

The Penn State Geology Field School headed west in late May 2014 with 32 students as part of the annual six-week expedition to the intermontane Rocky Mountains of the Western US. The 2014 itinerary included six different geologic exercises in Utah, Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho led by Department of Geosciences Professors R. Slingerland, D. Fisher, and M. Feineman and assisted by graduate students N. Meghani, M. Christie, D. Oakley, R. Oakes, J. Hagedorn, and M. Hudak. The itinerary included areas that should be familiar to alumni (the Alta Overthrust, Duff's Bench, Elk Basin, the Book Cliffs, and Wildhorse) as well as a new exercise mapping surficial deposits in Grand Teton National Park.



The 2015 Penn State Geology Field School after reaching the top of Flagstaff Mountain in Alta, Utah.



A student takes notes while constructing a stratigraphic column in the Book Cliffs, Utah.



D. Fisher talks to the group during a field trip to the Borah Fault Scarp, Idaho (talus slope in immediate background).



The group takes in the view of the Snake River Plain from the top of Inferno Cone in Craters of the Moon National Monument.



A student investigates the geology of the Alta overthrust belt with Duff's Bench in the background.