

SUU Mountain Ranch Inventory of Uses v.2

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Range

- ◆ Ag Program sheep herd
 - grazing period—mid-June to end of September/first of October
 - 400 ewes plus lambs
 - 3 pastures on north side
 - 1 pasture on south side
 - live water in each pasture (but no other water improvements or developments)
 - pasture fences & annual/ongoing maintenance
- ◆ Wildlife—deer, elk, turkey

Forest

- ◆ Personal firewood gathering
- ◆ Recent past commercial Christmas tree harvesting
- ◆ Recent past pre-commercial & commercial timber harvesting

Recreation & Access (roads)

- ◆ Recreation includes both general public and SUU affiliate recreation (e.g., ROTC & rock-climbing) but all as “trespass”
- ◆ Blowhard Trail—hiking & mountain biking; trail passing through middle of north side
- ◆ Rock Climbing—free climbing and multiple permanent bolted routes at base of (Moots Hollow??) immediately off SR 14
- ◆ North side main dirt road (and spur roads)
 - mountain biking, hiking and snow-machine use
 - main access to private & U.S. Forest Service land north of SUU property
 - egress for hikers coming out of Ashdown Gorge
- ◆ Possible (probable) hunting across property
- ◆ User-created ATV trail from private property on south side cutting through entire length
- ◆ Mountain Center renter use
 - Cedar Mountain Science Camp use of grounds/forests surrounding Mountain Center
 - “Nature Trail” behind Mountain Center
 - former exercise trail (fully developed), including exercise stations still remaining, behind Mountain Center
- ◆ SR 14 bisects University property

Academic/Research

- ◆ Ag program—field trips for Soils, Ag. Leadership and Ag. Seminar classes
- ◆ Probable immediate use by Outdoor Recreation in Parks & Tourism Program (1020 class)
- ◆ No known current research use

Water

SUU owns over 30 water rights, most of which are tied to the Mountain Ranch (springs)