Storm Peak Laboratory: A Community Instrument and Facility, as part of the NSF FARE Program



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Storm Peak Laboratory - Located in Northwest Colorado on the US National Forest A Brief History of Storm Peak Laboratory







1979-1989: Research from Colorado State University study cloud and precipitation using space in ski lodge (1979-1980)



The researchers obtained small trailer on Storm Peak (1981-1983) and later on Mt. Werner (1984)



1995: DRI builds a permanent facility at Mt. Werner site

2012 - Major upgrade funded by National Science Foundation ARRA fun

2020 – Operations transferred from DRI to the University of Utah 2022 -Building and all Instrumentation transferred from DRI to the University of Utah



Located on Steamboat Ski Resort Elevation: 3220 m Pressure: ~ 690 mb In cloud ~40% of time in winter - Mixed Phase 9 Person Bunkhouse, Full Kitchen Facility and Guest Instruments Wet Chemistry Lab











Storm Peak Research Training





Host undergraduate atmospheric science field courses from:

Colorado State University, Hendrix College, University of Wisconsin & Texas A&M University (new U. of Utah and Colorado College - 2022& 2023); University of Colorado - Integrates hydrology field course with atmospheric science courses

Approximately 100 students annually participate in course at SPL. Approximately 40 graduate students have used data from SPL as the foundation for either a M.S. or Ph.D. thesis.



Facility Instruments

Aerosol Concentration Fine Ultrafine Aerosol Optical Properties Nephelometer - 3λ CLAP - 3λ Aerosol size distributions •TSI SMPS 10-350 nm TSI nano-SMPS 3-60 nm TSI APS 0.5 – 20 μm DMT CCN Counter Multi-Filter Shadow-band Radiometer UV & Visible DMT Cloud Probes CIP 25-1550 μm PIP100-6200 μm CO₂ CH₄, H₂O, CO (new 2022 – NOAA) O₃, SO₂, CO, NOx, Water Vapor Isotope measurements Cold Room- Cloud Sieves Meteorological Stations –7 on mt. Sonic Snow Depth

