly at any point after initial review or deployment, the Principal Investigator or project manager should submit a revised project description for review by the assigned Pepperwood staff member.
3. Upon review and acceptance of your research project, an initial orientation meeting is required to go over the following before accessing the preserve:
 - a. All visits to the preserve must be approved by a staff member verbally or in writing.
 - b. All visitors to the preserve are required to sign a liability waiver.
 - c. We will provide maps and discuss our roads and safety policies, gate codes, equipment storage, tool and vehicle use, etc.
4. All plot/transect markers and/or specimen collection locations will be authorized by Pepperwood staff in advance and will be mapped via GPS with lat/long submitted. All plot/transect markers will be labeled with investigator's name or project name, and removed when no longer needed. Plot/transect and/or specimen collection locations must be provided to Pepperwood; fully documented ESRI shapefiles are the preferred format.

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5. The Principal Investigator or the project manager should submit annual reports summarizing the work that was conducted along with a final report and/or submission of publications and/or presentations that are a result of the work conducted at Pepperwood.
6. Pepperwood retains the right to archive all raw data (including spatial data) that was collected on the preserve as part of our objective to serve as a sentinel site. Pepperwood staff will coordinate with the Principal Investigator on the best means to receive project data.
7. Principal Investigators have exclusive publication rights for a period of five years following the completion of data collection, with acknowledgement of Pepperwood's participation. (We will supply you with the Pepperwood logo to include in presentations and publications where appropriate.)

I have read and understand the Visiting Scholar Research Project Agreement and recognize that failure to adhere to these requirements may result in the termination of my access and research privileges.

Principal Investigator, Print Name

Principal Investigator, Sign Name

Date