

## 2011 Research Memo

**To: RMBL Scientists**  
**From: Ian Billick**  
**Re: Research at RMBL in 2012**  
**Date: December, 2011**

### **Quick updates:**

#### Fellowship support:

We will be providing a substantial amount of fellowship support for scientists at all levels and graduate students.

Application Deadline: New/renewal applications are due Feb. 1.

For applications, deadlines, and information see:

<http://rmbll.org/home/index.php?module=htmlpages&func=display&pid=8>

#### Labspace in 2012:

We have our occupancy permit for the new research center. Equipment and furniture will be installed in early June. Also, additional office space will also be available in Willey. Johnson private labs will not change, but the multi-user room will become office space / administrative space in 2013 or thereafter. There will not be a rush to move out of Willey into the new Research Center. Consequently research groups that are moving into the new facility will have flexibility to do that through June.

In all of the shared spaces there are workstations that can be rented for \$10/day or \$700 for the summer. For additional information on labspace options, please see the laboratory webpage:

<http://rmbll.org/labs>

#### 2012 Parking:

The east parking lot will be cleaned up and ready for parking at some point during summer 2012. Parking will cost \$5/day for researchers with approved research plans and \$7.50/ day for everybody else. If this creates an economic hardship, you should apply for fellowship support. 2012 RMBL Rates and Fees information is found at:

<http://rmbll.org/RateSheet>

### **Construction and planning in 2011 and 2012:**

Following its renovation, the Richards Cabin will be open for use next summer. A new leach field was installed between Gates and Galena cabins in order to put Richards on a modern system. Additionally, a trench has been run from the leach field to Ouray and Treasury to hook those systems up to the system. This work will be completed in early June. We have installed new outhouse facility, one near Barclay Classroom and one in Happy Valley. A dry fire hydrant has been installed in the visitor's parking lot next to the Copper Creek bridge, as per a requirement of the fire protection district.

In 2012, we will finish gradework for the main east parking area and restore vegetation around the new research lab. As part of our efforts to make the water system more dependable, we will

drill a new water source near Maroon cabin and lay a distribution line between the well and the storage tanks behind Baker Cabin. Some key buildings will be connected to the system in a way that will allow us to provide water year-round. Also, we will convert Old Johnson into a Visitor's Center next to the Town Hall. When the new Visitor's center is complete, the old Town Hall will become home base for the kids EE program. If you have questions about planned projects and how that might affect research, please contact Jennie Reithel.

**Dining Hall/Community Center:**

During the summer of 2012, we will have an architect visit RMBL several times to facilitate feedback from the RMBL community on the design of the new dining hall/community center. Depending on where we are with fund-raising, the new building will be built in either 2013 or 2014. The new building will be located east of the existing dining hall, so that we can use the old one while the new one is being built.

**Strategic Planning:**

In 2012 the Board will initiate its next strategic planning cycle. Scientists are encouraged to participate—the process will establish funding priorities for the future.

**Research sites:**

Working on federal lands is increasingly difficult. If you wish to work in wilderness areas or outside the RMBL permit area, it is critical that you submit your application by the Feb. 1 deadline. Additionally, if you wish to install permanent structures overwinter on federal land, please contact Jennie Reithel ASAP.

**Job Opening at Western State College:**

Western State College of Colorado invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track assistant professor position in environmental studies and biology. Screening of applications begins Jan. 9, 2012. For more information contact Dr. Kevin Alexander: [kalexander@western.edu](mailto:kalexander@western.edu)

**Outreach and Scientific Discourse:**

There will be a number of opportunities to interact with students and the general public in 2012. In July we will have a workshop for scientists and graduate students on effective communication to the public – we're looking to bring someone in to lead this. On July 24, we will have a RMBL poster session in place of a Tuesday seminar. During July 30-Aug.3, we will be doing a course for adult learners. The undergraduate symposiums will be on Friday, Aug. 3 and Monday, Aug. 13, 2012.

**Alumni Weekend**

Finally, RMBL's first Alumni Weekend will be Aug. 17-19 – tell your friends! .

Sincerely,  
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