

1982-84

TAYLOR RANCH LOG

Jim & Holly Akenson

Sept 16, 1982 (1st day on
the job) — Nov 15, 1984

book 1 of 5

September 16, 1982

Jim, Ed, & I flew in with some personal belongings & tarps. Ed left. We unpacked, fished and hiked up Pioneer Cr. Saw 20 bighorns by Big Cr.

September 17, 1982

Hiked halfway to Rush Pt with Nancy. Plane landed 8:00AM - a hunter for Con. 7:00 PM Hunters with elk wanted to use radio & fly from Taylor Ranch. Maurice Clemons agreed to call (our radio not working) from & fly out of Cabin Cr. after prolonged discussion by Gary, Jim & I about why he couldn't fly out of Taylor Ranch. Replaced refrigerator - stove propane.

September 18, 1982

This morning Gary's supplies for the bobcat study were flown in from McCall. Maurice Clemons, who was camped downstream, saw the plane come in and came to meet it. Once again we had a "go-around" on the school's policy concerning unofficial flights. We held our ground on this matter. Bill, the pilot, agreed to pick up the hunters meat at Cabin Creek.

September 19, 1982

Hiked a few miles up Pioneer Cr. Checked buildings for equipment. Still don't know what is Con's and what is Univ. in his buildings. Wrote list of needed household items for our cabin.

Joel came down from Telephone Ridge Camp with 2 - 6 point elk. Checked & changed irrigation. Changed propane for water heater.

September 20, 1982, Monday

A beaver flew in (Air Unlimited, Jim Searles) to pick up elk meat & take to Challis. Checked on horses - ~~etc~~

September 21, Tuesday

Mail plane came late - Met Ray Arnold. Also Bill Pritchard came early for a hunt, with special "personal" invitation to stay in duplex by Dean E. We heard about this from Joel the night before. - Should be no problem to us, but seems to be poor situation from outfitter perspective - special treatment. Fished & had dinner at our house with Nancy & Bill.

September 22 Wednesday

Four of us hiked & fished to Middle Fork Salmon - ~7 mi. Easy walk, good trail, good fishing. Con, Tina & hunters back to Taylor. Ray Arnold stopped (flew) to pick up our grocery list from last visit. Met Con's guides Wilde Brough and Steve Zettler. Twenty to 24 horses & mules in ~~the~~ pasture, Queenie & Lady on N pasture

September 23, Thursday

Today was a busy day on the air field with 5 planes landing. Con & Tina had clients coming and going. Ray Arnold stopped to get our grocery list. Mark flew down from Moscow with a load of our gear and brought Sam Ham from UofI with him. This was Sam's first time at Taylor Ranch, he seemed impressed.

September 24 - 31, Friday to Thurs.

This 8 day period was eventful, with people coming to hunt with Con & Tina. Bill Pritchard came 2 days early of his hunt to fish and relax, he is a guest of the Univ. and stayed in the duplex. Bill's hunting partners, Lou Sarret also came as a Univ. guest.

We finally caught Queenie & Lady and put them in the corral. We gradually worked these two until we could easily put a halter on them. We have also groomed ~~these~~ ^{them} extensively.

On Sept. 30 Jim's folks came for a 6 day visit, via Arnold's and the mail plane. They had been "weathered in" at Cascade for the last two days.

We did additional work with the horses, riding and leading them. We hooked both animal's up to the work harness... individually. Queenie was spooky and wouldn't cooperate, but we were

able to work ^{Lady} Queenie and hauled propane on the stone boat. Cleaned soot & ashes from cookstove.

Saw an Osprey fishing the stream by the cookhouse. Fishing (for humans) has diminished since the recent cold snap. There is snow on the higher ridges.

October 1, 1982, Friday

Today Con & Tina's hunting party returned. Two planes from air-unlimited came in bringing the next hunts hunters and supplies. John and Jim repaired the Universities chainsaws. One needed a new pull rope and the other needed carb. adjustment. Jim from Cabin Cr. (USFS) visited.

October 2, Saturday

John and Jim cut up a large Doug. Fir on the north side of Big Cr. We exercised Queenie and Lady by riding them down below Soldiers Bar. Several hunters left today. Lou and Bill left via Arnolds. Darrel and Jonna-Lee left via their private plane. Checked under the house for insulating pipes. Pipes were unaccessible. Tina suggested turning off water before freeze. Checked lanterns & fixed.

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Chopped wood. Pete, who was passing thru to Riggins with 3 horses & mules stayed for dinner. He is camped downstream waiting for the weather to break. Jim brought home his first Dolly Varden - 17 $\frac{1}{2}$. Screens on water system need to be cleaned of leaves twice daily. Refrigerator broke down - stopped working and had a sharp odor that burned nose & eyes. We leveled it and cleaned exhaust vent - it seems to work fine. Looked under cabin for water pipes and holes for woodrat access. Pipes are inaccessible for insulating, as they are under the kitchen half which doesn't have a trap door. Woodrats must be getting into cabin under the back porch.

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Set up windsock, worked horses & cleaned hooves. Checked generator & power tools. Clean screens on water system. Make list of needed supplies.

October 5, Tuesday

Spent the day waiting for mail plane. Repaired tools in shed. Eight bighorns came down to bridge. Ray came in at 5:00 pm and took my folks back to Cascade.

Oct. 6, Wednesday

Jim & Holly out to Moscow on Univ. flight. Ed and I flew in to get them. Ranch looks much the same as 2 summers ago but can see that, as always, Con has continued to make small repair improvements as well as keep up with repairs - fences, irrigation etc. Appears to have been a poor hay year, not even $\frac{1}{4}$ as much as summer 1981 harvest.

Hiking down to goat cr the country still seems hard hit by horses, as well as a couple over-used campsites. Many ruffed grouse in the birch bottoms.

Cleaned screens on water intakes. I am Greg Hayward-^{wildlife} Grad.

Oct. 7, Thursday

Storm hit during night raining lightly. Snow line down to ^{1st} mesa in cliff cr. w/ cloud cover at some level in morning - rain stopped. Exhaust from refrigerator burning eyes.

Con, Tina and crew back to Taylor from Rish. Challis-Air-Unlimited flew in to pick up meat around 5:00 PM.

Raccoon found on back porch eating dog-food this evening ~ 9:00.

Oct 8, Friday

Snowing from 9:00 AM to ~ 10:00 AM with a slight accumulation. By evening all snow had melted up to cliff creek ridge.

Four planes in and out exchanging hawks for Con & Tina.

5:30 PM Holly back in from Moscow on Reynolds plane.

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October 9, Saturday

8:30 AM Managers of Flying B flew in. We visited at the cookhouse with Tina. As they left they (he) gave the typical university put down - Poor Con and Tina - kicked out, isn't it terrible, and this place given to the university. I corrected the status of the purchase, ignored the rest. I shut off the irrigation ditches for the winter, checked screens. Washed clothes with gas^{oline} powered wringer washer ~ 3 hours worth. Tina came up for dinner. Unpacked belongings.

October 10, Sunday → with C&T

Check screens. Sheep hunters fly in with private plane. Greg & I ride horses & groom. Refrigerator still has sharp odor - I dismantled burner and chimney parts and thoroughly cleaned with brush, also had to shorten flame length from 8" to 3". Radio not working - we can hear, but can't call out.

October 11, Monday

Beaver from Air Unlimited, Challis dropped off C&T's dog from vet. Jim Searles, pilot more friendly this time. Tina saw 5 elk in horse pasture on N side of Big Cr. Greg & I hiked downstream grouse hunting & looking for big game. I later hiked the divide between Cougar & Goat Cr., returning by Cougar Cr. Found old bighorn skull with full curl horns, also found 6pt bull antler. Spooked 9 bighorns from N horse pasture, including white collared ewe. Two other bighorns near ridgeline. Elk had broken fence down along E edge of pasture. No grouse.

October 12, Tuesday

Clean screens. Jim came in on mail plane from Cascade. Greg left, his brother & a friend flew in on the mail plane for the ride. Two sheephunters stopped by. We saw a herd of 4 rams - one possibly legal (3/4 curl). Later in the day 4 young rams & 2 ewes & 2 lambs. Unpack all day

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October 13, Wednesday

Clean screens, Shut off Cliff Cr irrigation - 6" rainbow trout in irrigation ditch, we transferred one, left a passageway to Cliff Cr. for others. Checked broken barbed wire fence - from elk. We may lower drop fence during winter. Found log to replace ^{broken} bridge plank near cookhouse. Three saddle horses & 1 ^(farm) packhorse tied at corral - must be visiting Tina.

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Shortly ^{Oct. 14} after noon Howard Hash flew Gary Koehler and the hounds in. We spent a good portion of the afternoon getting the dogs situated - with houses and runs. We located them in the orchard. Two hunters came by wanting to radio to Big Cr. They got a Bighorn and wanted transport out - from Soldier's Bar.

October 15, Friday

Jim got up early and went hunting. Gary & Howard flew a couple hours in the morning radio tracking collared Bobcats. They located all their collared cats. Jim saw a large $\frac{7}{8}$ curl ram while hunting - took Holly to the spot later and saw two huge rams.

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In afternoon we repaired broken bridge by
the bunkhouse. Gary and Jim dismantled rotten
dog house. Had Gary k. over for grouse dinner.
Met Shelda Farr at Tina's.

October 16, Saturday

Dug potatoes & rototilled garden - poor potato
crop - marble sized. Ray Arnold flew in to check
our radio - We haven't been able to call out since
we got it 2 weeks ago. He said must be antenna.
I rode Queenie up Pioneer Cr. Sunny warm day.

October 17, Sunday

Gary, Jim, & I overhauled & replaced our antenna
system with the one from Arlows cabin. Radio
is working! Salmon Air plane flew in to
pick up hunters, Air Unlimited (Beaver) dropped
off hunters & groceries for Con & Tina.

October 18, Monday

Snow on the ground & snowing. Holly's mom, Kenna
arrived 9:00 - Ray Arnolds. Chop wood, screens.
Diverted irrigation in yard for more stream flow in Pioneer Cr.

October 19, Tuesday

Carl flew in Gary's brother Tim Koehler. Broken
pipe near cookhouse (frozen), repaired. Chop wood.
Barbeque in yard. Clean screens. Overhaul another coleman
lantern.

October 20, Wednesday

Horseshoing - Tim shoed Queenie & Lady with old shoes.
Mail plane - Kenna left, Wilde, a guide for Con arrived.
3 raccoons in compost.

October 21, Thursday

D-con woodrats under cabin - they have built nests and stockpiled leaves & bark since my last visit under the house. I saw one woodrat & heard squeaks of the young. Did some general winterizing. Met Clem Pope the Resource Asst. for USFS, Big Cr. and Julia Barton, Wilderness Ranger, Big Cr. They stopped by after 7 day horse trip thru Chamberlain. Plane from Air Unlimited picked up meat & brought groceries for Con & Tina. Our refrigerator not working - pilot out, freezer thawed. Jim & I relight. Jim & Gary hunting. Delicious lamb barbecue - Wilde-guide gave us part of a lamb!

Oct 22 Friday

Refrig. working, but strong propane smell, adjust flame height, clean chimney. Write letter to Ed. Pack horses with gear for Gary's 2. Middle Fk camps. Jim, Gary & Tim left for Waterfall Cr to set up camp, track bobcats, & deer hunt. Holly taking care of 2 of C&T's horses and cats, and Gary's hounds.

Oct 23 Saturday

Clean leaves from screens to water system, clear out ~~a~~ path between 2 water intakes remove plywood, plastic, & branches from trail. Drill holes for & install toilet seat in outhouse, patch hole in roof. "Sarge", one of Gary's hounds, bit me ^{Holly} in the thigh when I was replacing water bowl. This was unexpected and a fierce bite. I administered first aid and am taking oral medication for infection. 2" D bruise & some broken skin.

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Refrigerator off - spent 7 hours (5pm → 12AM) replacing parts with those of other refrig., was functioning when I went to bed. Jim helping Gary & Tim set up Waterfall Camp.

Oct 24, 1982 Sunday

Refrig. stinks, pilot on, but not cold! Remove refrig contents - to porch. Can thawed meat from freezer. Threw away spoiled & freezer burned meat. Turn off refrig. permanently! Jim & Gary & Tim return. Build dog runs and move dogs^{to (hounds)} to cougar pen.

Oct. 25, Monday

Today Gary, Tim, & I (Jim) relocated hounds to cougar pen. We made wire runs for each dog. We reconstructed Bing's dog house and cut off all stumps to prevent entanglement. Con & Tina & Co. back at the ranch.

Oct. 26, Tuesday

Cleaned shop and limbed trees (DF) taken out of cougar pen... will use for fence poles. Overcast rainy day. Wrangled horses off of 3rd Mesa across Cr.

Oct. 27 Wednesday

The "Beaver" made two trips in today - taking out hunters of Conis and bringing a new batch in. The mail plane came in via Karl. Gary & I flew with Karl for a 1/2 hr. radio tracking bobcats - we located all 4 cats. Holly flew out with Karl to get dog bite

checked and to take care of business in Moscow.

I "barked" a fir poles and replaced a section of fence in front of shop. Ate dinner at Gary & Tim's. Covered garbage pit behind house with fill dirt.

Oct. 28, Thurs.

I went hunting in the morning. An air-unlimited flight for Con & Tina came in at noon. Replaced another rotten fence pole. Fed hounds - got growled at by Sarge.

Oct. 29, Fri.

Rained all day. I drafted study-plan for big game winter range study. No flights today.

Oct. 30, Sat.

Gary & Tim returned from setting up their Doe Cr. camp. Ed Krumpe called from Moscow to say a flight was coming in Sun., bringing back refrig. and fixing it. Holly will come in on this flight. Changed fuel tank for water heater. Had Gary, Tim, & Nancy up for Bar-b-que. - Halloween party!

Oct 31, Sunday

Holly, Ed, and Charlene flew in with Mark (Moscow). Charlene advised us on changing working horse bit. Looked at weather damage in Jess Taylor cabin. Ed & Jim temporarily fixed chimney pipe leak.

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Nov 1, Monday

Move tack into duplex away from woodrats. Gary got an elk. Wrote policy for airstrip use.

Nov 2, Tuesday

Jim, Gary, & Tim pack out elk. Replace generators and clean Coleman lanterns. Wrote Weather Bureau

November 3, Wednesday

Mail plane. Visitors (plane) for Con & Tina. Second poisoning and major trapping endeavor for woodrats under caretaker cabin; clean out some of woodrat debris.

November 4, Thursday

Insulate Arlow's cabin floor - store paint in Arlow's root cellar. Two Air Unlimited flights for C&T - supplies hunting parties, one Air Unlimited Beaver-hunting C&T; Arnolds - Carl picked up Gary's meat; a visitor (plane) for C&T. Hiked up Goat Cr.

November 5, Friday

Gary & Tim to DoeCr camp. C&T left with hunting party. I hiked up Cliff Cr. looking for big game sign & checking logistics for our 2 studies this winter. Jim explored Pioneer Cr.

Nov 6, Saturday

We went on hike up Pioneer Cr. in search of sheep and other big game. Blustery, stormy day. No flights in. Caught one wood rat under house... this critter had been chewing on our bedroom wall every night.

Nov. 7, Sunday

Jim got a 4pt. buck with his bow! We spent the majority of the day packing it down from Rush Cr. area. Tina returned with group of hunters.

Nov. 8, Monday

One Air Unlimited flight in for C&T. Uneventful day. It started snowing hard after dark, we went outside to investigate and heard continuous flights of geese (snows and Canadian's).

Nov 9, Tuesday

Found out today that Tim Koehler seriously cut his foot with an ax up at Doe Cr. camp. There happened to be a doctor hunting at Cabin Cr. who helped him out. Gary administered the initial first-aid and took him from Doe Cr. to Cabin Cr. Monday afternoon. Carl, from Arnolds, flew in and got Tim and took him to Boise for surgery. I hiked up to Cabin Cr. and helped bring stock down to Taylor... with Gary.

Carl flew in this afternoon to pick up one of C&T's hunters.

Nov 10, Wednesday

Mail plane - Mona Koehler in, Bill Fisk in (friend of Jim's). Mona & Gary flew out to Boise. Feed horses & dogs.

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Nov 11, 1982 Thursday

I hiked up to 3rd bench of Cliff Cr., checked for bighorn sheep tracks - many, but only 1 sheep seen. Jim to Waterfall Camp - other campers nearby. Feed horses & dogs. Carl in twice, propane.

Nov 12, Friday

Two Air Unlimited flights. Feed animals. Jim saw 6 big rams on Middle Fk. + several ewes

Nov 13, Saturday

Hike to ridge between Cliff Cr. and Cougar Cr. to look for big game animals - rutting ram's. Saw 6 herds of sheep - young ♂ - all age ♀, one large full curl ♂ with ewes - total sheep seen ~35. Also 3 elk herds & 1 4pt buck. Air Unlimited - 2 flights. Feed animals.

Nov. 14-17,

Pipes froze in all the cabins except the duplex. Cleared ice from the water boxes and started fires in all the cabins, including the Taylor Cabin. Temperatures getting near 0° at night.

Four hunters requested use of our airstrip for flying out a deer, we denied the request. No planes able to fly the 17th (mail-day). (on big game transect)

Holly rode Lady to the Middle Fork on Tuesday. Jim took the horses to Cabin Cr. ^(on big game transect) Wed. and returned some of Scott Farr's stock.

Nov. 18-19,

Still no planes are able to fly due to a lingering snow storm. Taylor has been fairly "free" of the storm, however, Cascade and McCall are totally socked in. In the pm Friday, Mike Doris landed here in route for the middle fork, he used the radio and left. Got freezer going again in cookhouse. Bald Eagle perched in snag across Big Cr from airstrip.

Nov. 20 Root Ranch Outfitters spent night at cookhouse w/ 28 horses. Arnold's finally made it in! Bill Fisk (Jim's friend) flew out and Gary K. returned along with Wilde B's girlfriend. Got letter from weather bureau, they will re-establish weather stn. here.

Nov. 21

Snow storm today. Gary went hunting deer. Jim stalked a herd of bighorns across the creek from the cookhouse and got several pictures of a big ram and ewes. Gary returned with news that he got a deer. Plastic storm windows put up in Manager's cabin.

Nov. 22

Packed out Gary's deer. Holly fixed the wash machine and cut wood. She also took pictures of several bucks and does above the lower pasture. Arlow's cabin - water frozen, we shut it off, drained.

Nov. 23 Tuesday

Jim & Gary took a load of supplies to Waterfall Cr. and did lower transect, sheep observed. Airstrip flooded by irrigation ditch (iced), ice was chopped from stream.

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Nov 24, Wednesday

Jim & Gary return. Mail day: J&H friends Hanley & Lynn here for Thanksgiving. Jim Johnston arrived to help Gary for 3 weeks. Wilde & girlfriend left on mail plane. Arnold's returned for a load of C&T gear. Holly & Gary radiotrack - cats found. Two Air Unlimited beavers & a 206 loaded C&T gear. McClellan Ranch Outfitters spent the night at Cookhouse, 30+ horses. Going away / last night party at C&T's - everyone invited. Break ice at waterboxes, low water pressure.

Nov 25, Thursday

Con & Tina's horses & guides ~~head~~^{trail} out after McClellan Ranch. C&T remain to pack - 2 beaver loads & 1 206 from Air Unlimited. Jim break ice on stream to keep water flowing in cabins. Excellent Thanksgiving dinner.

Nov 26, Friday

Transect to Waterfall Cr. with Hanley & Lynn, also hand held radiotrack for bobcat on Big Cr. - no cat, battery dead, ~30 sheep - rams mounting, sheep generally not frightened by our presence. Ice in the gorge. Gary & Jim J. to Doe Cr Camp, they did our upper census. River otter seen on Mid. Fk. Break ice on Pioneer to prevent airstrip flooding.

Nov 27 Saturday

Built fire at Taylor Cabin, fixed roof with flashing, collar & roofing tar - still temporary. Unknown plane landed then took off immediately.

Nov 28, Sunday

Pipes frozen in duplex & cookhouse. Water turned off and pipes drained in all buildings except manager's cabin. Arnold's couldn't fly in as scheduled. Break ice behind Arlows to prevent flooding of meadow from irrigation ditches.

Nov 29, Monday

Propane ran out in manager's hot water heater. Antifreeze in cookhouse & close up building. Moved tent/manties into tack room. Con & Tina have moved all of their belongings. Arnold's couldn't fly in.

Nov 30, Tuesday

Arnold's flew in - delivered mail a day early, now twice monthly flights, Jim, Hanley, & Lynn left. Chop wood. ~~Feed & water horses.~~ Break ice at water box. Bring propane bottles to cabins (by cart). Feed dogs.

Dec 1, Wednesday

Snowing & foggy most of the day. Chop wood. Look for sheep up Cliff Cr. - none observed. Feed horses. Move saddles to tack house.

Dec 2, Thursday

Take horses (ride lady) to Cabin Cr. for B.G. transect. Stopped & looked at buildings. No one at Cabin Cr. No mammals; golden eagle, large hawk, other birds recorded in transect book. Large steelhead swimming upstream. Feed horses

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Dec 3, 1982 Friday

Check water system, feed & water horses.
Observe sheep with spotting scope. Chop wood.
Work snowshoe hare hide found by corral.
New radio hours 9-1030 and 330-5.

Dec 4 Saturday

Middle Fk Transect - 9 deer. Warming
temperatures gorge thawing. 9 AM-430 pm Chop wood.

Dec 5, Sunday

Went with Gary, Jim J., and hounds in search
of 2 radiocollared bobcats - both located, but
unapproachable. 10AM-4pm Lightly snowing.

Dec 6, Monday

Cleaned Cookhouse - sweep, mop, dust, wash
cabinets & counters, wax counters & tables - ~5hr,
discard garbage & old food, move some of cookhouse
garbage & empty propane tank to airstrip. Measure
beds in cookhouse & bunkhouse for mattresses. Haul
water & cut hay for horses. Chop wood. Rain,
snow, fog, morning wind. Prepare meat - deer for jerky

Dec 7 Tuesday

Fire built in Taylor cabin, swept, dusted, surface
cleaning. Smoke jerky. Cut up part of J. deer - can
meat & stew, jerky. Gary & Jim J & I removed horses
shoes. Feed horses.

December 8 Wednesday

Check stream - break ice. Feed horses.
Write list of equipment needed, write Ed.
Chop wood. Make jerky.

December 9, Thursday

Cabin Cr (Doe Cr) transect - only got to
Cave Cr - delayed taking pictures of sheep
@ 25 m. Feed horses; break ice.

Dec 10, Friday

Feed horses, break ice. Don't remember
this day... it must, must have happened!!

Dec 11, Saturday

Feed horses

Bald Eagle flying over airstrip (Jim J.)
Middle Fk Salmon transect - spent the
night at Waterfall Camp with Gary & Jim J.
Plane (McCall?) brought in 3 barrels of fuel for F&G.

Dec 12, Sunday

Return from Waterfall. Pipes frozen
in kitchen, but thawed after fire built in
cookstove. Feed horses, waterbox didn't need ice
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Check under cabin for dead woodrats
(walls in cabin smell like dead mice within)
and if any poison remained. One dead wood-
rat (doesn't stink) disposed of; two traps snapped;
all poison bait gone — I replaced with 3 new
packages. Feed horses. Flying squirrels in bird
feeder at night.

Dec 15 Wednesday

Build fire in Taylor Cabin, clean up fallen
mortar. Bobcat in Rush Cr. live trap - collared
082 from last year. I went with Gary & Jim J.
& assisted in taking measurements, etc - took
pictures too. We later went up cliff/~~bent~~ talus
just NE of sharp bend of Big Cr near Taylor to
look at a dead ram (^{1/2 cur.}) we suspect fell off the
cliff a few days before — G & I saw 2 bald
eagles & 1 golden eagle & 1 coyote feeding on carcass
yesterday; we saw 4 ♂ chasing a ewe in this
vicinity on Dec 11. Feed horses. Gary showed
me where coyote spring traps were located
along Big Cr trail East. Flying squirrels return to
birdfeeder at night.

Dec 16 Thursday

Mail plane & Jim didn't arrive as expected
due to wind, fog rain/snow in Cascade. ~~fixed~~
Cleaned out main chimney top of soot in
our cabin - stove pipe was smoking today.
Feed horses.

Dec 17 Friday

Still no mail plane. Feed horses, chop wood.
Finish making Christmas presents & candies to send
out.

Dec 18, Saturday

Mail plane in - Jim return, Gary & Jim J
leaving. Spent most of the day unpacking & reading
mail. Ed stopped at Cascade to meet Arnolds.
Feed horses & dogs. Check water system - not frozen.
20 elk fed down to salt & lower pasture

Dec 19, Sunday

Transect to Cabin Cr - 56 animals seen!
Feed horses & dogs. Raccoon on back porch, night.

Dec 20, Monday

Make new handles for woodstove door. Chop
wood, feed horses, feed dogs. Read business
mail, fill kerosene & white gas containers.

Dec 21, Tuesday

Feed horses & dogs. Cut Christmas tree.
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Dec 22, Wednesday

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Dec 23, Thursday

Feed horses & dogs. Check water box - OK. New snow ~ 2". Elk & sheep on benches. Move salt block out of water on 1st bench.

Dec 24, Friday

Worked horses individually rolling (packing) airstrip - both will do the job with rope & saddlehorn. Fixed our saddle - adjust stirrup length. Saddles oiled (Lexon). Hand rolled the airstrip turnaround. Ray & Carol Arnold flew in to pick up 3 propane tanks. They stayed to visit - coffee & cookies. Elk & sheep on benches. Feed dogs & horses.

Dec 25, Saturday, Christmas

Waded up to 3rd bench to look at size & use of area - 15 elk (^{2 spikes}) E ~~south~~ of benches, salt lick heavily used by sheep & elk (tracks). Feed horses & dogs. Break ice at box - another cold spell coming on.

Dec 26, Sunday

Did transect to Cabin Cr., saw 105 animals; 86 elk in Cabin Cr. area. Fed horses and dogs, broke ice at water box. Holly sifted through owl pellets. Daytime temps. below 20°F today... expecting cold night.

Dec. 27, Monday

Did daily chores around the cabin... chopped ice feed animals etc.

Dec. 28, Tuesday

Did Middle FK. transect, saw 60 animals - 40 of which were elk right along the trail. Very cold day to be out for a walk, never got above 12°F today. Had a big ice buildup at the water box, cleaned it out. Fed animals, chopped firewood.

Dec. 29, Wednesday

Rode horses down to Goat Cr... had to turn around at Cougar Cr. due to icy trail conditions. Noticed another (shead) horse had been on the trail... headed past Taylor (no stop) up towards Cabin Cr. Did basic chores, cleaned stove pipe.
↳ ScottFarr for cougar hunt.

Dec. 30, Thursday

Took care of personal paperwork, cut wood, cleaned cabin, and did basic chores around the ranch. Took pictures of two big rams on first bench. Still cold & clear, getting down to 0°F each night.

Dec. 31, Friday

Did basic chores around place - chopped wood, fed animals, and cleared ice. In the evening our water froze up. We stayed up until mid-night trying to thaw the line but to no avail!

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Jan. 1, Saturday

Worked on water system (pipes) where exposed with a butane torch... still no luck. Jim did a Cabin Cr. transect. J. met Scott Farr on the trail. He is doing a couple cougar hunts out of Cabin Cr. this month. He was very friendly, offered use of his camp. Saw Sheldia Farr & hunters at Cabin Cr. Beaver came in while J. was there. Elk had been pushed back by activity.

Jan. 2, Sunday

Did basic chores. Arnoldt came in during late afternoon hrs. to pick up empty fuel cans.² & drop off 3 propane tanks. Spoke with Ed & Charlene K. via Arnoldt's. They were returning from spending holidays in Penn. Helly flew out to go to Wash. D.C. for a week.

Jan. 3, Monday

Elk returned to Cliff Cr. bench, ± 25 of them. It has warmed to 25°F today, 1" new snow overnight. Gary K. and his assistant Dan (his cousin) flew in via Carl (Arnoldt's) late this afternoon... also bringing the mail. They came in with a 206 on wheels and had some troubles negotiating snow on strip.

Jan. 4, Tuesday

Gary & Dan left for Doe Cr. It snowed hard today ~ 3-4" new, and the temp. got up to 32°F. Hiked to Goat Basin. Did basic chores, analyzed (elk) fence damage in lower pasture... they've demolished it!

Jan. 5, Wednesday

Gary & Dan return from Doe Cr. They reported seeing many elk and a group of 9 bulls, along with deer, sheep & 2 coyotes. I attempted to pack runway using Queenie but the snow was too wet and just gummed up roller. Took Queenie for ride anyway. It was above freezing all day but still no water through the pipes.

Jan. 6, Thursday

Did transect to M.d Elk. Saw 36 elk in lower pasture. They have done a lot of damage to fence. Saw a calf get temporarily entangled in fence. Will take section of fence down. Did basic chores. Wet, rainy day, just above freezing.

Jan. 7, Friday

Was up half the night running off a persistent coon who made repeated visits to the back porch. Took down ~100 yards of fencing along N. side of L. pasture. The stream "flushed out" last night and huge blocks of ice were driven up onto the stream bank, middle of runway got a bit flooded from this event. Fed horses. Still mild.

Jan. 8, Saturday

Gary, Dan, and I went up to Gary's Doe Cr. camp. They checked traps along the way and I did a game transect as far as Cabin Cr. We saw several elk and deer despite the driving rain and snow. I took pictures of a large 6 pt. bull.

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Jan. 9, Sunday

We spent the previous night at Doe Cr. Headed out for Taylor at daybreak. Today was much nicer weather and we saw several deer and elk between Cave Cr. and Lobear Basin. We gave Dan the tour of the Cabin Cr. compound. It got cold again and there is nothing but a sheet of ice surrounding our cabin. Fed horses.

Jan. 10, Monday

Saw several animals from the cabin today. The elk herd is on the Cliff Cr. bench, sheep are on both sides of cliff and a small group of deer are feeding west of Cliff Cr. Fed horses and dogs, chopped wood, packed water

Jan. 11, Tuesday

Gary and Dan headed down to Waterfall camp. Found some lime and put it in outhouse toilet. Did basic chores and attempted to roll runway... decided it wasn't necessary due to hard crust. Took pictures of sheep up Cliff Cr.

Jan. 12, Wed.

White plane with red highlighting (not Arnolds) circled as if intending to land. A couple days ago Bill Doris inquired about our weather and strip conditions. I invited him to land here if conditions were bad elsewhere. Holly returned w/Arnolds, no propane. Stocked up on groceries, mail, & clean clothes. Arnolds let me (Holly) stay at their house ^{overnight} when I flew to Cascade on Jan 2.

Jan 13, ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday

Feed animals, chop wood, get water. One pkg D-con put under cabin, since more woodrats have moved in. Chop ice in stream for horses.

Jan 14, ~~Thursday~~ Friday

J & H to Middle Fk - Transect. 25° clear, not many animals.

Jan 15, ~~Friday~~ Saturday

Jim went with G & D with hounds in search of bobcats towards Rush Pt. - deer, elk & snow, no cats. Sent in grocery order, Carol said she'd finish my laundry in Cascade. Mail will be in Monday.

Jan 16, Sunday

Wrote business/personal letters, observed deer, elk, and sheep from cabin. Did basic chores.

Jan. 17, Monday

Snowing today, Arnold's not flying. Did transect up to Cabin Cr. Gary caught a huge 30 pound bobcat in his Lober B. trap, We helped him collar and record data on the cat. Saw 122 animals on transect, mostly elk and sheep... over 60 elk at Cabin Cr. flat. Dan K. needs to fly out. Apparently has abscessed tooth... swollen gum/jaw. He will go out on tomorrow's mail plane.

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Jan. 18, Tuesday

Ice "went out" on Big Cr. Quite a spectacular show! Saw a beaver float down in height of flow. Late afternoon Ray flew in with our mail, groceries, and other things. Dan flew out to go see dentist.

Jan. 19, Wednesday

Today Jim & Gary took the hounds up to Cabin Cr. to try and recapture a collared cat. We pin-pointed the cat on a hillside west of Cabin Cr. using the radio... we even saw it at 40 yds. We turned the hounds loose on the cat but the cat eluded them. Gary was very disappointed in the dogs. It was after dark before we re-caught Bing and 9:30 pm before we got into Taylor. The highlight of the trip was seeing a totally albino deer west of Cabin Cr.

Jan 20, Thursday

Jim & Gary to Waterfall Camp - overnight. Checking traps. Feed animals, haul water. Overhaul Coleman's - 2 fixable.

Jan 21, Friday

Jim & Gary return. Arnolds fly in with Dan and 2 propane, took one empty propane for filling. Jim did big game transect. Feed animals, haul water

Jan 22, Saturday

Jim & I to Vinegar Hill for an overnight, watch animals. Propane replaced for freezer in cookhouse. Feed animals.

~~Jan 23 Sunday~~

Jan 23 Sunday

Return from Vinegar Hill, do Cabin Cr transect on return trip. Saw 121 animals - bulls, deer-sheep mixed groups. Found coyote killed deer from this morning. Feed animals.

Jan 24 Monday

Feed animals, haul water.

Jan 25, Tuesday

Feed animals, haul water.

Jan 26, Wednesday

Jim hiked up Horse Mt at Lobeau looking for animals - elk. Feed animals.

Jan 27, Thursday

Arnold's were to fly in bringing Ann, a friend in on a charter flight - weather was bad in Cascade, no flight. Feed animals.

Jan 28, Friday

Arnold's flew in with Ann, ski plane. J & H & A hiked up Pioneer Cr for a view & to see animals. Much winter use on ridge between Pioneer & Rush - deer. First sunny day in over a week. Feed animals.

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Jan 29, Saturday

Middle Fk Transect - J.E.H & A. hiked down - saw many sheep, a coyote. Feed animals

Jan 30, Sunday

Skidded firewood logs down Pioneer Cr. trail using Queenie. Three of us, Holly, Ann Brown, and I handled the operation. A new skiff of snow made skidding easy. Queenie performed better than expected. Brought four 8' logs down to orchard.

Jan. 31, Monday

Did Cabin Cr. transect. Besides seeing lots of deer, elk, and sheep, saw where a cougar had killed, feasted, and partially barried an elk (cow). Got back mid afternoon, and Holly, Ann, and I rolled airstrip using Queenie, and the work harness on a single-tree set up. One person led Queenie while the other two weighted down the roller.

Feb. 1, Tuesday

Skidded more firewood logs down Pioneer Cr. trail using Queenie. Mid afternoon Ray flew in with our mail and to get Ann Brown. We (Holly & I) radio-tracked for Gary while Ray was in. Ray appreciated the newly rolled airstrip. Ray brought in 3 propane tanks.

Feb. 2, Wednesday

Sawed up some of the logs we skidded down. Fed the animals, observed wildlife with spotting scope.

Feb 3, Thursday

Observed big game, did remedial tasks around the cabin.

Feb. 4, Friday

Did Middle Tk. transect, came upon one of Gary's collared bobcats hunting at Big Cr. mouth. Took several pics of the cat. Talked to Ed on the radio today... arranging convenient time for trip out.

Feb. 5, Saturday

Built fire in Taylor Cabin. Thought we had radio problems - redid antennae. Tried new antennae Ray sold us - too short in coax segment! Put old antennae back up after a few repairs. Radio works great. No reception earlier due to bad atmospheric conditions! Observ. 74 animals from cabin - deer, elk, sheep.

Feb. 6, Sunday

Did first "official" Cabin Cr. transect - saw 174 animals which is most observ. this winter. Got pics of 27 sheep licking mineral lick downstream of Brown's Basin. Saw 10 bulls in Cabin Cr. vicinity. Performed basic chores. 174 animals total

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Feb 7, Monday

Organize big game, winter range study info and check various techniques for determining populations and densities. Feed animals, carry water.

Feb 8, Tuesday

Continue organization and readings for big game study. Bring firewood from other side of Pioneer Cr. Feed horses - lower 1/3 haystack rotten.

Feb 9, Wednesday

Snowing hard all day, 4' new snow. Jim's birthday. Feed horses, carry water, feed flying squirrels in bird feeder. Queenie shedding outer coat

Feb 10, Thursday

Jim to Middle Fk on final transect, also determining sighting distances. J. spent the night with Gary & Ivan at Waterfall Camp. Hiked up Pioneer Cr looking for tracks, potential as a bobcat trap line. H. got salt from basin for horses then up switchbacks to ridgeline - 2 1/2' deep snow, no tracks until above airstrip. Feed horses, carry water.

Feb 11, Friday

Jim back from M.F. Fix AM radio backcountry coil. Feed horses, get water. Deer found salt in corral. Birds moved in around corral - finches, sparrows.

Feb. 12 Saturday - Feb. 18 Friday

This week was very stormy - the mail plane was delayed and it was generally unseasonably warm and wet. The majority of our time was spent analyzing the data from our winter range study and doing the write up. The basic chores around the ranch were also done. We keep expecting to hear from Maurice H. on the incoming cougar kittens.

Feb. 19, Saturday

Today Ray made it in with the mail and groceries. The snow on the strip has thawed a lot, but fortunately it got below freezing last night and "firmed up" the strip. Holly, Gary, and Ray radio-tracked today. Gary and Dan took a rare "day-off" today.

Feb. 20, Sunday - Feb. 22 Tuesday

Spent the majority of this time working on final draft / maps of big game winter range study. Holly got prepared to go out on her owl study project (to La Grande OR.)

Feb. 23 Wednesday

Mike Doris flew in with food for the Fish & Game people who will be in here next weekend. His plane broke through the ice crust which made for a "hairy" take-off condition. After Mike D. left Carl flew in to pick up Holly and bring in friend Tom Fisk. Carl too had ~~no~~ room to spare on take off. "Swamp" developed at base of runway hill, so the planes

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had to be in air before flat of runway. Our strip has turned into a morning or nothing affair, unless we get another cold spell.

Feb. 24 Thursday

Tom and I hiked to Cabin Cr. / Browns Basin (after helping Gary and Dan move bounds to ~~sift~~ above orchard, permanent move to make room for incoming cougar kittens). We saw numerous deer, elk, and sheep. Deer and elk have receded to snowline which now is at the head of Browns Basin.

Feb. 25 Friday

Mike D. radioed that he was bringing in Maurice and two others... never materialized. Tried to skid logs with Queenie, she was too spooky due to icy trail conditions. Fell a huge 13' (dead) up Pioneer Cr. for additional firewood.

Feb. 26 Saturday

Went down to Gary's Waterfall camp. Did "informal" transect on the way down. Fished for whitefish - no success.

Feb 27 Sunday

Returned from Waterfall camp. Received call from Whitewater that Fif was on its way, they just barely beat a squall; darkness. Fed them dinner and put them up in cookhouse.

Feb. 28 Monday.

Worked on cougar pen - tightening wire, putting hay in cougar house. Mid-afternoon Carl flew in to pick up friend Tom Fisk & rest of Holly's supplies. Carl had less difficulty with strip this day as it froze hard last night. FG&G censused via helicopter all day - seemed pleased with game classifying. Ate dinner with Curt, Walt, and Terry. Curt Becker is Area Biologist, Walt Arms is the Area Warden and Terry is a helicopter pilot for a private contracting business.

March 1 Tuesday

FG&G conducted aerial census all day. Gary and I went up in chopper and Gary radio tracked. I classified all our sheep data and gave it to Curt Becker. Got stormy (rain, low clouds, wind).

March 2 Wednesday

FG&G crew unable to fly today due to bad weather. Carl dropped off our mail and supplies at Cabin Cr., since our strip was too sloppy for a safe landing. Terry (chopper pilot) and I flew up to Cabin Cr and got supplies. Gary, Dan, and I ate dinner down at cookhouse with FG&G crew. Clear night.

March 3 Thursday

Today Mike U and Maurice H. flew in with the cougar kittens! Runway very marginal, but Mike was able to negotiate it. They stayed very briefly. We moved cougars to the pen. I made a cold storage

for the fox carcasses brought in. The "cooler" is located in the east side of the corral tack shed. Earlier in day (9:00 am) F&G crew left. we enjoyed their stay, ^{unknown} Gary and Dan back on trail (to Doe Cr.). Plane circled strip.

March 4 Friday

Gary & Dan returned from Doe Cr. Reported (to me) that the people ^{in Cabin Cr.} orange & white plane had vandalized some of their traps! They came close to catching them red-handed! Dan took down their plane number and they got physical descriptions of both guys. Another warm day, snow is melting off strip fast. Gary and I trimmed (pruned) the fruit trees in the orchard.

March 5 Saturday

Gary and I went down to Waterfall camp checking the trap line. Gary was giving Dan a "rare" day off. What we found at the Mid. Fk traps was baffling. One captured cat was all beat-up, and a different trap had been tossed around. We first suspected vandals since there were unknown human tracks in the area. We later concluded that a cougar had harassed the captured cat, and the other cage had been molested by a bobcat!

March 6 Sunday

Gary and I returned to Taylor early. A very mild, spring-like, day. Almost all the snow has melted off the strip, now travelable with wheels. Gary and Dan turned water back on to duplex! Our water line still frozen. We hauled more ice into the cold storage. Cougars still haven't eaten.

March 7 Monday

Gary and Dan up to Doe Cr. Golda and I hiked all over ridge between Goat and Cougar, looking for shed antlers. Unidentified plane flew the canyon, but didn't appear to put down. Tried to catch wild horses in lower pasture but couldn't, will give more serious effort tomorrow. Did basic chores. Saw 20 elk, 20 sheep, and several deer on Cliff Cr. bench country. "Green-up" has started in lower pasture and on lower south slopes.

March 8 Tuesday

Caught horses - were in lower pasture. Checked Gary's Rush Cr. traps for him. Shovelled ice and dirt away from faucet fixtures in water boxes in yard

March 9 Wednesday

Carl flew in with barrel of white gas & one of Gary's elk quarters. He proclaimed that the strip was 100% improved since last week. We radio-tracked for Gary. I got sick and we had to come down before being done. Ate dinner with Dan & Gary

Crashed plane found 2 weeks later, Gene & son dead. ↪

March 10 Thursday

Did date sheets (radio-tracking) for Gary. Baked a pie! Ate dinner with Dan & Gary. A lot of talk on radio about search and rescue for pilot out of Yellowpine (Tongue Park), whose plane has been missing (down?) for 3 days now. Fifteen deer on slope w. of orchard. A lot of deer & sheep on the benches.

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March 11, Friday

Checked Gary's Rush Cr. traps. Spent the day inside as it rained (hard) all day. Before dark Gary, Dan, and I went to Rush Cr. to set more traps. Deer down low on either side of our cabin. Moved 55 gal white gas onto stand. During AM Gary and Dan spotted a Canadian goose out from under bridge over Big Cr. Cougar kittens eating now.

March 12, Saturday

Checked Gary's Rush Cr. traps. Chopped firewood. Gary & Dan back from Cabin Cr. said plane had landed there, very marginal flying weather. Had Gary and Dan over for dinner.

March 13, Sunday

Checked Gary's Rush Cr. traps. Worked on getting water going to Arlows... not yet. Gary and I moved gas stove from Arlows to duplex. Fed animals. Squally weather, windy.

March 14, Monday

Hiked to Cabin Cr. with Gary and Dan. Saw the Albino deer there, along with several other deer. Weather still very unsettled - snowing, squally today. Sivann's circling airstrip in snow storm!

March 15, Tuesday

Checked Rush Cr. traps for Gary. Worked on water line, did basic chores around the place.

March 16, Wednesday

Holly & Monia flew in via Arnold's on the mail plane
I radio-tracked for Gary and checked Rush Cr. traps
Gary and Dan on Cave Creek line.

March 17, Thursday

Moved our faulty fridge outside. Rearranged back-porch and got fridge going (maybe). Checked Gary's Rush traps. Gary and Dan on Mid. F.K. line.

March 18, Friday

Brush horses check for ticks. Move 6 wheel-barrow loads of manure onto lower garden.
Limb & cut part of firewood up Pioneer Cr. Check
Rush Cr. traps.

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March 19, Saturday

Rode horses up to Cave Cr. looking for albino deer and assessing plant development for upcoming collection. Checked Rush Cr. traps and radio-tracked (ground) up Pioneer Cr. Checked water line... again. Pulled ticks off horses

March 20, Sunday

Cut and stacked wood piles in our back yard. Moved propane bottles to cookhouse and duplex. Holly worked in garden. I "tuned" carburetor on chainsaw, and sharpened chain.

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March 21, Monday

Ray flew in with Holly's sister Bonnie. Gary and I spent close to two hours radio tracking with Ray. Holly rototilled part of garden, and pruned raspberry plants.

March 22, Tuesday

Checked Rush Cr. traps. Groomed horses. Transported wood from other side of Pioneer Cr. Fed animals

March 23, Wednesday

Checked Rush Cr. traps for Gary. Mona, Gary, Dan, Holly, Bonnie, and I took horses to Waterfall Cr camp. Returned with a load of Gary's camp supplies.

March 24, Thursday

Spent majority of day inside doing income tax! Rain and snow most of day. Got freezer "fired up" again in cookhouse ... had gone out and thawed meat.

March 25, Friday

Snow and rain during morning. Ray flew in around noon to pick up Holly and Bonnie. He brought in 2 barrels of AV fuel for helicopter. He said the wolf survey team would be in here shortly ... apparently stationed out of here?

March 26, Saturday

Bucked and split firewood log up Pioneer Cr. Wolf survey crew came in to get fuel and stayed for lunch. Checked Gary's Rush Cr. traps

March 27, Sunday

Gary, Mono, and I trimmed horses hooves. Then the three of us worked on the firewood up Pioneer Cr. Dan set several traps along the Pioneer Cr. trail up to salt block. Rain/snow storm hit late afternoon. Fed horses.

March 28, Monday

Gary, Dan, Mono, and I hiked up to Cabin Cr. Saw many elk (253) and deer (55) at the mouth of Cabin creek. Gary and Mono rode the horses down to Cougar Cr. Fed horses.

March 29, Tuesday

Gary, Dan, and I checked Pioneer Cr. trapline. We all got together for dinner at our cabin. Fed horses.

March 30, Wednesday

Checked Rush Cr. trapline in am. Mono & I worked on wood pile up Pioneer Cr. Dan & Gary took the hounds above Soldiers Bar in search of the wayward "Rush Cr. cat," no luck. Fed horses.

March 31, Thursday

Today Gary and I rode the horses ^{to} above the F&G enclosure up Cave Cr. We saw many elk, 200 between the Cabin and Cave Cr. areas. On the way back Gary "pulled" the upper 1/2 of his Cabin Cr. trapline. Gary located the elusive Cave Cr. cat up by the F&G enclosure and tomorrow plans to go with Dan and the hounds in pursuit. Saw a bald eagle between Brown and Lobeau Basins.

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Ray flew in bringing a load of propane (2) and forty-some gallons of kerosene. We briefly went up radio-tracking but had to come back down due to strange vibration in aircraft. Mona and I checked traps to Cougar Creek. Nice spring day.

April 2, Saturday

Mona and I checked Rush and Pioneer Cr. traps for Gary. Wrangled onery mares from lower pasture. Snowy, rainy, stormy day. Eleven elk observed feeding 200 yds. behind cabin, all melted (mutting).

April 3, Sunday (Easter)

Mona and I packed firewood down with the horses. Then we checked trapline to Cougar Cr. for Gary; Dan who are still up Cave Cr. chasing that bobcat. Snow squalls came and went all day.

April 4, Monday

I checked Rush Cr. traps for Gary. Gary and Dan returned from Cave Cr. Arnold's informed us that Maurice H. was coming in the next day. Twenty deer feeding in pasture by cabins

April 5, Tuesday

Ray flew in early with Maurice, a passenger friend - Barb, and our groceries. Gary, Dan, and Ray went up radio-tracking. Dan was brought back early - sick. Mona and I groomed horses, put "wipie" repellent on Lady - Queenie wouldn't accept the stuff. Barbeque at our place for dinner.

April 6, Wednesday

Dan and I took horses up to Cabin Cr. while Gary, Mona, and Maurice went to Rush Cr. and talked business. Dan and I negotiated ridges in E. hills of Cabin Cr. area - saw ~120 elk in that area. Mona & Dan cooked dinner and brought it up to our place.

April 7, Thursday

Shortly after noon Ray came in to get Maurice. Ray had a passenger from Stibnite area (Kelly) with him. Ray hauled out the majority of our tin & aluminum garbage. Many deer in field close to cabins again... can be counted on every evening.

April 8, Friday

Gary, Dan, Mona, and I went up to Doe Cr. to take that camp down and bring it back. Got late start because O's G caught a pregnant coyote in one of the Rush Cr. traps and had to work it. Warm spring day.

April 9, Saturday

We packed Doe Cr. camp back to Taylor. Three or four sizeable herds of elk in Cabin Cr. area... green-up still restricted to lowest elevations.

April 14, Thursday

Dan & Jim flew out 4/11 (Mon.) with ^{Karl} ~~J~~. Jim had arranged to change mail day from 4/6 to 4/11. Dan finished working as winter assistant on habitat project. Jim is on vacation. Gary

opened the irrigation ditch which now past hounds houses. It still needs some more clearing to flow nicely well. Deer are back in pasture tonight after not being there since last weekend. Have checked with Arnold's x2. Fed horses last of oats & fillets on Wed. after return from Waterfall.

April 19, Tues.

Both Queenie and Gary doing well. Irrigation ditch past hounds flowing well; spreads out irrigation ditch into orchard will need work when time to irrigate orchard. Started & used ^{small} washing machine in Arlow's cabin - worked well. Gary rototilled upper gardens. Increased plane activity over weekend - no one landed. Deer in pasture AM & evening (at least 30 in evening). Sheep continue to graze lower pasture. Arnold's have oats to fly in Friday with Jim & mail. Clear skies til today - overcast.

April 21, Thurs.

Water line to you - Holly's & Arlow's cabins. First time I had water in 2 of upper pastures & rototilled all but one again. Had return flight. Deer continue to graze & track & tracked. You to be in tomorrow with Arnold's. Noticeable increase in fact with no flying of planes. Big Creek & French Creek muddy and higher volume for several days.

April 22, Friday

Jim & Holly flew in with Carl around noon. Gary and Jim went radio-tracking with Carl. Carl spent the night... so he could interview Gary for article on cougar kittens. Had barbecue with Taylor crew at our barb. p.t. 26 sheep in lower pasture, 12 deer in pasture below cabins, 10 deer above orchard.

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April 23, Saturday

Carl flew out mid-morning. Holly & Mona began planting garden in upper beds (Taylor cabin). Jim raked up bark chips around wood pile and burned it, along with other yard debris. Jim worked on regulation sign-painting and sanding. Windy, squally day but warm. 21 sheep on bunches, deer in pasture.

April 24, Sunday

(drying out temps)
Wrangled horses from downstream. Modified haystack, cleaned Taylor yard and worked in garden. Fixed our toilet - replaced broken bulb. Finished regulations sign and put it back up on fuel shed. 13 deer in pasture, deer on airstrip and above orchard.

April 25, Monday

Holly and I rode horses down to Snake Cr. collecting plants. Gary and Mona spent day hiking up to forks of Cave Cr. 31 sheep on bunches, 8 deer in pasture, 10 deer on airstrip. >20 species in bloom.

April 26, Tuesday

Key out plants. Fix plugged toilet intake, clean screens at waterboxes. Rototill and bed lower garden. Dug spur ditch from flag pole ^{front} to garden, irrigated garden... after planting spuds

April 27, Wednesday

Planted potatoes in lower garden. Dug spur ditch from flag pole to garden. Opened irrigation system to water lower garden. Photographed a ram group across from cookhouse - 5 were 44 curts & one bigger!

April 28, Thursday

Holly went to Middle Fk. collecting plants. I made ten diversion dams for garden irrigation. Gary and Mono hiked up Dance Cr. We tried to open waterline to cookhouse .. nothing but air came out of faucet, later discovered major hole in line.

April 29, Friday

Holly spent day keying plants, Mono spent day gardening and doing laundry. Gary and I packed firewood in with horses. We made about a dozen (or more) trips with horses, still have much more wood to haul. Irrigated lower garden.

April 30, Sat.

Holly and I rode horses up Cave Cr. to enclosure looking for plants and animals. Saw two moose - cow and calf up there. Mono and Gary hiked down to Dance Cr. and back. Had dinner over at M&G's. 2 Otters, 1 coyote 3 elk @ Cabin Cr., 2 golden eagles

May 1, Sunday

Laundry all day! Thunderstorm. Deer in pasture, sheep on 1st bench w/deer.

May 2, Monday

Trim Queenie's feet, size horse shoes for shoeing Queenie. Picked ticks & flies off both horses bellies/udder (~ 20 ticks each), wash horses undersides. Fix water lines to

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Cookhouse & Duplex (leaks). Turn on water to Cookhouse. Channelize stream and irrigation ditches to prevent erosion & encourage direct flow. Clean intake screens. Water seedlings in cold frame. ~25 sheep on 1st bench, 8 deer in pasture, deer & elk on 3rd bench.

May 3, Tuesday

Holly and I put shoes on Queenie. Holly hosed down horses and put on insecticide (wipe). Changed irrigation flow and worked in garden. Pack string went by - probably part of Tari's operation ... heading toward Cabin Cr. A couple planes went by. Very nice day.

May 4, Wednesday

Did garden work & irrigated. Ray flew in late afternoon. He radio tracked with Gary and then flew out with Holly

May 5, Thursday

Gary and I took horses down to his waterfall camp to pack in that camp and the Wilson Cr. line. (Mona watched Taylor while we were gone).

May 6, Friday

Gary and I spent a long day packing in his Wilson Cr. line. Saw many sheep on W. side of Mid. Fk. Saw a huge gopher snake along trail. Used barrel hitch to pack his collapsable traps (6 of them).

May 7, Saturday

Gary and I disassembled his waterfall camp and packed it back to Taylor - along with traps collected previous day. Queenie was definitely uneasy about Mid. Fk. bridge. Going down and back we had to hold (twist) her halter to control her on the bridge. Lady had saddle sores on her flanks which we doctored.

May 8, Sunday

Today was stormy and unseasonably cool. We spent the day tying flies and reading wildlife literature.

May 9, Monday

Another squally day. Spent most of day indoors reading. Weather improved late afternoon. Inspected horses for parasites (ticks) and checked Lady's saddle sores which look better. Picked a dozen ticks off Lady's belly.

May 10, Tuesday

Squally day - early and late. Mtonia and I hiked up to forested bench on Cliff Cr. Saw a lot of predator signs and a group of owls Gary linked to Cabin Cr. radio tracking.

May 11, Wednesday

Never weather, yet still unseasonably cool. We covered upper gardens with hay to protect from frost. Hauled propane bottle to cook house. Hunted marmots for dog food, got one... with bow.

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May 12. Thursday

Bary and I shied Lady. Maurice flew in this afternoon with Howard Hash. He brought special collars for Cougar kittens along with other stuff. He wants kittens to be released from here... more movement.

Howard and Bary radio-tracked, then we ate a big lunch (by Mana). They left at 3:30. We irrigated garden

Bary, Mana, and I hiked down to Cougar Cr. to check traps Bary set around fresh Cougar kill (a buck deer). We saw a big black-colored bear on S. side of Cr. (across from dead deer). On hike back we came face to face with one of Gary's collared cats, also heading to deer. This was a very eventful evening. We also saw about 25 elk in 3 groups. The bulls have healthy start (5") on next years antler growth.

May 13, Friday

Plowed lawns. Fixed gate to corral tack room. Irrigated. Mana worked in gardens. Bary and I checked Cougar Cr. traps. Saw several elk on S. side of stream, from Cougar Cr.

May 14, Saturday

Spent morning helping G & M put collars on cougar kittens in preparation for release today. Around noon Doc Johnson flew in (his cub) along with Mike Doris. While they were here Dick Williams landed with Kent (Ball) from the F-4E Dick flies for Salmon. His Tax. Kent was doing an aerial steelhead count in Big Cr. We showed everyone the cougar kittens. Dick & Kent left soon, while Doc & Mike stayed for coffee. Plowed lawn around Taylor Cabin. Reminded A-A to send in our grain & battery

May 15, Sunday

It was rainy and stormy most of the day. Stayed inside reading and tying flies. Gary and Mona burned "debris" from inside cougar pen. Cougar kittens are still fairly close to ranch.

May 16, Monday

Gary and I hauled wood with the horses today - packing it. We've now accumulated close to 2 cords for next winter. Cougar kittens still within radio range of Taylor.

May 17, Tuesday

Sharpened grass scythe and tried it out around garage. Went with Gary to Cougar Cr. to check traps and locations of cougar kittens. Kittens are on ridgeline east of Pioneer Cr., within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of the ranch.

May 18, Wednesday

Squally weather in morning. Karl flew in about 1:00 with the mail. Gary and Karl & I attempted to radio-track but had to turn back due to poor visibility conditions - snow. Karl stayed and visited while waiting for weather improvement. At about 4:00 Karl flew out with Gary & Mona aboard. Cougar kittens still hanging close to Taylor.

May 19, Thursday

Chopped and stacked wood at cookhouse. Cut tall grass on E. side of cabin with scythe. Checked location of cougar kittens - together about $\frac{1}{3}$ mile E. of Taylor. Collected a few plants at mouth of Cliff Cr.

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May 20, Friday

Started off day by wrangling horses from lower pasture to doctor Lady's wounds. Put salve on Lady's saddle & rubbing sores. Repaired gate across creek so horses couldn't escape so easily. Watered all the gardens. Collected a few plants - saw rattlesnake on other side of bridge. Checked location of cougar kittens, which appear to be moving down Big Cr. somewhat.

May 21, Saturday

Hiked to Cougar Creek during morning to try and locate Cougar kittens. Was only able to get a weak signal from one of the females SW of Cougar Cr. Put "wipe" repellent on Lady, Guearie wouldn't cooperate. Flies are really pestering the horses, especially on their sores.

May 22, Sunday

Hiked across steep slope on south side of Big Cr. trying to get good signal location on kittens. Across from Cougar Cr., fairly low on hillside, I located all three. They were between Cougar & Goat Cr on south side of stream. Watered all the gardens. The propane had run out at the cookhouse, so I replaced that and re-lit the pilots. The last couple days a ram group with 9 rams (6 big) has been hanging out along lower Cliff Cr. Big Cr. has become silty with run-off, has also risen 1 foot or so.

May 23, Monday

Hiked to Goat Cr. locating cougar kittens, they are in Soldiers Bar vicinity. First group of backpackers

May 11
this season came by, they were on their way to the "B". They reported that a crew of forest Service people were at Cabin Cr., and I heard WGN 14 on the radio. Got very warm today, above 80°. Big creek is rising and silty.

May 24, Tuesday

Hiked to the other end of the gorge to locate the kittens which were somewhere up Eagan Creek. Did the usual daily tasks - water gardens, irrigate, collect a few plants and feed the hounds. Ram head is on the 1st bench. Big Cr. is even higher from run-off, threatening to come on strip. Late evening - put "wipe" on both horses, biting flies (gnat size) a real problem.

May 25, Wednesday

Mowed lawns at Taylor Cabin and ours. Fixed a grass cutter found in yard at Taylor cabin. Watered. Put "wipe" on horses. Stream even higher today, very close to spilling on strip. Holly, Gary & Mona due in tomorrow. Sunny and unseasonably warm today, 85-90°.

May 26, Thursday

Ray flew in with Gary, Mona, & Holly, and lots of gear! Air strip starting to develop puddle in low spot. Worked in garden and irrigated.

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May 27, Friday

Did more work in garden, planting tomatoes, peppers etc. Stream onto strip now, no longer landable. Modified irrigation to lower garden. Had Gary and Maria up for their anniversary barbecue."

May 28, Saturday

Gary and I repaired fencing around lower pasture, we also got irrigation going there. Holly planted corn and hauled hay to the lower garden. Early this morning a totally white plane circled the strip but looked discouraged by flood conditions - we figured it was Doc Johnson. Holly worked on water system at Taylor Cabin.

May 29, Sunday

Holly collected and keyed plants all day. Gary and I hiked up the ridge line between Pioneer & Lewis Cr. radio tracking. Maria worked in garden. Changed irrigation to lower pasture. Stream even higher today, quite a pond on airstrip. Another day over 90°.

May 30, Monday, Memorial Day

Change irrigation, water yard - Taylor Cabin.
Airstrip flooded.

May 31, Tuesday

Collect plants on Cliff Cr. benches, key plants.
Irrigate. Airstrip flooded → no animals
(sheep) observed.

June 1, 1983 Wednesday

Hiked to Dubin Cr. to get mail, supplies, and
for Gary to radio-track. While Gary radio-tracked
Holly and I looked for ewe-lamb groups but found
none. Stream dropping and strip draining. Cut grass in
back yard. Weather coolish - 70° mid day.

June 2, Thursday

Changed irrigation in lower pasture. Cut grass/mowed
around cookhouse. Got refrig. going in Taylor Cabin. Cleared
silt & gravel out of our water box. Did garden work. Big Cr.
is down another 6" or so and the puddles are pretty gone
from the strip.

June 3, Friday

Holly and I took the horses way up the cliff cr.
trail. Saw a group of ewes and lambs in the upper
cliffs NW of the 3rd bench. Saw a couple rattlesnakes
above the 3rd bench, and Holly collected plants. Gary
and Mona hiked up W. Pioneer Rd. tracking a bobcat.
Sarge was brutally beaten (clawed, bit, etc.), and Gary and
I think ^{mostly} by a bear. All his wounds are on his
snout and head... as if he were swatted, hard. This in-
cident occurred during mid-day sometime. Gary ~~later~~
later found some body wounds while doctoring him.

June 4, Saturday

Worked in garden, irrigated pastures. Holly collected
and keyed out plants. Several planes passed by today,
strip drying out

June 5, Sunday

Gary, Nona, Holly, & I hiked up E. Pioneer Rd. to above 7000' elevation. When we returned Clem Pope from the Forest Service was here. He plans to fly-out via Pioneer Aviation tomorrow. After checking out strip conditions we gave OK.

June 6, Monday

Pioneer flew in first thing to get Clem, he had no problem with strip - we cleaned off debris prior to his arrival. Did yard work and gardening most of day. Gary & I caught a few whitefish & cutts out of Big Cr.

June 7, Tuesday

Forest Service trail crew went by today on way to Mt. Isle Fk. Cut grass around corral tack shed and fixed a couple rails on corral. Holly collected some plants along strip and keyed them. Irrigated strip, main pasture, lower pasture. Gary & I fished Big Cr. a couple hours - we ^{and} caught & released 3, - 12" cutthroats. Gary hiked up Pioneer radio-tracking and saw 8 rams on east-side bluffs. Evening thunderstorm 2 gal. kerosene in Taylor frig.

June 8, Wednesday

Karl flew in early with the mail and a 206 load of our stuff. Holly and Gary went up radio-tracking and looking for ewe-lamb groups. Spent a good part of the afternoon putting supplies away. Gary and I caught 5 whitefish, and a couple cutts, during late afternoon. We barbecued the whitefish for dinner. Very stormy evening, rained all night. (FS trail crew

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* Gary and I ground radio-tracked along Cliff Cr. benches. Gary and I worked on generator and finally got it running again. Holly worked in garden and around Taylor Cabin. Mowed Taylor C. lawn. Carl flew in with a 206 load of the archeologists supplies, which we moved to the cookhouse. Very humid day.

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Radio-tracked along Big Cr with Gary. Mike Scott, from Taur's hunting operation-a guide, came down to visit. We fed him lunch and talked hunting-game management most of the afternoon. Changed irrigation in lower pasture & airstrip.

June 11, Saturday

Cleaned up around buildings - Holly cleaned other side of duplex and I mowed our lawn. Worked in garden and changed irrigation. Helped Gary with some radio-tracking of a nearby cat. Weather turned bad PM. Arnold's were coming in with load of our supplies but had to cancel.

June 12, Sunday

Thoroughly cleaned interior of cookhouse & bunkhouse - swept, mopped, washed windows. Gary and I caught a dozen white fish, and we had a fish-fry for dinner. Still somewhat stormy.

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June 13, Monday

Sharpened tools with grinder. Cleaned water box to cookhouse - had totally silted in. Worked on irrigation. Holly worked in garden. Gary and Maria hiked to Cabin Cr., they found one of the collared bobcats dead from apparent natural causes. Very nice day today - sunny, 70°.

June 14, Tuesday

At 8:00 am Carl flew in with $\frac{1}{2}$ the archeology crew, which we fed breakfast. Later in the morning he brought in the rest of the crew. Frank gave the bunch an orientation and we took them on a "show me" of the ranch. Carl flew in again after lunch with a load of Gary's supplies, the mail, and our groceries. Pioneer also made a flight in with Mary, the ^{Nat-} Boise Forest Archeologist. Gary and I radio-tracked with Carl on his 3rd flight. Carl flew out with 4 empty propane tanks. Had the archeology crew up for beer and roasted marshmallows in the evening. 3 gallons kerosene to Taylor Refrig.

June 15 Wednesday

Repair T joint on Taylor plumbing, add 2 ground unions, water runs, but another leaky T. Exchange shower heads so propane hot water tank/shower can be used at Arlows cabin. Alec flew in with Arnold's to work for Gary. He will stay in Arlows cabin. Lucy of cablevision interviewed Gary for a possible

TV appearance / story.

June 16, Thursday

Cut airstrip using weed eater & scythes (3 people for 4 hours). Check lamb/ewe group on Cliff Cr. Take horses up to 3rd bench, Cliff Cr. for exercise.

June 17, Friday

Watched the archeologists dig at their site. Fixed the shower in Arlou's cabin and hooked it up to propane. Holly worked in garden. Fished late afternoon - caught 3 whitefish, 6 mouththroat. Squally weather - thunderstorm.

June 18, Saturday

Doc Johnson flew in early, marginal weather. He visited for a couple hours and then we showed him the content of the Taylor cabin - he's the will executor. Rode the horses to the third bench to tire them out. Hooked the horses to the wagon and had a rodeo! Horses spooked when hooked up together, and ran off with wagon. Fortunately, no damage was done.

June 19, Sunday

Holly and Gary hiked to Middle Fk. checking on sheep, predators, and collecting plants. Frank and I took the horses to Cave Cr. to check on two of his crew and

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bring them more supplies. This was one of Franks first horse rides and he got very sore. Had a "ranch barbecue" at the cookhouse, everybody "pigged-out" and had a good time.

June 20, Monday

I used weedeater on grass at corral, tack shed, fuel-shed, fuel, around Taylor Cabin, and our cabin. Holly Keyed out plants all day. Gary, Alec, and I fished up Big Cr., Gary caught 2 white fish & some cutts, Alec caught a cut or two, and I caught 5 whitefish and 4 cutts. Robin & Deb (archeologists) returned from Cave Cr. this evening.

June 21, Tuesday

Holly Keyed out plants. Stormy day, spent most of it indoors. Archeo's took the day off. Took the archeo's on the bench E. of our cabin to see a "likely site."

June 22, Wednesday

Mail-plane came in early. Carl brought in Jenny - a geologist doing research on sedimentation at Cabin Cr. Gary and Robin (Archeo.) went radio-tracking with Carl. Cleaned out our water line which was plugged from silt. Took some of the archeo's on hike up the Cliff Cr. benches to show them variations in ungulate tracks. Archeo's did laundry at our machine.

June 23, Thursday

Ray flew in early with 6 bottles of propane, which the Univ. split cost on with Franks project. Bill Doris flew in right after Ray to pick up items left by the F&G crew and to drop-off 3 middle-aged ladies to see the gorge. We didn't confront Bill on this but will discuss "policy" with him when he returns. Cut firewood. Replaced propane at cookhouse. Saw ⁽⁷⁾ ewes & lambs & ⁽⁸⁾ rams on the 1st bench.

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June 24, Friday

Mary, the archaeo from the F.S., flew out this morning via Pioneer Aviation. Earl Dodds, Dist. Ranger, was on the plane for Mary. Removed fence across Big Cr., 9 gauge wire and a bent fence post. Worked in garden, weeding & covering with hay. Alec & I tried to get the big chainsaw to work right - no luck. Saw 4 sheep on 1st bench

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June 25, Saturday

Doc Johnson flew in early, he came to pick up the china from the Taylor cabin. He brought in, as a donation, 5 gal of linseed oil and 1 gal of wood preservative. He also gave us some food items. Changed irrigation. Worked in garden, weeding and hauling hay. Holly keyed plants.

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June 26, Sunday

Bill Doris flew in early to pick up 3 elderly ladies and to radio-track. Gary decided not to track. I told

13.11 of no drop off policy and notifying us in advance before coming in with people, he seemed receptive observed 38 sheep on 1st beach, 22 ewes and 16 lambs! Frank came back from Cabin Cr. after 3 days with part of his crew there. Holly stayed up till mid night - keyed plants she collected today between here and the gorge. Thunderstorm late afternoon, rained all night.

June 27, Monday

Split firewood and started stacking it. Changed propane at cookhouse. Stormy day. Lots of rain. Holly keyed plants

June 28, Tuesday

Sawed, split, and stacked rest of wood brought in. Gary, Frank, James, Mona & I hiked above Leboeuf B. to cut enormous tree out of trail. Changed irrigation.

June 29, Wed

Carl flew in AM with mail and supplies. Gary, Alec and I radio-tracked - saw 2 goats up Wilson Cr. Holly put 3 gal. Kerosene in Taylor refrig. Ray flew in at noon to pickup some items left here intended for Monumental Cr. Started putting Linseed Oil on Taylor Cabin caught & kept 4 whitefish. Late evening, Ray flew in with our bed and our friend Hawley. Saw 8 ewes, 4 lambs on 1st beach, 1 deer on airstrip. 3 archeo's - Robin, James, Fred were flown up to Cold Mtns. They will survey their way back over 4 days.

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July 30. Thurs.

Took Hanley sightseeing / fishing. Between Gary, Hanley, and I we caught & released 14 cutthroat and 2 whitefish. Holly worked Queenie putting stoneboat using riding saddle and work harness. Holly oiled N. side Taylor cabin, Hanley and I spent rest of day finishing oiling the cabin. Holly weeded around T.C. rock wall.

July 1, Fri.

Mowed our lawn. Saved and split wood on N. side of Big Cr. Worked in garden. Hanley and I fished an hour or so - caught and released 8 cutthroat, kept 1 whitefish. Saw 24 sheep at mouth of Cliff Cr., 7 were lambs. Drizzled all day turning to rain at night.

July 2, Sat.

Exercised horses by riding them up Pioneer Cr. Very stormy, squally day. Holly spent day keying out plants. No air traffic. 8 ewes 4 lambs at lick.

July 3, Sunday

Hauled wood from cliff Cr. with horses. Had moderate success troutfishing, caught 2 whitefish and 4 cuts between Hanley and I in 1 hrs. time. Saw a large steelhead "roll" in lower Pasture hole, (Morris's hole).

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July 4, Monday

Took the day off Hanley and I fished up Big Cr., we caught 6 whitefish and a dozen cutthroat. A lot of plane activity today, but none landed here. The Taylor crew built a sweat-house on Pioneer Cr. near the cookhouse. Had barbecue with Arches. 13 ewes & lambs & 10 rams, one lamb with injured front left leg.

July 5, Tuesday

Got a call this morning informing us that Holly's father passed away. Carl flew in shortly thereafter to pick up Holly and Hanley. A couple with a horse and mule stopped in to visit today (Charley & Mary). We had them stay for dinner, they are spending the summer "touring" the backcountry. Today was very hot and humid, afternoon thunderstorm. Saw herd of ewes and lambs on 1st beach. Alec changed propane at Arlon's cabin. Spoke with Heinrichs from Monumental via radio.

July 6, Wednesday

Maurice and Wayne Melquist flew in early via B.II Doris. They brought in a 2 month old bobcat to raise and observe. Carl flew in with the mail mid-morning. Gary & Mary radio-tracked for an hour. Carl flew 3 arches (Robin, Stan, Frank) up to Cold Mtns. Very hot & humid afternoon

July 7, Thurs.

Mowed Taylor C. lawn and did other yard work there. Gary, Alec, & Jenny heading upstream; Jenny is doing a sedimentation analysis of Monumental Cr. this week

Gary and Alec are going to observe a coyote den at Mile High. Thomas V. and Jim Parks stopped in with stock on way to Monumental. Contacted Heinrich on their progress. Worked on Taylor Cr. plumbing. Ed K. called to say he and folks from the Res Mngt Inst. would be in Tuesday. Ate dinner with archaeos.

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Spent most of day fixing leaks in plumbing of Taylor Cr., got toilet working. Increased flow into water box and upper irrigation line. Pioneer Cr. is dropping a lot.

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July 9, Saturday

Cleaned Taylor Cabin - mopped, dusted etc. My folks flew in in between thunderstorms via Ray A. Mary from Sibnite was also on the flight.

July 10, Sunday

Hauled wood and propane using Queenie and stone boat. Dad repaired collar for work harness. Dad & I sharpened and repaired scythes. M. & G had birthday party for Alec. Changed irrigation in lower pasture.

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July 11, Monday

Cleared brush from airstrip along Pioneer Cr. (upon Ray's request). Re-stacked hay, sorting out good from bad and making a more rot resistant stack... cone shaped.

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July 12, Tuesday

Finished cleaning Taylor C., and patching up plumbing. Built a hay-rack for the stoneboat. Pioneer flew in early with 3 people - Jerry Wiley, regional archeologist from Ogden (FS), Joe Ballinger, zone archaeo from Boise (FS), and Jim Lawyer from the Nez Perce tribe at Lapwai. Around 7 oops a plane came in piloted by Jack Magee from Moscow. He brought in John Leer, Gary Beer from the Redford Inst. and Wayne Hager from U.F.I. Jack later shuttled Ed K. down from Chamberlain where he was dropped off by another pilot. Had a big barbecue. Taylor is bulging at the seams with people!

July 13, Wednesday

Mail plane came in early - 6:45. Holly returned on that flight. Jack flew out the institute people and Wayne about 8:30. Ed stayed to discuss business. Worked over budget with Ed. Worked on restructuring hay stack. Jack was unable to land to pick-up Ed, so he spent an additional night. Gary & Monica's propane lasted 1 month 8 days. Holly keyed out plants. 15 sheep in cliffs.

July 14, Thurs.

Moved rotten hay to garden with modified stone-boat. Rained from mid morn. to late afternoon. Ed still weathered in... along with FS people. Keyed out plants,

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July 15, Friday

Ed flew out. FS archaeologists flew out.

Doc Johnson flew in to spend overnight & fish.

Ditch dug around haystack, weeds cut around corral with scythe. Shut off irrigation to pasture. Change irrigation and fix fence. Elk knocked down/broke in lower pasture.

July 16, Saturday

Pack remainder of wood from Cliff Cr with horses. Doc flew out. Ram herd above 1st bench I II (very large), 1 I, and 3 yearling ♂'s; Also 2 ewes and 2 lambs near lck. II ram displaying to subordinates. Arnolds flew in late for barbecue

Spent the night (Arnolds brought in 4 propane + our bed frame)

July 17, Sunday

Ray flew 4 of the archeo's to Cold Mtns, then flew out my parents. Spent rest of day working in garden and relaxing

July 18,

Mike Doris flew in early bringing Ed & Lee Snyder and Maurice H. Ed & Lee went radio tracking with Gary. Ed is the director of research grants for the National Geographic. We gave Ed & Lee a tour of the place and discussed on-going & potential research here. Started cutting hay and removed Queenic's shoes. Had a big barbecue and an unexpected rattlesnake visitor in our yard!

Jul. 19, Tuesday

Bill Doris flew in early (7:30) to pickup Ed Lee, & Maurice. Cut hay with hand scythe. Arnold's flew in mid-morning bringing James (archaeo) back from Cold Mtns., his knee was bothering him. Had intense thunderstorms afternoon and evening.

July 20, Wednesday

Stormy morning, Ray didn't make it in with mail until noon - had him stay for lunch. Cut & wind-rowed hay on lower flat by bridge.

July 21, Thursday

Cut grass in front of our cabin and along irrigation ditches to garden. Holly & Mana irrigated garden and worked on irrigation system. Alec & Gary split wood. A backpacker stopped by (Scott Freeman), he was doing a loop from Big Cr Ranger stn → W. Fk. Rush → Taylor → Caswell Crossing and on up Big Cr. to pt. of origin. He's an economics prof at Coll. of Idaho. Wind rowed hay during evening.

July 22, Friday

Raked hay into wind-rows. Worked in garden. Alec & I connected pipes spanning wash-out of Taylor Cr. irrigation line.

July 23, Saturday

Flew to Cold Mtns. with Carl to pick-up archaeo's. Picked all the cherries from ^{Holly canned} pie cherry tree, and divided them amongst crew. Hauled in hay with Queenie & hay-sled, Gary & Holly & I. Skidded log up airstrip with Queenie and sawed it up for sweat lodge.

20 elk - 12 cows, 8 calves moved up from lower pasture
to 1st bench early morning Could hear calves squealing while
in bed!

July 24, Sunday

Ray stopped in with 2 members from the "B". We
had them up for coffee and explained what projects were
going on here. Mike Scott, Roy Crum, & Pat Gillison stopped
in to visit on their way to Cabin Cr. They were trailering
12-14 head of horses/mules to their camp ^(ScottFarr) in preparation
for hunting season. Gary, Alec, & I moved this years
hay onto last and covered the stack with 2 tarps. Holly
did laundry.

July 25, Monday

Worked on shoeing Queenie, only did her front
hooves as she wouldn't cooperate for us to do the rear
ones. Spent a couple hours cutting grass on the run-
way with the weed-eater. Tightened the guy-wires on
the strip wind sock. Had a farewell barbecue at
the cookhouse for the outgoing archeology crew.

July 26, Tuesday

The archeology students flew out today. Arnold's
made 2 trips, the second brought in John Bush-
Geology Prof. from UofI and Mike Rodeffer from EWU.
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in garden. Yesterday Ray brought in 2 propane tanks.

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July 27th - July 30th

Holly and I were dropped off at Cold Mtns via the mail-plane. We backpacked to Taylor via Ginger Cr. → Papoose Lake → S. F.K. Papoose Cr. → Cliff Cr. trail → Taylor. The fishing in Papoose was good. Many wildflowers were in bloom and this time next year would be excellent for collecting plants at that elevation. Did not see any people on the trail, although we did see loose pack stock at the head of Cougar Cr. and could see stock grazing at Stockard L.O. off to the east. The temp. was over 100° as we came down the benches of Cliff Cr.

On the 29th Mona reported that Carl flew in to pick up John Bush & Gary. Other than that, no significant news.

July 31, Sunday

Cleaned up after backpacking trip. Had Mona & Jenny over for barbequed hamburgers. Frank and Mike back from Crows.

August 1, Monday

Stacked & split wood. Moved out old bed, moved in our own bed. Cookhouse refrigerator was off - maggots in frig. from one of Gary's rodents! Cooked up big turkey that had thawed out in other freezer - had Frank and his friend Mike up for

Turkey dinner. Jim Stotz, a backpacker came thru from Mormon Mt. on his way across the length of Idaho. He is writing a book on a cross country backpacking trail from New Mexico to Canada. We fed him left over turkey dinner.

August 2, Tuesday

Cleaned house and shop. Very hot and humid. Alec returned from radio-tracking at Middle F.K. Frank did load of laundry here. Jenny returned from Cabin Cr. Seven folks on horses stopped in to visit facility.

August 3, Wednesday

Mail plane (Karl) came in early with groceries and luggage. He made a second trip an hour later bringing in Gary, Gary's nephew Mark, and Jack Fisk a friend of ours. Gary & Alec went radio-tracking and took Frank and Jenny to Loon Cr., to pack back here and inventory. Mike R. flew out after radio-tracking. Took Jack fishing and showed him the sites.

August 4, Thursday

Repaired and took-down fencing to Rush Cr., took down the unnecessary segment. Holly did paper work, wrote to Ed K. etc. Gary reported that Big Cr. is officially under the "old" fishing regs. for the remainder of this season, he showed us an "official notice." Collared ewe & 7 others to lick.

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August 5, Friday

Doc Johnson flew in early for a visit and to fish with Gary. He brought the usual generosity - roasts, fruit, etc. Increased irrigation flow from Cliff Cr. and cleaned/dug out canals. Took Lady's shoes off; fly wipe; moved horses to N. pasture. Collared ewe, 3 ewes, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ curl rams, 2 lambs at salt lick, bedded under a tree 10AM. Water Taylor lawn & gardens.

August 6, Saturday

Water Taylor lawn, our lawn. Minor cleaning of Taylor Cabin. Jim clean shop. Sheep (4 ewes (collared one with lamb), 2 lambs, 1 II ram, 2 I rams) fed along Cliff Cr. irrigation ditch to N (Sheep) pasture. Turkey dinner Barbecue with Gary, Mona, Doc, Mark, Alec.

August 7, Sunday

Doc flew out early. Jim & Jack out on mail pt^o with Arnolds. 3 gallons of kerosene in Taylor refrig., brought kerosene & white gas to our cabin. Water Taylor lawn & garden.

August 8, Monday

Change irrigation in Sheep pasture, dig new ditches. Increase water flow to Orchard. Clean screens at intake and route more water into water boxes. Irrigate lower garden. Hose off and fly wipe horses.

August 9, Tuesday

Trim Lady's front hooves - got too hot and got delayed with visitors so waited on back hooves. Howard Hlash flew in and took Gary radio-tracking. Ray flew in with Ole Olson and Al Dreumont of the National Weather Service. They brought in a weather station with min/max thermometers and rain gage. We assembled and installed equipment. Ole described what we need to do for daily weather readings. Canned 28 pints of Green beans from the garden!

August 10, Wednesday

Lynn Parker flew in to visit Akensais. Gary Lee Southerland flew in to help his brother Alec on trapping. David Gelfan, editor of FAA Aviation News was on the mail plane. He was writing a story on backcountry flying. We invited him for breakfast while Carl & Gary radiotracked. Talked to him about Taylor Ranch, research, and U of I. Frank & Jenny back from Loon Cr in time for the mail. Hounds flew out on the mail plane - for good.

August 11, Thursday

Steve Zettel (Con's guide) and his friend Jeff hiked down from Cliff Cr. camp to visit.

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They had dinner with us then visited with Frank & Jenny & Gary & Mona, spent the night in the bunkhouse.

August 12, Friday

Steve & Jeff came up for breakfast before heading to Cabin Cr. with backpacks. I spent 3 hours working on the washing machine engine & changing oil & spark plugs - still won't start immediately. Bobcat kitten losing coordination in back legs

August 13, Saturday

Gary, Mona, and nephew Mark fly out on charter with sick bobcat kitten. Flew out 2 saddles for Jim bringing in 2 horses. Frank flew up to Cold Meadows (Papoose → Taylor). Trim Lady's back hooves, wipe horses for flies. Change irrigation in Sheep pasture. > 5 sheep on first terrace, bear droppings (serviceberry remains) on Big Cr trail at gate to Sheep pasture, bear tracks (small) heading east through the loose soil in the archaeologist's old pit. Gate left open on the trail - had to catch the horses and bring them back to the ranch.

August 14, Sunday.

Take care of personal business. Sheep on 1st bench. Big Cr starting to clear up after 5 days of heavy silt load.

August 15, Monday

Mow Taylor lawn. Lynn & I hiked up Pioneer Cr. - saw 2 III rams, one is prime physical condition. Fished Big Cr ~45 minutes - no luck.

August 16, Tuesday

Change irrigation in sheep pasture. Lynn & I fished Big Cr - 3 cuts, 1 rainbow/steelhead all under 10" (6-9"). Kept 2 for lunch. Fish & Game biologists ^{Dave & Steve} hiked down to Taylor, said Gary's letter from the director F&G was invalid - that it is catch & release, but Middle Fork is open! Jim flew in with Bruce Minter from Big Cr Lodge. On the way back to Taylor with our horses the horse trailer broke down, then one horse spooked and injured a leg. Jim left the horses under Bruce's care until the one heals enough to be trailed in 36-40 miles. Jim met Bruce, wife Roxy & daughter Lisa, owners of Big Cr Lodge. They were very helpful, but

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had some bad experiences with U. of I in past dealings. Jim explained fly in policy and invited them to fly in for dinner soon.

Fisheries biologists ate dinner, ^{partied} & spent the night with archaeologists.

Sheep on 1st bench at noon.

August 17, Wednesday

Fred ^{Theresa} & Deb Welsh (of archaeology crew) came in on the mail plane, then to Cold Meadows. Alec and his brother Lee also went to Cold Meadows to do some mouse trapping. Jim & I invited Frank and Jenny up for a barbecue. Lynn flew out on the mail plane. Shoed Lady, taught Jenny shoeing.

August 18, Thursday

Jim, Jenny, & I took Queenie & Lady up to Acorn Cr (30 miles round trip) to pick up Jenny's rocks (rode Lady, packed Queenie). Talked to Con on the way up, invited him down to dinner.

August 19, Friday

Rainy day. Reconciled from yesterday's trip, took care of indoor chores. Replaced propane to our water heater.

August 20, Saturday

Holly canned green beans. I repaired 2-wheel cart - replaced broken stand with pipe legs. Plained our front door so it shuts right. Holly showed Frank the "site" she found west of Rush Cr. mouth. Marcia from Rush Pt. came down to get her mail, will spend night. Two $\frac{3}{4}$ c. rams on 1st bench, near noon.

August 21, Sunday

Rainy day, off ion. Carl flew in early to pick up Frank and Jenny. Marcia headed back to Rush Pt. Spent most of day inside. Holly spent $\frac{1}{2}$ day working on refrig.

August 22, Monday

Bruce Minter flew down and took us back to Big Creek. We spent the day bringing the horses down, got as far as Cabin Cr. and spent night with Farr's. Very stormy, wet day. Appreciated Farr's hospitality.

August 23, Tuesday

Brought horses rest of way home. Fred T. and Deb W. were down from work at Cold Mdwls., will fly out tomorrow

August 24, Wednesday

Mail plane came in bringing Alec & Lee from Cold Mdwls. Alec & Carl radio-tracked. Holly, Fred, Deb, and 2 guys from Monumental took mail-plane out. Guys from Monumental were making mail-plane "rounds." Eighteen sheep on benches - ewes, lambs, $\frac{1}{4}$ c. rams.

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August 25, Thursday

Alec, Lee, and I built a rock & log stream diversion to reduce erosion of airstrip. Put fencing around rain gauge, horses have knocked it over twice without damage. Had electrical storm in evening. Lee & Alec spotted smoke up Pioneer Cr. We investigated but couldn't find the source. Also saw smoke on Horse Mtn. It rained after the lightening storm.

August 26, Friday

Finished work on stream diversion - anchored trees to fence post. Over-hauled guy-wires on strip wind sock. Mowed lawn. Last night lady beat-up on our horses so I doctoried their bites and put Q.S.L. in lower pasture. Eleven sheep on 3rd b., 6 ewes, 5 lambs. Two $\frac{1}{2}$ c. rams on 2nd b.

August 27, Saturday

Carl stopped in around noon to pick up our garbage. Mid-afternoon Ralph & Margaret from Cold Mtns arrived. Fed them dinner and put them up in cookhouse. Sixteen sheep on 1st b., a couple $\frac{1}{2}$ c. rams in group of ewes-lambs.

August 28, Sunday

Cut grass in backyard and along strip with weedeater. Carl stopped in to pick up empty propanes. Ralph & Margaret left early up Cliff Cr. Saw two backpackers come down cliff Cr. trail, they headed towards Soldiers Bar - probably sheep hunters scouting.

August 29, Monday

Alec, Lee, and I hiked up to Rush Pt. to take Marcia her mail and to dismantle one of Maurice H.'s old camps. We dismantled and scattered the tent frame & foundation, and Alec packed the stove and plastic garbage back.

August 30, Tuesday

Did laundry with Alec & Lee this morning. Repaired boots afternoon, went fishing in the evening, fishing much improved as stream is clear again. Sheep on 1st bench

August 31, Wednesday

Carl flew in early with the mail, Alec went up radio-tracking. Painted weather station. Put hoof treatment on our horses. Afternoon and evening thundershowers. Pack-string passed by, looked like Con's stock and guides. They were moving several loose animals, assume that's why they didn't stop by. Sheep down on trail this afternoon.

August Sept. 1, Thursday

Fixed tarp on haystack. A sheep hunter, Dan, stopped in with stock on his way to Soldiers Bar. He is a very lively old guy - 72 and in great shape. Alec and Lee went radio-tracking up Pioneer Cr, had them over for barbecue when they returned. I talked to Bruce Minter about Troy's swelling in her hoc, he said he would get some medication next time out and bring it in. Maurice H. called and wants to use a decker. Ray will get it later in week.

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Sept. 2, Friday

Hauled a few loads of firewood with Queenie and Lady - packing it. Cut grass along sides of runway, expanding swath. A lot of air traffic in the evening, people scouting for sheep probably.

Sept. 3, Saturday

Moved rotten wood away from cabin. Marcia from Rush Pt. came down for her mail and to spend weekend. Some of Con & Tina's stock showed up today (loose), Alec, Lee, and I corralled them into the lower pasture.

Sept. 4, Sunday

Bruce Minter flew in early with combiotics for Troy. He brought with him Howard^{Manly} (co-owner of B.C. Lodge), and another fellow Tim. After giving Troy shots, I gave them the tour of the place. Con, Joel, and a sheep hunter Homer Joseph came down from Cliff Cr. to get their wayward stock. Yesterday two bowhunters - one after sheep, stopped by for some information on the area. Their names are Victor Haight & Peter Cintorino

Sept. 5 Monday

Alec, Lee, and I took Queenie & Lady to Goat Basin for some exercise and to check on Dan, the old sheep hunter. Didn't find Dan, encountered 3 rattlesnakes on the trail. Very "Indian-summerish" today, fall colors are starting to show. Gave Troy another 20 cc's of combiotic.

Sept. 6, Tuesday

The two bowhunters stopped by again, I made a call to McCall Air Taxi for them. Two other sheep hunters came by and I called Pioneer Av. for them. Both parties from Soldiers Bar. Con & hunter came back down Pioneer Cr. Repaired rail-fence in front of duplex. Herd of ewes & lambs visible high on Horse Mtn.

Sept. 7, Wednesday

Holly flew back in on mail-plane with her step-father Buck. Buck helped Holly work with feather, but didn't ride her yet. They used a plow-line to help her learn how to rein & stop. Sheep hunter Dan stopped by to say he'd gotten a ram and was heading to Big Cr. Delivered message for him.

Sept. 8, Thursday

Holly, Buck, & I hiked down to gorge. Saw very fresh bear tracks in the trail. We worked feather when we got back. Holly rode her some and she responded well. Had Alec up for barbecue, Alec hiked to Cabin Cr. today radio-tracking.

September 9, Friday

Jim & Alec ground radio tracked up Cliff Cr. On Wednesday we got 12 bags of oats and 4 bags of Omalene horse feed. I worked in the gardens.

Sept. 10, Saturday

Alec & I came back from Cougar Cr. Carl flew in with one sack of rolled oats. Holly worked in garden, bushhorses and too

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Sept. 11, Sunday

Spent morning writing business letters. Nancy D. from Con's camp came down to visit. Shortly after Nancy arrived, Tami Jones from Tarr's camp came down to visit also. Earlier in the day Jim Park's and friend Merv stopped by on route to the "B". They were taking stock down.

Sept. 12, Monday

Alec & I took Queenie and Lody up Cabin Cr. radio-tracking for the Cave Cr. cat, which we located above cabins. Stopped by Tarr's & Con's camps for brief visits on way back. Holly canned peaches and worked with horses. Changed cookhouse prep.

Sept. 13, Tuesday

Cleaned back porch and stacked wood on it. Split wood. Cleaned bunkhouse. Three female backpackers stopped by. Holly showed them the place. Worked with our horses. Twenty sheep on 1st b. - 9 ewes, 8 lambs, 1 yr. ewe, 1 cl. ram

Sept. 14, Wednesday

Mail-plane came in at 9:00. Carl stayed for cobbler and tea. Alec flew out on mail-plane. Cleaned Taylor C. refrig. & cookhouse freezer. Worked with horses.

Sept. 15, Thursday

Holly & I hunted up Pioneer Cr., when we got back Marcia from Rush Pt. was here. Marcia's radio had broke down so we notified the McCall F.S. office. A helicopter came and took her back to the L.O. We babysat her ~~dog~~.

overnight. Holly baked bread, I shot a couple grouse for dinner. Cleaned out orchard irrig. ditch, plugged with leaves.

Sept. 16, Friday

Walked towards Rush Pt. with Marcia's dog, met her at top of switchbacks. Did our laundry. Clem and Julia (Fs) stopped by. One of their horses threw a shoe, so we provided him with the tools to replace the shoe. Golda started her heat.

Sept. 17, Saturday

Gary flew in early with Ray. Caught up on visiting. Worked our horses. Harvested potatoes out of garden, sacked and hung them in Taylor C. basement for storage. Three people (from Indiana) stopped by with stock. They needed to ~~borrow~~ 2 horseshoes and nails. They had been by here three years ago. They are touring the RNR wilderness for a month.

September 18 Sunday

Chopped wood and worked our horses. Got stormy in the afternoon, rain & wind. Jim prepared for tomorrow's trip.

September 19, Monday

Snow on the ridges, spitting snow here during the day - our first snow this fall. Jim & Gary went to Dave Lewis Peak on overnight. I took care of Gary's

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bobcat and the horses. Carl flew in with gear for Gary. I harvested tomatoes & corn and canned corn. Changed irrigation and shut off parts; cleared weeds from corral; worked with horses.

September 20, Tuesday

Heavy frost, 26°F last night. Checked and cleaned waterboxes & screens, increased waterflow into boxes. Drained garden hoses for winter. Dried out & stored carrots in Taylor C. cellar. Sheep ~~traveling~~ moving among Cliff Cr. benches.

September 21, Wednesday

Arnold's flew in late with the mail, Carol & a passenger - Shorty & came with Roy, Gary, Ray, & Shorty radio-tracked while Carol visited us. Fed all lunch. Holly cleaned out Taylor Basement.

September 22, Thursday

Chopped and stacked wood, swept out Taylor Cabin. Marcia's dog showed up today, so passed message to her to get it... Golda still in heat. Holly cleaned and organized plant press, and worked feather. Fishing excellent this evening.

September 23, Friday

Put shoes on Queenie's hind feet. Tied her foot to her tail to keep her from struggling. Marcia came

down from Rush Pt. to get her dog. Cleared trail out to water box and built a new screen for our intake. Cleaned house. Had Marcia over for dinner, she spent night.

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Sept. 24, Saturday

Packed gear for 4 day hunting trip. Worked our horses on airstrip, riding them. feather's coming along well. Holly canned tomatoes, made the green ones into pickles. Wood rats back in full-force under our cabin.

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Sept. 25 - Sept. 28th

Holly & I took 4 days vacation to go hunting up Cougar Cr. We heard several elk bugle. At the ranch Gary took the weather and generally watched the place. On the 26th Dr. Gibb and a friend flew in with Bill Doris, they fished and looked the place over. Some sheep hunters came to call out. One came on the 25th before we left, he had fallen and hurt himself up Eagen Cr. He also was hunting in the wrong unit. We arranged a flight into Soldiers Bar for him. Almost all the sheep hunters this year seem to be basing their hunts from ^{outfitter at Big Cr.} Soldiers Bar as opposed to Cabin Cr. Bob Gillham stopped into visit with his guide Jim, hunter Vance, ate dinner with us. Jim the guide raises work horses and may have a team worth checking into. Carl flew in late afternoon bringing Gary another bobcat kitten.

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Sept. 29, Thursday

Ray flew in this morning to show a group of people Gary's bobcats. Bob G rode up with from his Goat Basin camp. He said some hunter's started a small fire, escaped campfire, but he'd put it out for the most part. Bob spent the day visiting, he was waiting for his hunter's to come down from Cliff Cr., which they never did while it was light. Holly worked feather and baked a couple apple pies. Looking like it will get stormy. Gary's new bobcat died - was sick (seizures) before he got it.

Sept. 30, Friday

Rained hard all morning and most of afternoon. We rode Troy and Feather to Goat Basin late in the day to visit Bob Gillihan & Co. Our horses performed well on their first trail ride. Saw an Osprey along Big Cr. Cleaned water line screens checked on fire (pit) at Goat Basin.

Oct. 1, Saturday

Harvested corn, and Holly picked a bucket of chokecherries, which she made into jam. Bob G. & Co. stopped by to call out on their way back to Cold Mtns. They visited a couple hours. I hunted up Cliff Cr. in afternoon and Gary hunted up Pioneer. Water line screens were plugged with leaves again, will take daily cleaning now. Closed irrigation to pasture above wind-sock.

October 2, Sunday

Make trail to outhouse, check screens, dig outlet for water box return flow. Organize plant collection and store in Taylor attic. Pick apples & pumpkins. Met Rod Trumbull, Pat Trumbull, & Paul Smith of Big Cr. They are sheep hunting, camped at Cliff Cr. We gave Paul a horseshoe & nails & use of shoeing equipment. He & came up to visit us in the evening. Class III ♂ ram on first bench in Am. Robin's migrating.

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October 3, Monday

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October 4, Tuesday

Ed K. called to say 8 people would be coming in this weekend in association with the Wilder. Mngt. workshop at UofI. We will feed and tour them. Planned menu for workshop people. Cleaned waterbox screens.

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Oct. 5, Wednesday

Carl flew in with mail. We flew a load of Gary's camp gear to Cabin Cr. and then went radio-tracking. Gary and I tightened cougar pens with come-along. Holly wrote letter to Dr. Gibb concerning our capital budget needs, she also baked and canned. Rod & Pat Trumble stopped in to visit and borrow H₂O jug.

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The Trumbles live at Big Cr. Paul S. was also with them.
Rode our horses in the evening.

Oct. 6, Thursday

Chopped wood for stoves to be used by workshop field trip crew. Holly baked pies. Joel and Nancy came down to visit from Cabin Cr. Shortly after they left Wilde, Jim, and a hunter Dave, stopped by to use radio and borrow a little grub, they then went sheep hunting up Pioneer Cr. Helped Gary tighten more of c. pen.

Oct. 7, Friday

Spent the day preparing for group coming in tomorrow, I cleaned and prepared sleeping places and Holly baked and cooked all day. Clem and Julie showed up with FS stock to help Gary pack in his camps. Clem and Gary packed in his Waterfall camp. Julie rode up Cliff Cr. Clem and Julie spent night. Wilde & crew came down from Pioneer Cr. Earlick today Bill Doris flew in with one of his pilots Jan, he was checking him out on this strip.

Oct. 8, Saturday

Clem, Julie, & Gary headed upstream. Group flew in with 2 McCall Air Taxi planes piloted by Jan & Steve. Group consisted of 4 people from Oregon, 2 from Alaska, 2 from New York, and 1 from New Hampshire. Took everybody on a tour of the ranch. Fed everyone. McCall pilots left. Discussed the distinguishing characteristics and management from problems of this wilderness.

Took group on hike up Pioneer Cr., except two chose to hike up Cliff Cr. on their own. Had a steak barbecue, with potatoe salad and pies.

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Oct. 9, Sunday

Spent morning waiting for Frank ^(weather) to arrive via Arnolds. Frank had to cancel so H. & I took crew to gorge. We discussed Frank's project and showed them the Indian pits and pictographs in the gorge. Some people fished along the way. Had group look at sheep from porch through the spotting scope. Had barbequed chicken for dinner. Discussed wilderness research and we talked about Maurice's and Gary's work back here.

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Oct. 10, Monday

Spent morning visiting with group. Carl flew in with 2 bottles of propane and picked up Holly - who is going to attend workshop in Moscow. Weather very marginal. Late afternoon 2 planes from McCall made it in, they picked up people and gear here and left for Cabin Cr. to get rest of group who hiked there. Gary returned in time to visit with group an hour before they left. Holly & I really enjoyed this bunch of people. Gary & I had left over barbequed steak. Did a little clean-up on cook-house.

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Oct. 11, Tuesday

Cleaned up cookhouse and bunkhouse. Gary and I went grouse hunting to Goat Cr. Unseasonably warm today.

Oct. 12, Wednesday

Shoed front hooves on Lady and Queenie. Mail plane came in at noon with Mona, her Dad, and my friend Greg Green. Had Carl stay for lunch. Prepared to go to Cold Mtns. to help Greg Hayward put up wood.

Oct. 13, Thursday

Greg G. and I went hunting up Goat Cr. tr. after having cancelled out with Greg H. who was unable to fly to Cold Mtns. due to bad weather. Greg & I took Queenie and Lady for an "overnite." It snowed on us that night!

Oct. 14, Friday

Came back from hunting late afternoon. Gary reported that a couple lady backpackers "snuck out" with McCall Air while I was gone. Mike D. stopped to see if Gary wanted any flying done and these two gals "conned him" into hauling them out - Gary explained the policy, but they claimed it was an emergency.

Oct. 15, Saturday

McCall Air flew in early bringing Walt Arms. Walt came in to check out some suspected illegal sheep hunting activities at Soldier's Bar. Walt & I took Lody and Queenie to Soldier's Bar to investigate, but didn't find anything noteworthy. Walt ate dinner with us and spent nite in cookhouse. Holly came back via Arnold's early afternoon. She brought back news of Maurice H. donating 2 mules & a riding horse to this place! The mules are a team. Evening was spent discussing strategy for observing illegal activities at Soldier's Bar and elsewhere in area.

Oct. 16, Sunday

Gary and Mana headed to Waterfall Cr. with Bert & boat. Greg, Holly, & Walt went up to Cabin Cr. with the 4 horses. Joel & Steve a successfull sheephunter stopped by to use radio. Dave Deblazio got a full curl ram behind Taylor - Eagan country. He gave us some sheep meat.

Oct. 17, Monday

Carl flew in with 5 propane & a gift of ice cream for us! Put 2 gal. kero. in Taylor refrig & adjusted wick. Packed wood with Queenie. Holly removed left-over food from cook house, and put case goods in storage under Taylor Cabin. Pet with crystals in plant collection.

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Oct. 18, Tuesday

Replaced rear shoe on Troy. Picked and canned apples
Greg & I took horses up Pioneer Cr. to look around

Oct. 19, Wednesday

Spent morning writing personal & business letters.
Mail plane came in and Carl & a passenger spent a
couple hours visiting. Greg Green flew out on mail plane.
Gary, Mona, Bert, & bobcat returned from Waterfall Cr.
Gave Carl some apples, lunch.

Oct. 20, Thursday

Carl flew in late afternoon to pick up Holly, I & Bert.
Bert was going to Cascade, and we were to meet Maurice
and the mules at Big Cr. After short visit with Maurice
we unloaded our ^(Tack) gear at Bob & Kathy Gillihans. Bob & Kathy
fed us and put us up for the night.

Oct. 21, Friday

Holly and I left Big Cr. at 9:00 am with two mules
and a mare. Had a smooth trip, got in to Taylor at
7:00 pm. Gary and Mona had us over for dinner.

Oct. 22, Saturday

Nancy came down from Cliff Cr. Camp to wrangle
4 mules that came to the lower pasture on Wednesday.
Icel took the mules to Cabin Cr. Gave Nancy some
apples & lunch. Jim cut wood up Pioneer Cr.
Laundry day.

October 23, Sunday

Observe Soldier Bar for car traffic and a specific airplane for Wait Farms, I.F.G.. Adjust wicks on kerosene refrigerator, add 1 gal. kerosene. Read Jim Bennett's sheep notes. Work Feather. Check screens.

October 24, Monday

Gary and I went to Big Hill elk hunting. Holly baked cookies, shut the water to the cookhouse off.

October 25, Tuesday

Cleaned shop, Holly improved trail to waterboxes Con., Bob DeGrazia, & Brad stopped by to use radio. We visited all evening, had them stay for dinner. Bob is active in the Wild Sheep Foundation and gave Holly some info. on pursuing research funding through them. Bob D. is sheep hunting. Wrote letters. Holly has been reading Jim Bennett's sheep field notes.

October 26, Wednesday

Gary & Mona took Miya and the mules up to Doc Cr. to work on the camp. Repaired the foot bridge below the duplex. Carl came in before noon with mail. Received 3 cases of beer compliments of Con on mail plane.

October 27, Thursday

Mike Doris flew in early. He and Gary radio trucked, then Gary, Mona & gear were flown to old Dewey Moore strip. Holly and I cut firewood up Pioneer Cr. Holly got kicked in thigh by Feather and is real sore. I repaired one of main bridges at head of strip, replaced rotten timbers.

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At 8:07 this morning we had an intense earthquake! We ran out of the cabin in our bare feet (on frost), thinking a rock slide was coming down on the cabin. Once out in the pasture we could hear the rumble of rocks sliding up and down the canyon. The quake lasted a minute or two with periodic after tremors. Spent the rest of the morning tuned into the am and communications radios. weren't surprised to hear of the quakes intensity (6.9) or that it was centered nearby here (Challis). Took Miya & Troy down to gorge to investigate trail conditions. At least one slide inhibits horse travel and needs work.

October 29, Saturday

Packed wood down Pioneer Cr. with Toby & Topper. Had to use Miya in order to get Topper to leave the ranch. Holly noticed Miya's skin problem getting worse. Felt two noteworthy tremors late afternoon.

October 30, Sunday

Stacked wood in front of Arrow's for Dan this winter. Rode Feather & Troy upstream, trail is strewn with rocks from quake but nothing serious. Shut off irrigation to main pasture. Miya's sores worse today, we separated her from rest of stock - in cougar pen pasture. Holly reviewed more of Tim Bennett's sheep notes, she now wants to do a sheep migration study. Change propane on cookhouse refrigerators.

October 31, Monday

Jim hunting up Pioneer Cr. Holly wrote John Correy of Riggins about Taylor possessions and information on history of area. Holly talked to vet in McCall about Miya's condition, vet will come in when weather improves. Holly also talked to Maurice about Miya, he wasn't aware of her having any past skin problems. Gave Miya 26 cc's combiotic. Gary and Mona back from Acorn Cr., we discussed quake and exchanged experiences. Dried apples on screens above woodstove. Gary and Mona came up trick or treating! Clean corrosion off battery terminals of radio battery - "maintenance free" battery leaks battery acid. Alter wick on kerosene refrigerator so it freezes better.

November 1, Tuesday

Today at noon Mike Doris flew in with Bob Stoll, a vet from McCall, to doctor Miya. We scrubbed down Miya with iodine soap, and gave her a shot of penicillin. Bob also wormed and vaccinated the other horses. Bill Doris flew in late afternoon to pick up Bob. Separated affected from non-affected stock.

November 2, Wednesday

Crummy weather today, mail plane couldn't make it in. We gave "treatment" to Miya, Topper, and Teather. Miya's Fungus scabs have spread to her stomach, although she is better today on sides and flank. A plane from Salmon Air flew in bringing Russ Thorough and friend Tony to do Fisheries work on the Mid. Fk.

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November 3, Thursday

We gave treatment to Miya, Topper, and Feather. Miya improving but has new scabs on lower legs. Talked to vet Bob today and he diagnosed problem definitely as fungus. Holly got kicked by Topper today while feeding him an apple, he seems "touchy" from all the medical treatment. Carl flew in late afternoon with the mail. Bob DiGrazia, ^{cong} sheep hunter, sent us all T-bone steaks and wine for a barbecue!

November 4, Friday

Hanley flew in to visit J&H. Treated horses with betadine soap and wormer paste. ^{Troy has lump on neck} Read sheep notes. Russ Thoreau, ^(friend) of Idaho Fish & Game (Fisheries Biologist) completed Steelhead censusing on the Middle Fork and flew out with Dan _____ owner of Salmon Air Taxi. Carl flew in because weather was so bad everywhere & he couldn't get where he wanted to. We sent an apple pie to Arnold Aviation. Jim bleach treated saddle blankets.

November 5, Saturday

Treated horses with bleach solution (1 c./1 gal water) then put Feather in N pasture. Also used whip on Topper in the corral when he turned & backed up to me to kick. Feather is getting touchy about having her belly treated (kicking out), so I tied a hind leg up and got her used to it again - it worked. Also tried the whip on her for kicking - no success. Read sheep material. Jim went hunting. ^{Ewes and} ^{III} ^{ram on 1st bench}

November 6, Sunday

Rainy all day - stayed home and read sheep notes. Treated Mya & Topper with bleach. Checked all horses for fungus spots. Lump on Troy lessening.

November 7, Monday

Looked for sheep and hunted up Cliff Cr then into Cougar, 5 groups observed 5-9/group all with one ~~3/4~~ curl except the small group heading down Rush Cr switchbacks area. First major snow in the highcountry last night, down to 4800' (3rd bench). Treated horses Mya with bleach. She has a superficial swelling on right side of neck - from shots? maybe worm shot, not significant.

November 8, Tuesday

Tim and Hanky back from Pioneer Ridge. Holly treated horses with bleach. Temperatures got below 20°F each night on Pioneer Ridge. Tami down from C.C.

November 9, Wednesday

Carl came in mid-morning with the mail. Tami left early after spending night. We loaned Tami some more books to read. Spent rest of day organizing and preparing to go hunting up Goat Cr. tomorrow.

November 10 Thurs. - Nov. 13 Sunday

Holly, Hanky, & I took Queenie and Lady and went hunting up Goat Cr. Deer and elk were somewhat pushed

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Troy and called it in. Gary tried to get Topper to go
FCr up the trail to Doe Cr. but he ^{Topper} turned stubborn and
-9/group refused to budge across from Rush Cr.

oup November 14, Monday

pa. Carl flew in and Gary, Hanley, and I went radio-
night, tracking with him. Holly repaired the oven element in the
ses Mya gas stove. Hanley fixed the toilet so it flushes.
ing Had Gary and Mona up for turkey dinner, today is
ibe Mona's birthday.

Holly November 15, Tuesday

low Tim & Hanley went up Pioneer Cr. in the morning.
in C.C. Cut firewood around cookhouse until chainsaw broke-
down. Holly worked on sheep study.

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more and Repaired large chainsaw and cut more firewood for
aw. guest side of duplex. Repaired wash machine and did
large load of laundry. Hanley repaired busted water coil
for duplex wood stove. Ray flew in late with mail and
to pick up Hanley, marginal weather and daylight conditions.
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they stayed for dinner and spent the night

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at pushed Jim deer hunting up Pioneer. Gary and Mona went

elk hunting up Goat Cr. and Gary got a 5 pt. bull.
Very stormy day. Heard that Walt Arms is at Cabin Cr.

November 18, Friday

Jim and Gary went up Goat Cr. to hunt and
to hang Gary's elk higher in the tree. Jim got a 3 pt.
buck. Smitty from McCall Air Taxi stopped in to use
radio, he said that Walt Arms would be down
with stock today, he never showed up.

November 19, Saturday

Holly & I took the horses - Lady, Troy, and Miya to
Goat Basin to pack home my deer. We packed the deer on
Lady. Met some hunters from Soldier's Bar on the trail
who needed to use our radio, we called out for them.

November 20, Sunday

Holly & I went deer and elk hunting up Goat Cr. Gary
and Mona took Lady, Miya, & Toby to Doe Cr. to check
the camp there. We heard that Walt won't be down,
he tried but had to turn around at a bad slide
this side of Lobeck Basin.

November 21, Monday

Gary, Mona, & I took the stock & tools up to Lobeck
to repair the trail. We also took a sack of grain and
Omnitean for Walt Arms at Cabin Cr. He has four head
of stock there. We spent about 3 hours getting the
trail passable. A string of stock from the "B" went
through before ~~then~~ we got there, they made it - somehow!

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After the trail work we took the stock & feed on up to Cabin Cr. We met Curt Becker at the ranger and gave him the feed. While we (Gary, Mona, & I) were gone a chopper landed at Taylor. Holly went out to investigate and they took off! She got a description and numbers off the chopper, their intent is unknown. Horses (Feather, Toby & Topper) went around upper & lower gates via Big Cr. to follow stock up & down stream!

November 22, Tuesday

Cold night last night 19°F. Arlow's water & Taylor kitchen sink frozen. Fires in cabins thawed water. We drained Taylor Cabin & Arlows, insulated 3 pipe accesses in our yard to prevent freeze-up. Put away all hoses. Checked water in duplex - left running.

Nov 23, Wednesday

Finished winterizing cabins. Friends Bill & Sue Alexander in for Thanksgiving - flew on mail plane. Nancy visited from Rush Point Camp (Con's).

Nov 24, Thursday

Thanksgiving. Temperatures warming. Eat, ride horses, hunt. Had Gary and Mona up for dinner, they brought turkey, we provided ham... great meal!

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- Nov 26, Saturday
- Went hunting. Cleaned chimney on our cabin with rope & brush. Little soot in chimney.
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- Nov 27, Sunday
- Jim shot a bull elk, hung it overnight. Last day of hunting season.
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- Packed Jim's elk on Queenie & Lady. Opened kerosene drum - seems like part diesel. Chopped ice around water box, getting very cold at night. Rams butting heads on benches.
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- Gary, Bill A., and I took Miya and the mules to Goat Ridge to pack in Gary's elk. The mules performed very well. Big Co. getting very slushy with ice.
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- Moved mule day to tomorrow. Gary and I are using east side of corral shed for hanging our elk. Bill and I saved some firewood on Cliff Cr. flat. Had Gary & Mea up for barbecue - T-bones off Gary's elk.
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Dec. 1, Thursday

Con and his guides came through with their stock today, trailering out to Myers Cove-Challis. Shut off lower pasture irrigation. Let down section of L.P. fence so sheep and elk can pass easily. Yesterday a 3pt bull was in the pasture, he broke a wire going out. Took shoes off the mules. Our dozen-field covered in today when the horses were out. Mail plane couldn't make it today. At least a half dozen runs going through cutting ritual on 1st bench. 12°F last night, ice chopping becoming a major task.

Dec. 2, Friday

Broke ice on stream. Took off our screen door to repair. Waited for the mail-plane which didn't come due to bad weather. Baked Holly an Angle Food cake for her birthday tomorrow.

Dec. 3, Saturday

Fished for white fish, no luck too much ice flowing - although we saw an otter with a fish at mouth of Rush Cr. Took shoes off Queenie & Lady. Mail-plane couldn't make it in today either. Had Gary & Mona up for Holly's birthday celebration. Sent letter to Ed.

Dec. 4, Sunday

Mail-plane finally made it in. Carl brought in 3 propanes and 8 bags of horse chow. Friends Bill and Sue flew out. Got tack and gear ready to go to Gary's upstream camps.

Dec. 5, Monday

Jim and Gary took Mya, the mules, and Queenie and Lady to Acorn Cr. to supply Gary's camp. Very cold day, 5° above when we left. Holly broke ice out in stream for water boxes and for horses to water. We saw a couple large elk herds on ride up, two herds at Vines ranch and 30 more elk at Gary's Acorn camp. Change propane on refrigerators

Dec. 6, Tuesday

We returned from Acorn camp, dropped winter meat and supplemental supplies at both Acorn and Doe Cr. camps. Stock performed well, except Mya still "spooked" by white rocks, logs, etc. Holly cleaned Arlou's cabin bathroom after flying squirrel devastated it. It is not known how squirrel got in there. Snowed all day but didn't accumulate much.

Dec 7, Wednesday

No mail plane. We all wrote Christmas cards. Called Ed about substitute caretakers over Christmas. Sent

Dec 8, Thursday

No mail plane - usually flyable here, but not in Cascade. We have 5" snow. Jim and Gary packed gear to Waterfall Camp with Troy, Mya, Toby, and Topper. Propane to hot water heater ran out.

Dec. 9, Friday

Sawed up firewood log across Big Cr. Mail plane couldn't make it in today due to weather. Four elk on first bench, several sheep wandering around lower cliff cr.

Dec. 10, Saturday

Packed wood across bridge with Q., L. and Troy. Flyable today, but plane went to main river with the mail. Took Troy's shoes off, cleaned other animals hooves.

Dec. 11, Sunday

Gary and Mona to Cabin Cr. with Queenie & Lady and bait for traps. We put Toby in the work harness and worked him with the stoneboat, he acted "very green" about working. We "trained" him for 2½ hours and then hauled a stoneboat full of wood to the duplex. He needs lots of training.

Dec. 12, Monday

Mail plane finally made it in! Went trucking with Gary and Carl, beautiful day! Carl brought in two new propane and two sacks of horse chow for us. Put Lady in the work harness and connected her to the stoneboat, hauled wood pile to duplex. Lady performed very well - no mishaps!

Dec. 13, Tuesday

Repaired split-out tongue on roller. Rolled runway using Lucy. Stacked firewood. Oiled work harness and collar. Snowy day, fairly warm.

Dec. 14, Wednesday

Spent morning trying to locate a temporary caretaker so we can go out for the holidays. Having to feed horses daily now as the snow depth has increased to 7 or 8". Had b. & M. up for dinner.

Dec. 15, Thursday

Went with Gary on his trapline to Cave Cr. Did big game survey on way up, saw 84 elk at Cabin Cr. Gary caught a bobcat in a leg-hold trap at Cave Cr., it was a ♀ male in excellent condition! Holly and Mona skied to Cabin Cr., trail really too rocky yet for skiing. Gary and I late getting in after "working" bobcat, easy going by full moon with fresh snow, beautiful!

Dec. 16, Friday

Still trying to find a temporary caretaker, Kim & Scott from Pullman will come part of time. Repaired little red chainsaw, had plugged exhaust and carb. out of adjustment - works great now! Also worked on big saw, seems to have clutch problems along with carb "out of wack." Cut firewood for cookhouse, cut red alder around the building mostly. Hauled clothes and camp gear to Taylor Cabin for storage.

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Dec. 17, Saturday

Stream really rising up now, breaking ice from around boxes twice a day. ~~Holly's~~ Holly's preparing sheep study proposal. Horses becoming more dependent on hay feed. Cut horns from deer & elk heads so Gary can use them for bait. Preparing what-to-do list for Kim and Scott in our absence. Canned 7 jars deer meat.

Dec. 18, Sunday

Broke ice and fed horses. Lady has cut on her rear leg, not major. Chopped wood and stacked on porch. Last several nights down to 4°F at day break. Holly researching sheep, deer, elk literature. Had pizza dinner with G. & M. and exchanged presents. EIR on first bench feeding/bedding all day.

Dec. 19, Monday

Cold snowy day, fed horses twice. Had a lot of ice to break from stream, several ice-jams needed to be broken. Chopped kindling, spent most of day indoors. Gary & Mona spending night at Doe Cr. They work the line to Cave Cr. every day now.

Dec. 20, Tuesday

Ted horses, broke ice to waterboxes and to horses watering spot. Rolled snow on runway with Lady, she was "less than perfect" but did the job. Took shoes off Miya and Feather. Heated buildings, down to 0°F last night, colder tonight!

Dec 21, Wednesday

Move one propane down to cookhouse lights/stoves. Noticed copper gas tube had a hole in it, brought piece up to fix or replace. Built fire in Taylor Cabin - roof leaking again along ^{stove} pipe. Fed horses & broke ice for watering. Jim & Gary ~~had~~ shut off water to duplex. Covered ice at inlet/outlet of water boxes, broke out outlet of Gary's. We are flying out on mail plane for Christmas vacation.

Dec 22 - Jan. 3, 1984

We are in Oregon on vacation. Gary and Mona watched the place until Dec. 27th when Scott and Kim flew in to substitute caretake. The period around Christmas was very cold, our water line froze up as it got down to 20 two nights in succession. Scott & Kim from Pullman Wa. stayed thru. Dec. 31st. Gary, Scott, and Kim rolled the snow on the runway, and it still is in excellent shape. The horses were fed and watered by Gary, Mona and Kim and Scott respectively. Tim Kochler flew in when Kim & Scott flew out. Tim will work for Gary the month of January. Between Gary, Mona and Kim and Scott the weather got taken and called in daily.

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This period was spent in Cascade waiting to be flown in. Dan K. will fly in with us and stay to work for Gary. We were able to purchase needed hardware at the hardware store during our wait. Holly decided to drive to Moscow for a few days to take care of school business.

Jan. 7, Saturday

Dan and I were flown to Taylor by Ray. The Cascade valley and Big Cr. were the only foggy spots, the rest was blue sky! Ray was unable to make it back to the airport and had to land in a field 7 mi. south of town. Rest of day spent putting gear away. Mona had Dan and I over for dinner.

Jan. 8, Sunday

Spent most of day putting gear away. Bought two saddles while out in La Grande, one for personal use and the other for the Univ. The universities cost \$550, ^{Ended up buying both for personal use} it is custom made in near new condition. Holly drove from Moscow to Cascade today, but not flyable weather. fed horses.

Jan. 9, Monday

Repaired broken propane line to cookhouse lights. Hauled 2 propanes to cookhouse. Holly flew in with Arnold's. Kenny Higgs & 3 hounds flew in with McCall. Kenny will work for Gary over the next month. Ray brought in 55 gal. of wh. gas

Jan. 10, Tuesday

Put gear away that Holly brought in. Helped Gary and Kenny recapture hounds after they'd chased a bobcat across the face of Horse Mtn into Cliff Cr. Holly put up curtains and curtain rods in our cabin.

Jan. 11, Wednesday

Assembled garden-way cart (large size). Holly put up curtain rods and curtains in cookhouse bedroom. Checked Gary's Rush Cr. traps, released a raccoon from a trap fed horses. Holly spent evening on sheep study proposal.

Jan. 12, Thursday

Cut up remainder of log across Big Cr. Packed wood to cookhouse with Queenie and Lady. Holly worked on sheep study. Had Tim and Mona up for cobbler dessert.

Jan. 13, Friday

Rode Troy and Feather to Cougar Cr., awfully cold for riding (15°)! Doctored Feather's face after Queenie kicked it over a feed squabble, Feather has large gash on side of nose, not too serious. Gary and Ken back from Doc Cr. with hounds, no luck. Fed horses morning and evening, graining them every evening.

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Jan 14, Saturday

Wrote business letters. Spent most of day indoors, very cold again. Gary and Ken went to Browns Basin and freed his collared cougar to reinstrument it, they returned p.m. Fed horses, and did basic chores.

Jan 15th - Jan 18th Wednesday

Very cold over this period, -11° last night daytime temps barely above 0°. Holly spent most of her time on the sheep study proposal. Cut firewood from below garden and hauled it to house using Lucy and stone-haul. Gary and crew on "the line" back and forth each day. Gary, Ken and hounds caught a new female cougar at Coxey Cr. Gary & Co. finding a lot of predation, mostly on deer. I checked Rush Cr. trapline a few times for Gary - no activity.

January 19, Thursday

Fed horses, daily chores. Holly work on masters proposal. Organize tackshed.

January 20, Friday

Mail plane came in. Jim did the radiotracking. Fed horses, chopped out ice for watering. Fed and watered Gary's hounds and bobcat. Bighorn Sheep using the lick and lower Cliff Cr. -37 animals. Temperatures still cold - high ~5°.

January 21 Saturday

Big excitement! - The ice went out today. Big Cr was almost as high as the bridge supports (1 ft below), icebergs, slush, and logs racing by. Jim was working Gary's trap line with Tim. They saw the wall of water coming downstream and ran to get out of the way. The upstream (W) end of the airstrip is buried ~~in~~ under 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet of ice chunks for 250 feet. The upper wood fence and the air sock were wiped out, maybe the barbwire fence too. Mid section of the strip is flooded, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet of water, slush, and ice chunks at the base of the hill. The slough is full too. The strip is unlandable - will be until it freezes over and we can chop up the "high spots". The 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ wall of ice will have to thaw this spring. Temperatures warming up to 17°. Fed horses.

January 22, Sunday

Feed & water horses. Warm 25° day. Horses pawing thru snow again - no grain today. Jim fixed oiler on small chainsaw and cut firewood for an hour.

Jan. 23, Monday

Holly and I spent day removing ice blocks from base of airstrip hill and resurfacing airstrip swath. Tim reported that they'd caught a ♀ bobcat at mouth of Cliff Cr., we released the cat p.m.

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Jan. 24, Tuesday

Holly and I also spent most of the day rehabilitating strip. We rolled strip using Lady. It snowed $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. of wet snow so the roller was really "bogged down," gave Lady quite a workout. Strip is in usable shape but ~~400~~ shorter from ice-block deposit on end of strip. Gary, Ken, & Dan returned, reporting that they'd captured 2 new cougars with the hounds and another new bobcat in a live trap. Holly worked Feather, Troy, and Miya after strip work, she worked on "riding behavior" in corral. Rained all afternoon, above 40° now!

January 25 Wednesday

A 40° day - we did laundry! Worked Tuby & Topper on halter - walking them ~~at~~ one at a time in the pasture. Check the strip - snow is getting soggy, water still under the ice. Feed horses.

January 26 Thursday

Rolled the strip again with Lady. Lady was wanting to runaway at first, but calmed down. The strip was in good condition - smooth after rolling, altho still some soft spots at the base of the hill. Marked the end of the usable runway with visqueen. Ray flew in and picked Jim up on a backhaul. Jim is going to Moscow to meet with Ed.

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Jan, 27, Friday

Rode Toby upstream in search of bighorn sheep. Tested out some of the observation techniques I plan to use from my master's ^{research} proposed "Behavior and Interspecific Interactions of Bighorn Sheep with Mule Deer and Elk on the Big Cr. Winter Range." Fed horses.

Jan 28, Saturday

Checked airstrip - moved Visqueen marker - there is now a 250' section of airstrip covered with 4' of river ice, and 50' of unsolid snowpack adjacent the ice which has been excluded from the usable airstrip. Ken Higgs, houndsman, flew out with Mike Doris after Gary radiotracked. I rode Toby and Topper in the corral, bareback, with bridles. They did fairly well, Topper even knows "back." Worked Feather. Brushed all horses. Mona cleaned the cookhouse after Ken left - it looks good. We had potluck dinner at the Taylor Cabin - fun!

Jan 29, Sunday

Work around the house, straighten up Taylor Cabin. Feed horses. Write letter to ~~Gen~~ Houghton - a visitor planning to participate in research this spring at Taylor. No big game animals observed on the benches today.

January 30, Monday

Work on a field form for sheep study, evaluate my proposed methods. Ride Feather in flat pasture. Gilda limping then sick (vomiting) all night! Feed horses.

Jan 31, Tuesday

Patch holes and ruts in airstrip, mark edge of river ice with fir boughs. Feed horses. Larvae in Pioneer Cr (and drinking water) - probably due to melting and warmup of stream. Mail plane - Jim flew ... along with 2 propane. Tim flew out. Tabulate & send in monthly mail records.

Feb. 1, Wednesday

W. Red on chainsaws today, sharpened chains etc. Still couldn't get big saw working - clutch seems to stick. Gary fell and broke his arm today, he slipped on ice at Rush Cr gate. Carl flew in late afternoon, Gary and Mona flew out. Carl brought in 3 propane tanks. Been talking to Greg and Pat Hayward on the B.C. radio. They are doing Boreal Owl study at Chamberlain. Release bobcat & bring backpacks back from Rush gate trap. Ride Lady. Feed horses. Send chainsaw cut

Feb 2, Thursday

Jim and Dan went to Doe Cr & back checking traps. I fed & worked the horses. Worked on our taxes. Put fir boughs down on edge of rolled part of strip so pilots could see the "berm."

February 3, Friday

Jim & Dan to Waterfall Cr & return checking traps. Feed horses, work on taxes, ride Myaz Feather.

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Jim & Dan to Doe Cr. I hung around radio & ranch waiting for Gary & Mona's return. Filled fuel bottles. Regular chores - feed horses, pack water, put wood on porch, cut hay. Gary & Mona flew in with Ray. Dinner at Koehlers. Light fire & fill Coleman lanterns for Koehlers.

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February 5, Sunday

Jim & Dan to Acorn Cr. camp checking bobcat traps. Gary & Mona to Waterfall Camp. Feed horses & bobcat. Weather & water. I went to Lebar and observed a herd of bighorn sheep, also saw a single III ram. - more changes and questions on my data collection methods!

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Feb. 6, Monday

Dan & I hiked down from Acorn Cr. Yesterday we caught a Red Fox in one of Gary's live traps, very beautiful animal! At dinner with G. & M., Mona made excellent Lasagna. Fed animals, did chores.

Feb. 7, Tuesday

Ray flew in late afternoon to radio-track. Gary & Holly tracked. Cut firewood along creek. Did chores. Seems to be gradually warming, daytime temps above freezing now. Ray reported strip in good shape

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Feb. 8, Wednesday

Made decision on weir site in Pioneer Cr. Treated
weir material with Linseed Oil. Cut and hauled firewood
from along Pioneer Cr.

Feb. 9, Thursday

Vini's birthday today. Hiked to Lobar with Holly, she
set some small mammal traps - collecting for Gary and
Lab collection. Had "the crew" up for pizza and b day
cake. Found out from Ed today that Michael Frame
will be in to visit the end of the month!

Feb. 10, Friday

Holly and I cut and hauled wood from fir blow
down on E. Pioneer Rd. - 300 yds from cabin. Holly
went and collected her traps this side of Lobar. I
chopped wood and did chores.

Feb. 11, Saturday

Holly and I went down to Gary's Waterfall camp,
checked traps along the way for him. Saw several
sheep (± 45) between Gorge and Deuce Cr. Holly caught
one whitefish in Mid. Fk., getting warmer - soons
soft and wet.

Feb. 12, Sunday

Saw three large bulls up Waterfall Cr. and found
an eagle nest in bluffs N. of camp. Hiked "line" back
to Taylor. Kamir caught a woodrat under the duplex -
quite a display of "boheat-power!" Threatening to rain.

Feb. 13, Monday

Rained most of day; stayed indoors writing letters and reading. Fed horses, did chores.

Feb. 14, Tuesday

Cut and hauled some firewood. Built a stream flow measuring device on Pioneer Cr., got 1421 gal. per minute for our first reading. Cut dead cherry tree from orchard will use as firewood.

Feb. 15, Wednesday

Holly discovered this morning that Miya has a major cut on her upper lip. Called vet (Bob Stoll) who suggested we clean it up and give her doses of antibiotic. She has a large flap of lip hanging loose! Dan and I pried trap door to Taylor Basement open, has been frozen shut most of the winter. Had to partially dismantle it to get it open. Started fire to dry boards out over there.

Feb. 16, Thursday - Feb. 17, Friday

Continued doctoring Miya's mouth. She still bleeds on occasion but is showing no sign of infection. Split and stacked wood at cookhouse, replaced fuel tank for fridge and freezer. Spent most of Friday writing business and personal letters. Sawed up a mahogany and cherry tree (dead) for Dan.

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Feb 18, Saturday

Spent morning writing last minute letters and waiting for Ray to come in. Ray made it in around noon. He needed to shuttle Greg and Pat Hayward from Chamberlain to Cold Mtns. so he left the mail and headed to Chamberlain. He borrowed Gary's radio-tracking gear so had to come back, he finally made it around twilight, they had to pack snow with snow-shoes at Cold Mtns in order for plane to stay on top snow. Ray forgot to take mail from us to Greg and Pat - darn! Greg and Pat are having good success on their Boreal Owl study, they have radio-collared 5 adults to date. Continued doctoring Miyas mouth.

Feb. 19, Sunday

Repaired cellar door in Taylor Cabin so it closes properly. Sanded on water stains in living room floor. Doctored Miy... gave her the last penicillin shot. Had Dan and Gary up for dinner, Mona has a bad headache and stayed home. Numerous deer, elk, sheep visible on benches.

Feb. 20, Monday

Moved heating stove at Taylor Cabin, with Dan's help. Holly and I sanded vigorously on water stains where stove was sitting. Applied two coats of linseed oil to sanded area, rubbed oil in with a rag. Dan & I hauled dirt and gravel to icy walkways. Ate dinner at G. & M.'s

Feb. 21, Tuesday

Rubbed another coat of oil into Taylor floor.
Sanded and painted floor protector (for stove). Mona,
Holly, and I moved stove back into place and reconnected
it. Made chimney caps for both stove pipes at
Taylor cabin. Holly spent afternoon mopping and cleaning
in T. cabin. Heavy snow storm this afternoon.

Feb. 22, Wednesday

Worked on little chainsaw, cut and hauled a couple
sled loads of wood. Photographed a herd of cow elk
alongside 2nd bench. Did chores etc.

Feb. 23, Thursday

Did laundry today, cold squally day - typical of
a winter laundry day! Did basic chores. Talked to
Ed Kounipe, he and Michael Frame are scheduled
to come in Saturday.

Feb. 24, Friday

Sharpened chainsaw chain to even-up blades.
Cut firewood on ^(to duplex) Rio Cliff Cr., piled most of it
and hauled some on sled. Trimmed Toby's main,
did chores. Talked to Greg H. at Cold Mtns.

Feb. 25, Sat.

Rolled runway in hopes of plane coming in,
pretty squally weather. Found out late afternoon
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Feb. 26, Sunday

Carl flew in mid-morning with Ed, Mike Frame, and Charlene. Ed brought in repaired decker and new bar and chain for chainsaw. Carl felt strip was too soft so we had to roll it while Gary and Carl were tracking. Visited with Ed on business matters very briefly. Ed, Char., and Mona flew out. Mike didn't feel well so rested up. I assembled new chainsaw parts.

Feb. 27, Monday

Holly and I sawed up a couple fir snags up Pioneer Cr., saw cuts great now! Hiked up Big Cr. a mile with Mike. Did basic chores

Feb. 28, Tuesday

Holly and I spent most of the day packing firewood to our cabin and the duplex with L.Q., and Troy. Mike continued working on his writing at the duplex. We set up a typing table for him - brought from the T. Cabin. Hiked to top of nob east of ranch, saw several sheep, deer, and elk. Mike seemed impressed with view. Talked with Greg H., yesterday they heard a Great Gray Owl and had a lynx visit their outside refrigerator!

Feb 29, 1984 Wednesday

We hiked to Cabin Cr. with Michael Frame,
ate lunch with Gary & Dan & returned. Fed horses.
18 deer, 17 sheep, 16 elk Bobcat at Rushtrap - recapture

February March 1, 1984 Thursday

Holly worked on Sheep project. Jim split and
stacked wood. Jim and Michael hiked up Cliff Cr.
Feed horses, get water.

March 2 Friday

Water turned on at Duplex. Holly & Jim hiked
to upper Lobar - tried to continue W to Brown's
Basin but snow too deep, cliffs & snowstorm;
saw: 10 deer, 12 deer, 6 deer 2 cow elk, bobcat
hair, 3 ewes, 5 bulls (2 1pt, 1 2pt, 2 5pt), 1 elk, 1 ram,
3 rams (2 II, 1 III), 7 deer, 16 deer from Lobar Basin,
most grazing some browse mountain mahogany.
Feed horses, Dead 2pt buck in Big Cr.

March 3 Saturday

Ernie Ables flew in to discuss sheep
study. J & H & Ernie hiked to Knob E of cabins
to observe Sheep, only 2^{were} seen, deer and elk were
seen also. H & J casegoods in on plane

March 4 Sunday

Holly & Ernie to Cabin Cr. with Dan & Gary.
Bobcats in 2 traps (Cliff Lobar) - recaptures, 2 fresh deer
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March 5, Monday

Holly & Ernie to Dunce Cr., met Jim & Michael and returned. 49 sheep in Cliff Cr basin (E side), 3 deer, other deer not counted in Cliff Cr., 2 ewes - gorge.

March 6, Tuesday

Ernie & Michael flew out with Ray ~noon. Worked on odd jobs in afternoon and cleaned our cabin. Feed horses. Corral area melting, new grass & runoff near tack shed. Still no running water in our line. Two other broken pipes discovered in our cabin (from freezeup in December when we were out).

March 7, Wednesday

Jim, Gary, and Dan went to Waterfall Cr, Jim for bull pictures, G & D to look for dead bobcat - found. I cut the remaining meat off 3 elk quarters which had hung (and molded) since hunting season; was 30-40#. Made jerky and froze stew/roast meat. Feed horses & bobcat.

March 8, Thursday

Trim Queenie's and Feather's hooves. Brush horses - shedding winter coats, tick picking. Most of the horses have low level fungus "infection" that Mya had last fall (Nov 1), ^{we} pick off scabs, but haven't used bleach treatment. Canned elk stew meat, made jerky from elk. Feed horses & bobcat.

March 9, Friday

J, G, & D return from Waterfall. Helicopter flew over - looked like Fish & Game making game counts - sheep running whenever it flew over. Feed horses. Worked on taxes & gardening! Eat dinner together.

March 10, Saturday

Jim went on trapline with Gary for 3 days, as Dan had a bad cold. I pruned 9 fruit trees (1 to 8g) before it started raining. Checked broken waterpipes in our cabin - at least 6 sections broken, can't figure out how to get to pipes along shower and under kitchen sink. We may go a long time before running water! Feed horses, cut hay.

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March 11, Sunday

Trim Mya's and Lady's hooves. Lady's frogs
small. Painted pruned tree wounds with Tree-Kote.
Cleaned up pruning twigs. Checked airstrip
- is not landable ~~this~~ afternoon: 3" slush at
the base of the hill, and 3" deep puddles on
the flat part, snow is soft. Airstrip is eroding
(from when ice scours out the channel) at
the W edge - the old irrigation ditch fell into
Big Cr. Erosion on the edge of the NW
pasture too. Lots of fresh beaver activity on
the W end of the strip. Found 4 trees that fell
down this winter on the other side of Rush Cr.
- could be good firewood next year; white snowshoe
hare nearby, mergansers. Feed & groom horses.
Dan feeling better today, came up for dinner.

March 12, Monday

Trim Troy's hooves and Tupper's front feet.
Groom & feed horses - still finding ticks - mainly
on belly/grain, not engorged yet. Horses shedding
winter coats. Jim & Gary return from Doe Cr. Camp.
Check airstrip 2x/day in anticipation of Mona's
flight in. Strip still marginal. Feed horses, cut
hay.

March 13, Tuesday

Today we hauled firewood from Cliff Cr. using Lady, Queenie, and Feather Chopped and stacked wood at our place and Arlow's (Dan's) Airstrip looks very soft with several puddles.

March 14, Wednesday

Dug ditches at various low spots on airstrip to help it drain. Holly did income tax. Ray flew Frank Leonhardy and Mona in late afternoon. The plane broke through in several places but had no major difficulties. Received my decker saddle (new) in the mail. Whole crew up for dinner and celebration.

March 15, Thursday

Frank and I hiked down to Dunee Cr., Frank photographed the various Indian house pits along the way. Holly completed income tax, for second time. Gary and Dan up to Acorn Cr., Mona & Frank up for dinner.

March 16, Friday

Frank headed upstream to Doe Cr. camp for an overnight. I put new axe handles in one of the decker saddles. Holly cleaned up trimmings in orchard. Fed horses, did other daily chores. Photographed "Kamir" the bobcat stalking deer above orchard, very squally afternoon. Made drain ditches deeper on airstrip - strip has drained a lot.

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March 17, Saturday

Dan, Frank, Gary back from upstream. Mene had us down for breakfast. Dan and I repaired generator - built a bracket to hold fly-wheel housing sturdy. Holly cleaned shelves and cabinets in Taylor Cabin, and planed down some doors. Entire crew up to Taylor Cabin for dinner. Squally day.

March 18, Sunday

Holly, Frank, and I rode the mules and Troy to Cougar Cr., the mules were stubborn about leaving the ranch. Ray flew in early afternoon to pick up Frank. Strip still sloppy but not too bad. Ray brought us in 8 sacks of grain and three full propanes. He flew out a 55 gal drum (empty). Holly took flew information on Pioneer Cr.

March 19, Monday

Got message this morning that Frank L. got a National Geographic grant!, so he's financially set for the summer's anthropological research. We spent the day repairing broken waterlines in our kitchen and bathroom, virtually all lines burst in the kitchen this winter.

March 20 Tuesday

Jim flew out on mail plane - off to school at Oregon State University. Groomed horses - Queenie had 5 engorged ticks - 1st of the season and over 30 winter & wood ticks located primarily along mane, chest, and in grain area, Mya has outbreak of fungus on lower legs - picked the scabs off (picked ticks from Queenie but gave up on the task of killing each one). Horses feeding more on airstrip - most of the snow is gone, but standing water. Ray brought in 2 drums of AW fuel for Fish & Game helicopter census of big game (elk only?). Sent out junk/garbage from Taylor Cabins. Jim to call Ed. Feed horses, cut 16 deer at corral salt block in evening.

March 21 Wednesday

Turned on water at Taylor Cabin - replaced 2 "broken" T's and added a ground union in hot water line - wasn't completely drained last fall. Checked our water system, turned on in water box, but ground & valve still frozen in yard. Put lye in Taylor bathroom sink - dead mouse down hole. Get Duplex ready for Gen - lantern, matches, flashlight, sheets, toilet paper. Feed horses. Clean kitchen cupboards and dishes at Taylor Cabin. Ate at Gary's.

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March 22 Thursday

Snow again! - 2". Gen didn't fly in. Fixed black plastic ^{on} strip. Cleaned flue of kerosene refrigerator, sanded asbestos seal, so it dropped onto kerosene burner properly, replaced wick - I think the refrigerator should work now. Measured for curtains, shower, and stove at Taylor Cabin. Planed back screen door. Feed horses. Gary up for dinner.

March 23 Friday.

Wrote 6 page letter to Ed - needs & expenses. Worked Toby on driving reins in corral. He did better than I expected - didn't stop ~~much~~, but turned in small circles only. Worked Feather on lunge line - her first time. Cut hay feed horses, groom.

March 24 Saturday

Snowy, stormy day. Plant seeds indoors for garden - tomato, green pepper, broccoli, cauliflower, onions, petunias, eggplant. I have hung around the radio ~~all~~ day for 3 days now. Haven't heard from Gen yet. Ray got 2 of 6 plane loads from Nampa High School int to Cabin Cr between storms. Ray stopped to take Gary out to the doctor for an X-ray of his broken arm, but Gary had gone downstream as the weather had not been flyable all day. Neither of us thought Ray would be able to fly.

Sunday, March 25

Got the cookhouse & bunkhouse ready for the Nampa High School Science Club. This school group of 29 people is backpacking from Cabin Cr. to Flying B (27 miles) during Spring break. We have offered the use of cookhouse & bunkhouse for cooking & sleeping & warming in case of bad weather. Still no running water at the cookhouse but woodstoves, lighting, and gas stoves are available. Ray flew in to take Gary to doctor - on a backhaul from Cabin Cr. Then Gen Houghten flew in with pilot Dave Rosenkrantz owner of Hamilton Air Taxi - his first trip in. Gen in a junior in high school at a private girls school in New Jersey. She will spend ~ 10 days here learning about research and a field station as part of her school experience. Ray flew Gen and me to Cabin Cr to talk to the Nampa group and hike to Taylor with them. Gary discussed his project with the group, I discussed my upcoming sheep project and status of Cabin Cr. Mona & Dan met the group on the trail and demonstrated the use of radio antenna and receiver. The group ate lunch at Brown's basin then I talked about vegetation types of the canyon, big game, demonstrated how the live traps work and how used. We saw deer, elk and close views of bighorn sheep.

(Broken Arm)

There was a recaptured bobcat in the Rush Cr trap. After many rest stops, photographs, moleskin applications, and snow squalls the group got to Taylor Ranch. They cooked outside on their camp stoves, played with the Koehler bobcat then went to bed early in tents and the cabins. Gary, Mona, Dan, Gen, and I ate dinner at Koehler's. Gary radiotracked with Ray; Ray took 2 empty propane's out. Fed horses. → change propane on cookhouse fitting

Monday, March 26

Nampa group up early - some went "tracking" for radio collars hidden by Gary. New bobcat in Broken Arm trap - Gen and Nampa group watched G & D work the cat. Sheep ^{were} in the lower pasture/on trail - for pictures. I talked about college preparation and my college background at the request of Randy Taylor, Nampa group leader. The Science Club swept and mopped cabins and left things in good condition - they were a good group to have at Taylor Ranch. Gen & Mona went to Cougar Cr. tracking. Ate dinner at our place. Fed horses.

March 27, Tuesday

Fill kerosene & white gas containers, fill kerosene refraig 3 gallons. Gen & Holly worked Toby & Topper individually with driving reins and bridles. Both mules did well - ready to drive together. Had end of the season Barbeque - Gary bought some fancy beef steaks.

March 28, Wednesday

Worked around the house - odd jobs and read most of the morning. Brushed horses to get rid of winter coats which are really shedding. Queenie still had over 20 ticks on her; I've picked well over 100 off her this spring!, other horses didn't don't have many. Cut hay & feed horses. Feed bobcat. Bobcat stalked sheep along cutbank - got w/in 15', then stalked deer behind our cabin.

March 29, Thursday

Glen Oakley, a free lance writer flew in with Ray to spend a week with Gary and write a story on ^{the} bobcat ~~st~~ project. Put him in the bunkhouse and showed him around the ranch. Measured waterflow of Pioneer Cr. Put clean sheet in Taylor Cabin - from laundry day. Feed horses.

March 30, Friday

Gen & Holly to timbered bench. Observed sheep & deer on 1st bench w/ spotting scope. Observed sheep & deer on W side of Cliff Cr. and 15m. away at Big Cr. bridge near cutbank lick. Gary, Mona, & Glenn to Acorn; Dan horn hunting to Doe Camp. Feed horses & cat.

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March 31, Saturday

Gen & Holly rode Mya and Troy to the Gorge and also observed sheep. Fed horses.

April 1, Sunday April Fools Day

Short sheeting and other pranks occurred at Taylor Ranch. Dan & Holly played cribbage most of the day. Feed horses.

April 2, Monday

Checked hillside where a sheep was observed digging and eating roots. I determined it was Lomatium sp. Dan and Holly tighten and repair fence in N pasture and put up fence posts. Wire was left down on N side where animals cross. Feed horses, cut hay.

April 3, Tuesday

Fix cold frame & put broccoli & cauliflower starts in. Gen & Holly worked Toby & Topper in harnesses with driving reins, then hooked them together with neck ~~yoke~~ yoke and reined/halter led them in corral and pasture.

April 4, Wednesday

Gen flew out with Hamilton Air Taxi. Taylor Ranch get together - Dan provided the pork chops!

April 5, Thursday

No mail plane today due to bad weather in Cascade. Dan Koehler and Glen Oakley waiting to fly out. I spent the day waiting by the radio giving weather reports. Fed the horses - no more grain feeding, but hay 2 times a day.

April 6, Friday

No flying again today. Dan & I packed 2 loads of wood with Q, L, and Troy. We cut up the rest of the tree that fell in Cliff Cr. and split and stacked it for packing. Wait by the radio. Feed horses.

April 7, Saturday

Mail plane in. Dan & Glen out. Dan took out ~120 pounds of elk horns found this spring. Groomed & fed horses.

April 8 Sunday

Jim wrote up a description of ^{used} work horse harnesses we want to purchase and sent it to UofI. I worked around the ranch and worked on personal matters. Fed horses

April 9, Monday

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April 10, Tuesday

Clean Taylor Cabin, move dishes to cookhouse, pack kitchen utensils & food & move to Taylor Cabin. Feed horses.

April 11, Wednesday

Move dressers in and out of Taylor cabin, old cabin, and cookhouse. Sort Taylor Cabin belongings, clean. Feed horses.

April 12, Thursday

Took Lady and Troy to Coxey Cr. for an overnight. Used Troy's new decker & packbags. Snowy, stormy day. Saw 23 elk in upper drainages.

April 13, Friday

Return from Coxey. Lady in a hurry to get home - switched saddles - pack Lady, ride Troy. Elk down low at Cabin Cr and upstream, many deer ⁽¹⁰⁾ at Cabin Cr. Gary & Mona saw ^{the} albino deer at Cabin Cr and 20 rams near Rush Lick. Feed horses. Brush horses to remove winter coats which are shedding.

April 14, 1984 Saturday → took bathroom sink pipes apart -
severe corrosion.
More packing, cleaning and moving at both
cabins. 80° day! Feed horses. Turn on cookhouse water.
Put plugs in pipe and turned on water at Arlow's - no flow yet.

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April 15, Sunday

Fish and Game fixed wing elk count? A ^{iso} plane
landed on the airstrip then left before I saw it.
Linseed oiled bedroom at Taylor Cabin. Checked
horses hooves - frogs look ragged and smaller on
front hooves. Trimmed heels on all horses, still
waiting for shoer to trim mules, due to crooked feet.
Feather has cut/rope burn on right rear pastern - not
fresh, but pusy. Moved bed and sewing machine to
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April 16, Monday

Fix hole in coldframe plastic. Put hay tarp away -
is dry and clean, but still needs holes patched. Measured
Taylor Cabin for radio antenna - will have to exchange
25' coax cable antenna for ~45' one - Ray can
make one for us. There is an antenna that will
remain at old cabin and another old antenna
at the cookhouse. More moving and cleaning today.
Feed horses, call in daily weather report.

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April 17, Tuesday

Gary & Mona took Lady to Cabin Cr to pick up
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in Arlow's Cabin. Move tools from Taylor Cabin to shop.

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April 18, Wednesday

Possible mail day, but bad flying weather. Cleaned shelves in old cabin, moved double bed from cookhouse to old cabin and twin bed from duplex to cookhouse (G&M had moved double bed from Taylor C to their cabin earlier). Measured stream flow on Pioneer Cr.; water has been rising since warm weather started (on Big Cr too.). Cleaned back porch at Taylor Cabin and moved almost everything by today to the Taylor Cabin. Still no water at Old Cabin or Arlow's. Feed horses, check Feathers wound - improving.

April 19 Thursday

More moving. Rototill new garden below Taylor Cabin. Haul manure to one garden. Cold, rainy day. Feed horses. No mail plane.

April 20 Friday

Trim shrubs around Taylor Cabin. Read horse-shoeing book. Plant raspberry bushes sent by Francis of Campbell's Ferry. Mail plane in - Mona's parents flew in to Taylor, I flew out. Plant peas in cold frame.

April 21, Saturday to April 27, Friday

Gary and Mona caretaking the ranch. Fed horses, watched Golda. Patched a rut in the airstrip. Rototilled lower garden and one upper garden. Temperatures dropped - highs were 30's - 40's. Jim & Holly talked to Ed for an hour about plans and purchases. Mona's parents out, H. delayed a day due to change in flying schedule.

April 28, Saturday

H. fly in - combined flight with Yellowpine freight. Water plants in coldframe. Gary tracking. Repair old coleman lantern from Taylor Cabin. Feed horses.

April 29, Sunday

Clear logs and debris from ice flow off of airstrip. Ice has melted. Repair rotten log fence along orchard and reinforce. Brush horses ~~& check~~ to get rid of winter coats. Mya & Queenie have almost completed shedding. A few ticks on horses, but not a major problem anymore. Biting gnats have not been out due to cold temperatures. Horses nutritionally in good shape. Queenie is developing a fat neck again. Feed horses half ration of hay.

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waiting to fly in with McCall Air Taxi.
Feed horses.

May 1 Tuesday

- Turned water on at old cabin and Arlows. Water
at Arlows running, but 3 more broken pipe segments
at old cabin. One segment repaired after removing
a section of shelves in kitchen. Other segments will
require major structural changes — water turned off
until other sections repaired. Organized bookshelves
at old cabin. Took streamflow measurements and
calculated discharge. Checked generator housing —
cracked again — will send generator out or get
parts. No more feeding of horses.
Radio hours 8AM to 5PM instead of 9-10 and 4-5,
will call in weather at 8AM.

May 2 Wednesday

- Worked on old cabin water system for a few
hours, but didn't fix broken pipes. Mopped and
waxed floor at old cabin, cleaned oven and
counters. Cleaned out and weeded strawberry and
asparagus patches and transplanted strawberries
and rhubarb. Scott Farr, outfitter's horse team
and another horse came down from Cabin Cr.

May 3 Thursday

Check generator, send out information for repair part. Mail day. Jeff Peterson ^{-guide} rode down from Cabin Cr to get horses, ate lunch here.

May 4, Friday

Gary & I shoed Lady & Queenie for packing in camps. Frogs look healthy in hooves. Applied "Aqua Hoof" to Q & L hooves to retain moisture.

May 5, Saturday

Plant lettuce, greens, and radishes. Weather has been rainy for a few days. Gary & Mona came up for chicken dinner. Mousetrapping in Taylor cabin has been successful, ~9 adult and juvenile peromyscus. Plant begonias on E side^{of} house.

May 6, Sunday

One inch of new snow around cabins! Washed windows in old cabin. Gary, Mona, and I put a backcountry radio ^{antenna} up and moved the AM radio antenna at the Taylor Cabin. This process took over 4 hours, involving climbing trees, repairing wires, pulling down old antennas, cutting down birch trees interfering with radio wires, and feeding coax cable thru the roof and ceiling to radio. Both backcountry and AM radio work well. I cut trees into firewood, reorganized wood shed,

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stacked new firewood and piled slash. Filled
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May 7 Monday

Gary & I shoed Troy with old horseshoes. Ed
called to say Sara Metcalf would fly into Taylor
May 14 to shoe the mules and any horses.
Started irrigation at upper end of airstrip; cleared
ditches and dug ditches. Trimmed shrubbery in
Taylor Cabin yard. Apply fly whip to horses.

May 8 Tuesday

Gary & Mona & I took Queenie, Lady, & Troy
to Waterfall Camp and packed it back to Taylor.
Cleaned up camp site. Two of Scott Farr's
horses at Taylor again. Ate at G&M's.

May 9 Wednesday

Kamir (bobcat)'s birthday - we had a
barbeque in his honor! Changed airstrip
irrigation and dug a new ditch across airstrip.
Two gallons of kerosene into refrigerator.

May 10 Thursday

Mona & Holly packed out half of Doe Cr. Camp
on Troy and Queenie, rode Lady. Bear hunters at
Cabin Cr., Farr's guides cutting (crosscut) drift
wood along Big Cr. Changed irrigation on airstrip.

May 11, 1984 Friday

Ed called - Sara Metcalf, horseshoer will be coming in next Thursday. I will fly out Monday on a backhaul from Greg & Pat Hayward flying into Chamberlain. Checked irrigation ditches on airstrip. Organized Jess' tools on back porch.

May 12, Saturday

Check and change airstrip irrigation. Cut out dead shrubbery at Taylor Cabin and make a rose garden in front yard. Hook up hose to corral watering trough. Fix outside faucet at Taylor Cabin. Reinforce cellar door. Work on terracing garden.

May 13, Sunday

Warm weather arrived yesterday - today was in the 80's. Manure to daily garden. Plant peas, beans, onion sets, zucchini, cauliflower, broccoli, carrots, green onions, and beets in daily garden. Plant sunflowers, peppers, cucumbers, pumpkins, cantalope, watermelon, gourds, corn, anise and basil in cold frame. Moved some of Jess' tools from Taylor Cabin to the shop. Big Cr. rising; Pioneer Cr. silty and flowing high. Cherry trees in orchard are blooming. First thunderstorm of the year. 16 sheep on 1st bench, elk on 3rd bench, deer in pasture. Water asparagus and strawberry/herb garden. Shut off irrigation to airstrip; change irrigation in pasture, apply WIPE on horses.

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May 14, Monday

WIPED horses. Get packed to leave. Clean up house and yard. Mice dug up seeds in cold frame. Big Cr rising - has covered gravel bar. Holly flew out w/ Arnolds on a backhaul.

May 15, Tuesday

Rained 0.75" today. Pioneer Cr. flooded the lower bridge and sweatlodge. Gary and Mona dug trenches to drain flooded areas. Pioneer Cr. altered its streambed behind Arlow's which caused the irrigation ditch to be inoperable. G & M dug out upper water box.

May 17 Thursday

Sarah Metcalf and Sara Baldwin flew in from Pullman with Jack Magee. Holly flew in with Arnolds. Sarah shoed Mya, Feather and mules and advised us on shoeing problems. Horses hooves & frogs in good shape. Topper favoring L front leg before & after shoeing. All stock given worm shots. Golda got rabies shot. Kamir got distemper shot. Sara B. hiked up Pioneer, and got pictures of bighorns on 1st bench. Big Cr lower. Pioneer clear & high.

May 18, Friday

Ray flew in to radiotrack, as plane had a vibration yesterday. Brought 1 propane.

Planted pansy's and w/w sweet onion plants.
Replanted some of seeds from coldframe.
Adjust angle of waterflow of Pioneer Cr at upper
water box. Waterflow into box inadequate due
to scouring/deepening of streambed on Tuesday
from flooding. G, M & H moved rocks to increase
flow. We also dug out the chute into the water
box. The irrigation ditch to the orchard
was opened, cleaned out, and dug out for
a good flow. ^{by H & M.} Gary found Morel mushrooms
along the trail. We investigated a dead deer
on the hillside above the ditch. Apples and
pears will be blooming soon.

May 19, Saturday

Mona Gary and Holly dammed and diverted
Pioneer Cr. (behind Arlow's) back into its original
channel so garden and pasture can be irrigated.
Gary cut some deciduous trees out which had
fallen over Pioneer Cr. We removed the barbwire
along the stream. I dug new channels for
heavy flow of water in pasture irrigation
ditches. Rototilled "sunny garden" at Taylor Cabin.
Checked sheep lick on Rush Cr.

May 20, Sunday

Maurice Hornocker flew in with Mike - McCall Air Taxi.
Michele, Holly's sister flew in with Ray. Rototilled potato
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May 21 Monday

Looked for sheep on Cliff Cr. lambing cliffs - no sheep observed from 3rd bench with spotting scope. 16 Sheep, 8 elk, and 23 deer observed on benches.

May 22, Tuesday

Rototill corn garden and plant potatoes. Clean out debris in Cliff Cr. irrigation ditch. Clean out lower Pioneer Cr. - remove debris damming stream above narrow bridge.

May 23, Wednesday

Rainy day, stay inside. Repot vegetable seedlings.

May 24, Thursday

Michele & Holly hike down to Waterfall Cr waterfall, check stages of plant development. Ride horses - Troy and Lady 2 miles upstream.

June 1, Friday

Holly and I returned. Holly took a week vacation and I returned from 2½ months at grad. school. We had to fly into Cabin Cr. as the Taylor strip is flooded from spring runoff. Gary and Mona "held down the fort" for the last week. They reported that high water took out the water boxes on Pioneer Creek. They put up a new wind suck at the far end of the airstrip.

June 2, Saturday

Put horses in cougar pen pasture, need to keep them off main pasture so it can grow. Pulled logs and debris off far end of airstrip. Airstrip has dried out considerably since yesterday, tomorrow it should be landable. Mowed our yard and cut tall grass around shop and lab. Holly worked in garden.

June 3, Sunday

Ray flew in mid-morning to get G & M. Ray and Gary radio tracked. Holly hiked up Cliff Cr. and observed a bachelor herd of sheep. Spent afternoon working on irrigation ditches, which have been filled with sediment from recent flooding. Cleared debris from ditches to lower pasture.

June 4, Monday

Repaired fencing around lower pasture. Emptied boxes from move to Taylor Cabin. Big Cr. going down rapidly with current cool weather. Pioneer Cr. still flowing high but less turbid. 2 gal. kerosene to refrigerator.

June 5, Tuesday

No water flowing this morning so we investigated water box - which was dry and full of debris & sediment. Cleared box, replaced filter screen, and put on intake extender... still no water! Cleaned other water box and intake trough, also made new intake filter screen. Very frustrating day working on water line. Ray flew in weather service people to check out our station, he also made it our mail day.

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June 6 Wednesday

Work on water system again: ran wire through pipe from upper and lower box - there was a low pressure flow of water, then pressure returned and water came on at Duplex & Taylor cabin.

Increased flow to upper irrigation ditch and dug out airstrip irrigation. Planted corn. Moved horses from Cougar pen to old cabin yard to eat down the grass. Rode Troy & Feather to Cougar Cr.

June 7, Thursday

Miserable rainy day, stayed indoors for the most part. I overhauled my drafting pens and began the base map for Gary's bobcat study. Holly cleaned the cabin. Adjusted irrigation

June 8, Friday

Cleaned the lab (old cabin) and Arlow's. Moved the horses to the lower pasture north of Big Creek. Ed called to say he and a few others were flying in Monday, he also said arrangements were being made for a mule trainer (Smoke Eler) to come in next week. This evening Ray flew in with a ZO6 load of Frank's supplies, put his stuff in the cookhouse. Ray took out one empty propane. Very marginal flying weather most of day. Four elk and 7 sheep (lambs) visible up cliff.

June 9, Saturday

Changed irrigation on main and lower pasture. Worked on shower stall for this cabin. Worked on map. Smoke E. called

to say one of his assistants would be in to help ^(train mules) mule-train next week. Used weedeater to cut grass along trails and around yards. Holly cleaned cookhouse. Fished for 1 hour and caught 2 - 10" cutthroats, water still a bit high and swift although less silty.

June 10 Sunday

Cleared 2 new sets of harness and 3 headstalls. Rode Troy & Mya to Gorge and up 1-mile W of Taylor, to check trail for Marty at Monumental. ~~St~~ Rock slides are still loose, but passable; one spot in the Gorge is washed out and not very safe for packstock. Clean watersystem screens

June 11 Monday

Clean counters, sink, stove, freezer, and floor in cookhouse. Sweep out bunkhouse. Clear silt from waterline in duplex. Build barbecue fire pit at cookhouse. Wait all day by radio waiting for Ed to fly in - fog, rain, and solid overcast - not flyable. Call Sears to exchange shower riser pipe. Clean watersystem screens. It has been raining all day for almost a week! Went fishing - landed 1 cut., 1 whitefish, had on 3 others. Clean livingroom windows, adjust wooden valence and hang curtains to check for length; remove curtains and order new drapery hooks. Make beds at old cabin, duplex, and Arlows.

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June 12 Tuesday

Ed & Charlene Krumpe; Tom Sawyer, physical plant
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assistant; and Jack McGee pilot at Interstate Palouse
flew in for overnight work session. Measured &
mapped buildings; looked at plumbing problems,
septic tank cave in, washed out water box, irrigation;
airstrip drainage and erosion problems; insulation
of floor & ceiling of Taylor cabin and installation
of propane lighting in 2 cabins. Discussed
haying, mule team, field lab, low head hydro, new
work harness, fixing generator, scenic easement,
personal computer, research projects, and equipment
needs. First sunny day for a week!

June 13 Wednesday

More ~~information~~ looking over facilities and
check airstrip. Discuss toxic materials - dynamite
(nitroglycerine), blasting caps, coyote getters (strichnine)
and their disposal. Discuss computer applications
of my bighorn project. Ed, Charlene, Tom, and
Jack flew back to Moscow early afternoon.
Carl flew in with mail and gear for Archaeologists.
Finally planted my tomatoes!

June 14, Thursday

Cleaned after group. Holly, Alec, and I rode Feather,
Miya, and Troy to 3rd bench. All horses are fat and out
of shape. Miya rather unruly, Alec fell off her once when
she spooked. Repaired saddle belly strap and broken bridle.

June 15, Friday

Worked on Gary's map. Brought mules over from lower pasture and fit the new (newly acquired) harness to them. We drove them individually in the corral and then hooked them together and drove them on the airstrip and main pasture. They responded to reining moderately well. Cleaned back porch of Taylor gear & tools.

June 16, Saturday

Spent morning doing laundry. Ray flew in early afternoon with more of Frank's gear. Frank, Robin, Mary, and Fred were flown in to Big Cr. to hike down here. Repaired (enlarged) bridges to accommodate large cart. All streams rising again with current warm weather. Also, H. & I rode Feather, Troy, Lady and Queenie downstream. Cougar Cr. treacherous - highest we've seen it yet! Water boxes need being cleaned twice daily as screens are plugging from sediment.

June 17 Sunday

Cut back shrubs and cut out trees below Taylor Cabin. Washed windows at cookhouse & bunkhouse. Weedeater Taylor yard and around shop. Change irrigation in lower^(N) pasture and main pasture. Clean screens. Drove mules around pasture. Frank Leonhardy and crew Robin, Mary, and Fred arrived from 2 day hike from Big Cr.

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June 18, Monday

Drove mules around pasture. Rechanneled pasture irrigation. Jim worked on map for Gary most of day. Clean screens at 2 waterboxes. Take daily weather. Made arrangements for Ed to contact Smoke Elser about ~~get~~ a teamster. Packed one muleload of gear to Archaeology site. Fred and Robin rode the mules back - halter led.

June 19, Tuesday

Clean screens. Howard Hash flew Carl Schauss, the mule teamster from Polson, MT. We checked the harness collars, and bridles and made a running W. Carl drove the mules with running W's on then hitched to stoneboat and wagon. With some rough treatment and frequent dumping by the running W the mules began working well. Jim & Holly drove the mules on the wagon. Housed Carl at duplex, fed him at our house. Archaeologist started digging 2 housepits.

June 20, Wednesday

Checked screens, water is up, white pipe disconnected. Remove wagon wheels and grease. Grease & oil mowing machine. Hitched mules to mowing machine. Mules were spooky when cutting bar was engaged, but calmed down to a fast walk. Carl flew in with the mail. Drove mules on wagon ^{most of} day Mike Scott and Jeff Peterson, Scott Farris guides stopped by to use radio & eat lunch. They were bringing horses & mules from Challis to Cabin Cr. They lost Mike's saddle horse in the Middle Fork - trail was 3' underwater and horse stepped off edge into rapids ^{near water}.

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June 21, 1984 Thursday

Jim and Holly worked mules ^{all day} on wagon. Carl mowed swath on runway. Mules have sore pasterns from running W's and are starting to get sores on their shoulders from mowing with ill fitting collars. Mouths are also sore from bits. Called Jim's father to purchase new mule collars (20"). Big Cr. is rising, flooding the airstrip 4" deep. Howard Hash couldn't fly in to pick up Carl. We thought we would have to meet Howard at Cabin Cr.

June 22 Friday

Howard flew in to get Carl; water still on the strip (2"), but evaporating. Jim & Holly rode and Alec rode Troy, Feather, and Lady and packed Queenie up Cliff Cr. to Con's camp - Alec planned to track cats for a few days, but ran into snow and returned. Feather led ~~at~~ the horses and did very well - she's learning the routine. Clean screens. Give the mules sores a chance to heal. Change N pasture irrigation. Help Frank try to set up hot water heater/shower, but water pressure was too low at cookhouse.

June 23, Saturday

Drinking water turbid. Cookhouse has low water pressure. Drove mules on airstrip without equipment for 5 hours. Jim cut 12 red alder along hill side of airstrip to widen strip and for firewood. Replant beans; plant radish, spinach, and cukes. Jim & Frank went fishing - just bites! Alec's scones and Frank's frybread at the Cookhouse.

June 24, Sunday

Holly worked with archaeologists all day at housepit site. We found 1 projectile point, 1 drill, 1 (en)graver, worked flakes, unworked flakes, bone, and charred logs. Flakes of basalt, obsidian, chert, chalcedony. Frank thought housepit may have been covered by conical log roof covered with dirt judging from the burnt timbers with sterile soil covering them. Jim worked on Gary's map most of the day and took branches off logs cut along airstrip. Mike Doris flew in Gary and a load of gear; they went radio tracking then returned to McCall. We planned the piping of the hot water heater in the duplex and ordered parts needed. Checked waterbox.

June 25 Monday

Maurice Horrocker flew in with his 2 daughter's boyfriend & fiance. Jim knew pilot Larry Tueffel from childhood in Beaverton, OR. Plane was a Helio Courier. Talked to Maurice about working the mules. Worked Toby & Topper on driving lines and wagon. Mules pasterns rubbed raw from running W. Called around the backcountry in search of mule work collars. Check & clean screens. Make a second running W for working mules.

June 26, 1984 Tuesday

Worked mules on the wagon in airstrip and main pasture. Padded hobbled feet with ace bandages, sores improved. Cut deciduous wood along inside edge of airstrip. Replace pull cord on chainsaw. Call around about mule collars - ordered from A.C. Lentz's, Mt. Pleasant, NC. Dig out water boxes and replace plastic pipe on our water intake. Increase flow of water to cookhouse. Barbeque at the cookhouse. Water Mona's garden.

June 27 Wednesday

Cut more wood along airstrip and pile slash. Mai Slane arrived at 6:30AM! with Mona and nephew Mark ^{bobcat} and Duncan Leonhardy of the archaeology crew. Got horseshoeing equipment from Ray Holes. Observed and photographed 15 ewes and 14 lambs on 1st bench. This is the first time this year we have seen a herd with lambs on the benches. Set up Frank's instant hot water heater in duplex.

June 28, Thursday

Worked mules on wagon on airstrip and main pasture. FS packer - Dale Van Owen came through en route to Rush Pt Lookout with Burney - new lookout. I showed them new trail to negotiate Rush Cr washout. Burney

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at 10:30 pm... none too happy. Very hot day, 97° official
temp. Repaired hitching rail at tack shed which Barney's
horse broke by rearing back.

June 28, Friday

Worked mules both on wagon and stoneboat, mules were
less relaxed on stoneboat than wagon. Cleaned muck out of
water box and cleaned screens. Picketed Feather and she
struggled and gave herself rope burns below the hock.
Changed irrigation. Very windy day, cooler too.

June 29, Saturday

Worked on bobcat study map. Waterline stopped so got
that going again. Holly worked in garden. Took Fred, Robbin,
and Duncan on horse ride up to Lobeor B. Had barbecue
steak with Archeds. Ray flew in picking up 2 propane tanks, garbage
8 cow elk & calves on 3rd beach.

July 1, Sunday

Worked mucks, first on stoneboat and then on wagon.
Hauled moldy hay with stoneboat to put on garden. Gary
flew in with Ray. Worked on map. Cleared irrigation ditch
to lower pasture and increased flow. Gave Feather 25¢ co.
of penicillin for her infected foot. Holly put new gasket
material on refrig. door (ours). Gary working on Cougar
pen to put Kamir in it. Fishing improving - I caught 7
cutthroat at airstrip riffle.

July 2, Monday

Two bucks in pasture this morning, along with large herd of ewes and lambs on 1st bench. Repaired waterline which came disconnected at lower box. Worked mules on wagon. Swapped irrigation flows. Gave Feather 25cc. of penicillin morning and evening. Holly and I fished under bridge during late evening, I caught 3 fish - 2 rainbows 1 cutthroat.

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Repaired broken rail on back of wagon. Holly replaced gasket on cookhouse freezer. Worked on water system, put a water trough in place to guide water into intake pipe (Fred T. helped me), drained sand out of waterline via orchard bleed-off. Holly repaired running W for Tobey. Gave Feather 25 cc pen. evening only. Did yard work. Ray flew in and took Gary radio-tracking.

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July 4, Wednesday

Mail plane came in early bringing in friends Tom, Kathy (Math) and Jerry Ostermiller for Frank's crew. Worked mules on airstrip. Tom, I went fishing and caught several cutthroat apiece. Had dinner at cookhouse - 4th barbecue and celebration.

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July 5, Thursday

Took horses (all mares) up cliff Cr. trail and spent the day on ridge. Water line still working well after modification.

July 6, Friday

Installed shower set-up in our bath tub. Tom Parks and Thomas Von Stadden came through with horses, they visited awhile and headed upstream, said the gorge still in hazardous shape. Heavy afternoon thunderstorm. Worked mules in evening - they behaved well. Tom & I fished off strip and caught between 15-20 cutthroats on buckhair dry flies.

July 7, Saturday

Worked mules on wagon and mowing machine, they did well on both. Rode the mares ^(except Miyah) and Toby down to the gorge to show T & K and Robin the paintings. The gorge trail still not passable for stock.

July 8, Sunday

Fished most of morning, caught several cutthroat off of airstrip. Carl flew in early afternoon to pick up Tom, Kathy & Matt. Repaired fence and gate at far end of runway.

July 9, Monday

Worked mules on wagon; loaded logs on wagon.
Jim cut more firewood logs along airstrip. Watered yard & gardens. Shut off irrigation water to pasture.
Arrange flight for Carl Schauss with Hamilton Air Taxi.
Birthday party for Alec at Koehlers. Increase water flow in irrigation ditch to North pasture.

July 10, Tuesday

Plane flew in with two men from Sacramento (C. Torre).
They first wanted to fish, they were receptive to the Policy
here so I invited them to see the place. It was the
archeo's lab day so they got to see recently found artifacts.
Both men seemed grateful to see the place and hear about
what's going on. Saved and split firewood on airstrip

July 11, Wednesday

Plane flew in early bringing my folks, an Australian
artist friend of Franks (Henry Hall), and the groceries & mail.
Jerry Ostermiller flew out. A second flight brought in
Lucille Hawesby, a botanist who will work for Frank for a
week. ~~*Robin flew out~~ We worked the mules twice on the wagon, using the
new collar's that arrived today. Spent rest of day preparing
haying machinery for service. Early evening Dad spotted a
cougar on the airstrip, which eventually ran through our
yard.

July 12 Thursday

Worked mules on wagon and mowed lower section of airstrip.
Mules calmed down on mower and did not get sores under
new collars. Oil rake. Fix belt on wringer washer at lab.
Talk to Gary about ranch problems and solutions.
Wash clothes, water gardens, can cherries Ruth & John brought in.

July 13, Friday

Continued mowing hay on airstrip - morning and evening.
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waterline to lower cabins (ours duplex). Did maintenance work on mower - changed oil, sharpened bar etc.

July 14 Saturday

Carl and Denise Schauss flew in with Dave Rosenkrantz from Hamilton Air Taxi (Gen Houghton flew in just to say hi.). Carl helped us with mowing. We mowed the main pasture. All the bolts on the mower were tightened before mowing. Ray Arnold flew in with a gas range, hot water heater and lights. Carl and Denise slept in the lab.

July 15, Sunday

Mowed the upper pasture; welded the tongue/yoke connection after the tongue fell down. Rake windrows on the airstrip. Remove rotten hay from the old stack. Shock hay and pitch on the wagon, build haystack — the whole Taylor Ranch crew helped. Talked to Lucile about edible plants of Big Cr and looked at my collection. She helped me on some identification and I showed her plants she had not seen here. Jack Magee from Moscow flew Robin in on his way to McCall (not a charter) Carl and Denise flew out with Hamilton A.T. at 9:00 pm. Carl was a big help in teaching us about haying.

July 16, 1984 Monday

Pitched hay from remainder of airstrip and added to haystack. Raked main pasture.

Ray flew in with a new refrigerator. Jim and John fix front end of wagon - reinforce. John & Jim check over gasoline wringer washer & temporarily fix loose belt.

July 17 Tuesday

Shocked and pitched hay in main pasture - whole crew. Tongue slipped from yoke on down-hill pass with wagon - we had our first wreck - nothing to hold the wagon back. Toby ended up under the wagon; we unharnessed both mules and dragged Toby out; he never struggled as we worked on him, but jumped up and was led off unhurt after he was pulled out. We ~~first~~ finished putting up the hay (except lower section) after putting a stop screw on the end of the tongue and sorting out harness. Toby worked well the rest of the day. Jim took Henry on a horseback ride. Holly and Lucile finished looking at plant collection and discussed pt food plants to collect/look for in the high country (Coyote Springs area). Jim and Frank rebuild / replace carburetor on gas washing machine.

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Frank flew for aerial photography. Lucile & Henry flew out to Big Cr on a shuttle, then Ruth & John flew out and picked up L&H, to Cascade.

Build a peak to haystack and bring in last wagon load of hay (nine wagon loads total).

Rained after haystack completed (first rain in a month). Ed Allen, fire supervisor USFS for Big Cr District passed thru on his way to Rush Pt. Lookout. He filled us in on local F.S. news. Brought the horses over from north pasture.

July 19 Thursday

Gary Pope and John Wilson from the physical plant flew in with Jack Magee. Frank flew out to Moscow on personal business. We helped the plumbers fix the water system at the lab - 3 more leaks!

Jim & Gary & Alec worked on waterbox again - the water stopped again. They moved the trough over for better flow. G&J staying at lab.

July 20 Friday

Gary, John, Jim, & I worked on gas lighting and hot water heater installation, cut kitchen table to accommodate stove. J&H shoe Lady and Troy. Barbeque at archae's.

July 21 Saturday

Mike Doris flew in to take Gary & Alec to Bear Cr to work on camp. They radiotracked; we got some gas fittings. Connected up lights to our cabin. Hooked up refrig. to Arlows.

July 22, Sunday

Gary^(P), John, and I installed lighting system, refrig., and old stove in lab cabin. Gary Pope fixed plugged cold water line to cookhouse.

July 23, Monday

Jack McGee flew in bringing Ed and Charlene K. and Nick Suryal. Vick will caretake the place while we pack Frank's crew to Coyote Springs. Shod Queenie. Spent afternoon packing gear... Archaeo's heading to Coyote Springs tomorrow.

July 24, Tuesday

Headed up to Coyote Springs with 4 pack animals and 3 saddle horses. Very humid, hot day, progress was slow so we camped at Whiskey Spring (Ed, Char, Holly, Frank, Fred & I).

July 25, Wednesday

Rode from Whiskey to Coyote Springs. Unloaded stock and rested. Robin, Duncan, Mary, and Tim Lawyer arrived at Coyote Springs 2 hours after us - they flew to Cold Meadows. Robin brought news that we couldn't camp at Coyote Springs camp - F.S. decision, so we moved camp to

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July 26, Thursday

Fished in the morning at Papoose Lake, fishing OK - caught 2 big cutthroats. Stormy afternoon, everyone crowded into cook tent for dinner - lots of fun... and mosquitoes.

July 27, Friday

Arches gave us a tour of their inventory site. We packed up our gear and headed down the trail. Frank and Duncan backpacking to Corn Cr. We rode for 8 hours and made it to Mile High. A storm set in so we camped at Scott Farris' canvas barn.

July 28, Saturday

Jack M. flew in and got Nick early. We rode from Mile High to Taylor, rained most of time. Spent evening recuperating.

July 29, Sunday

Put camp gear away. Sewed leather back on Univ. Saddle. Stormy afternoon. Miya appears somewhat sick.

July 30, Monday

I'd and I spent day on plumbing - installed sink in our cabin and repaired shower in tub. Holly and Charlene harvested cherries. Saw a large black bear low on hillside across Big Cr.

July 31, 1984 Tuesday

Rode to Middle Fork with Ed & Charlene (Troy, Feather, Lody, Mya). Saw ~20 rafts and a few kayaks at Waterfall Cr. A family of 3 with 7 animals stopped by from Burley. They "bought" 2 horseshoes and reshod the back hooves of one horse. We suggested camping at Cliff Cr and closing gates to keep stock from wandering (they had never hobbled or picketed the animals before). These people & their animals camped in our north pasture!

August 1, 1984 Wednesday

Burley people shooting marmots in our pasture. Jim went over to visit with them. As they were preparing to leave one of their horses acted colicky. They didn't know much about it, but Jim administered a quart of mineral oil and they kept the horse waiting for an hour (it had ringworm a few months before & was rolling in the corral, then they wanted to borrow a curry comb - we declined!). At noon they headed for Cold Mdw's via Crooked Cr with the colicky horse and a lame donkey among the animals. Mail day. Jim & Ed chop up hardwood. Hitch up mules for Ed & Charlene. Talk to G & M about policies w/ Ed.

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Charlie McKetta flew in with Jack Magee to be checked out at Taylor Strip. They brought in Central Stores supplies. Charlie is a prof. at UofI in Forest Products. Shoe Mya.

August 4 Saturday

Maurice Hornocker flew in with Bill Doris for a few hour visit with Gary. Shoe Toby, Toppers front feet and Feather's back feet. Bernie Greenwald, the Rush Pt. lookout came down for his mail and groceries. We put him up in the lab.

August 5 Sunday

Holly and I took the stock to Coyote Springs via Cabin Cr. and the Cow Cr. trail. Took 4 riding saddles and 3 deckers to bring back archeology crew. Made it to their camp in 7 hours. Got rained and haled on.

August 6, Monday

Worked with archeo's at Coyote Spr. site. Cared for horses and packed camp gear.

August 7, Tuesday

Loaded up camp gear and packed home via cliff Cr. trail. The archeo's rotated off the 2 spare saddle horses. Carl flew in this evening to get Mark (Gary's nephew) and Alec and Lee. Mark cut his foot swimming and will need stitches. Put tack and gear away.

August 8, Wednesday

Marl's plane came in mid-morning. John was flying and he brought in Gary's Mom, sister Kathy, and Mark (again). Repaired fence at lower pasture and turned water on to irrigate it again. Spent most of day doing laundry. Put up pole gate at fence across creek.

August 9, Thursday

Split and stacked wood on airstrip. Holly keyed and pressed plants for collection. FS trail crew showed up mid-afternoon, we put them up in the lab.

August 10, Friday

Bruce Winter from Pioneer Av. flew in to pick up FS trail crew. Carl Ray flew in bringing Gary dog food and lumber and us a drum of kerosene. We met Christine from Pistol Creek - caretaker.

August 11, Saturday

Carl flew in 4 archeologists from ISU to work for Frank for a week. We showed them around the ranch. It rained until mid-afternoon.

August 12, Sunday

Carl flew in bringing Mike Hofferberger, a free-lance writer for the Oregonian. We spent the day orienting him to the projects going on at the ranch. Mary Martha day barbecue.

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Spent the day with Mike H. and the archaeology crew. Jim Lawyer expressed concern over the rock shelter site at Rush Cr. (possible burial), so excavation was ceased. Saw a bear across Big Cr. Saw another bear running E across 2nd bench & ridgeline.

August 14, Tuesday

Took Mike H. to the gorge to see the paintings, we took the horses. Trail crew did good job, but gorge still real rough. Spent part of the day preparing for tomorrow's visitors.

August 15, Wednesday

Mail plane came in early followed by Bill Doris bringing Dr. Gibb, Jerry Evans, and Ron Byers. Jerry Evans is chairman of the board of regents. We toured the three around the ranch, explaining operations and projects. Then they went fishing. Had a chicken barbecue at the old cabin - rainy! A grouse flew into my head while walking by the weather station! Holly took ISU students to see pictographs in the gorge; bear in the brush.

August 16, Thursday

Bill Doris flew in early to get Gibb, Evans, and Byers. Holly and I took the stock to Big Creek to meet friends and collect plants. Doc Johnson flew in to the ranch to visit 6 & M and fish. 3 bear sightings

August 17, Friday

Met friends Darrell Downs and Nat Siderius at Big Cr and ride back to the ranch - long ride! Holly collected plants along the way. Archies had going away barbecue.

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August 18, Saturday

Arnold's made three trips in to get Frank's crew and gear. Gary had case goods and day food flown in. Spent day recuperating, cleaning, and showing Darrell and Natalie around. Con's stock was trailed in.

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August 19, Sunday

Holly, B. II A., Darrell, and Natalie, and I hiked up over the top of Cliff Cr ridge. Holly collected some plants and B. II looked at habitat types.

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August 20, Monday

Kay flew in early bringing Dee & Charlie (Holly's sister and husband). Replaced stages on wagon. Saw a bear across Big Cr on trail. Hauled stack of firewood with wagon and mules to duplex - everyone helped. Mules hesitant at Pioneer Cr. but improved 2nd and 3rd trips. B. II A. had everyone down for Ch. 1 feed.

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August 23 Thursday

Took horses to Cabin Cr. & said goodbye to friends
hiking to Big Cr. Dead ewe on trail, 3 rattlesnakes.
Holly packing for school, Jim fishing. Bear along trail W
across from airstrip.

August 24, Friday

Arnold's came in early to pick up Holly, D&C, and Charlie.
B.II A. and I went upstream mapping habitat types
I came back early as an Arnold's plane was circling
strip - never landed. Went fishing. Spooked a bear across
from Rush Cr.

August 25, Saturday

B.II A. and I overhauled cookhouse lights, moved
one light over to south wall. Sent out 3 empty,
propanes and 3 worthless bottles with Arnold's.

August 26, Sunday

Worked on maps. Tim and Jamie Parks stopped by
on way to Flying B, had them stay for lunch. Bear(s)
in compost piles and burn barrel last night. Had a
damaging hail storm, tore holes in garden plants

Aug. 27, Monday

B-11 Doris flew in early to take Gary and Bill A. radio tracking. Worked on study area map most of afternoon. Bear in burn barrel again last night. Fishing poor this evening.

Aug. 28, Tuesday

Gary, Mona, Bill A. and I took the horses up Cabin Cr. and back down the east fork of Cave Cr. Bill was mapping habitat (forest) types and Gary was radio tracking. Left early and got in at dark. Saw one bear on Cave Cr. and once again a bear got into our burn barrel.

Aug. 29, Wednesday

Mail plane came in early. Got word that Walt Arms will be in to monitor sheep hunters this weekend, he flew in two sacks of horse feed. Did map work. Bear prowling at night again.

Aug. 30, Thursday

Got call from Ed that I.R. photos did not cover ranch area. Spent afternoon deciphering computer search of available imagery and wrote Ed regarding findings. Completed study area map. Gary, Mona, & Bill up for whitefish feed... corn out of Lori's garden.

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Aug 31, Friday

Wrote letters, took care of business mail. Rainy, stormy day. Both Coris and Farris' pack strings heading downstream with sheep hunters. Last night Gary had a bear sniffing at his screen door.

Sept. 1, Saturday

Made overlay map for Gary of Lions and bobcat winter distributions. Sawed wood w/ th G & M. Shoed Troy's front feet, which had wore through the shoe already. A group of sheep hunters showed up asking information, they camped at the Cliff Cr. crossing. Walt Arms never showed.

Sept. 2, Sunday

Bears hanging around the ranch during daylight hours now, photographed one in Hawthorne bushes at lower garden. Doc Johnson flew in to visit and collect tree burls. Carl flew in with load of propane. Burney came down from Rush Pt. to get his mail, he ate dinner w/ th Gary and I. Two more sheep hunters came by for information, one had been stung and was allergic to bees. They camped at Rush Cr. in case an emergency arose with his sting reaction.

Sept. 3 Monday

Two new sheep hunters came by for information. Carl flew in to re-fuel, Steve Zettel, his Dad Roy and sister Lori down from Cabin Cr. to visit.

Sept. 4 Tuesday

Carl flew in early to take Gary radio-tracking
G & M flew out for a couple weeks. Zettels left after
spending night. Sheep hunter came by to arrange flight
with Arnold's out of Soldiers Bar. Large cinnamon
bear across creek. Wayne Humphrey, of sheep hunting
party across creek over to visit.

Sept 5 Weds

Bob & U. Webb ARRIVED AT
Taylor Ranch APPROX 7:20 PM
Mail plane came in early bringing Sue Alexander.
Prepared to pack Bill & Sue to Papoose L.K. so
Bill can map that area. Canned beans.

Sept 6 Thurs

Did usual chores - Tim - Bill & Susan
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personal belongings to Taylor Cabin
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Sept. 9, Sunday

Bob, V. & I did laundry, had to work on wash machine to get it going - clean plugs. Carl flew in before noon to pick up Bob & Vi. Doctored trees in orchard damaged by bear. Humphrey's & Russell (sheep hunters) over to visit and tell tales. They left extra camp grub with me - nice folks, will ride out tomorrow.

Sept. 10, Monday

Cut wood on airstrip and piled slash. Tried to arrange flight for Bill A. to go out to see a doctor, he has stomach problems. Stalked brown colored bear in lower garden, didn't shoot him though - he was too young.

Sept. 11, Tuesday

Cut more wood out of slash on airstrip. Cleared trail on lower Rush Cr. Tried to increase water pressure to old cabin by bleeding line, helped a little but still inadequate in shower. Ray flew in to get Bill. He ate dinner with Sue. Nancy D. from Cabin Cr came down to visit, she's working for Con the first hunt. Wrote letters.

Sept. 12, Wednesday

Mail plane came in mid-morning bringing Bill back. Repaired wood rail fencing on north side of Creek. Saw bear at mouth of Cliff Cr. During the

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evening a large bear came into our yard to eat apples etc. We chased him off, even fired a warning shot. Ten minutes later he came back to the cabin. He then got into the pear tree in the garden and started breaking limbs. B.H.; I went after him and I shot him with my shot gun. Up till 2:00 am. field dressing and skinning. The bear was an old sow with quite a bit of tooth wear.

Sept. 13, Thursday

Moved bear into basement. Packed Berry down from Rush Pt., Sue went along for ride. Earlier today Bruce Minter flew in bringing a couple F.S. engineers to inspect our bridge. B.H.A. had policy discussion with Proctor from Boise, who wanted to fish on ranch.

Sept. 14, Friday

Hauled wood from airstrip to cabin. Ray flew Holly in late afternoon.

Sept. 15, Saturday

Spent day working in garden and shoeing Troy's hind feet and Teather's front feet.

Sept. 16, Sunday

Reviewed scenic easement deed on ranch, wrote letter expressing discontent. Ray flew in mid-afternoon to get Holly. Called out to Arnold's for Soldiers Bar Sheep hunter. Shoed Queenie's hind feet.

Sept. 17, Monday

Carl flew in mid-morning to pick up Bill & Sue, taking them to Cold Meadows. I sawed up, split, and stacked wood from a fir snag south of airstrip, on hill. Bear in orchard at midday. I shot the bear in the rear with a rubber blunt arrow.

Sept. 18, Tuesday

Cleaned W. side duplex. Prepared for tomorrow's hunting trip. Shod Queenie's front feet. Cut and stacked wood. Hunter's with stock down to use radio.

Sept. 19, Wednesday

Packed up horses and headed to Cabin Cr. to pick up friend Greg Green, then went to Black Butte hunting.

Sept 20, Thursday

Hunting in torrential downpour - turning to snow! Packed up camp and headed back to ranch, got in at midnight. Walt Arms and Curt Becker arrived earlier this evening with 4 horses, they are doing patrol work.

Sept. 21, Friday

Unpacked and dried out camp gear. Walt and Curt down to Soldiers Bar. D. did laundry. Dan Band Garth from Con's camp stopped by with camp gear that Walt & Curt lost off their horse. Lori the wilderness ranger stopped by. Everybody up for spaghetti dinner.

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Sept. 22, Saturday

Did laundry. Went fishing up Big Cr. Curt & Wayne (sheep hunters) brought word that a woman was very sick at Goat Cr. Gary & I took 5 horses to pick her up. A shunt (artificial blood vessel) valve was malfunctioning in her head making her nauseated. Put her up in old cabin

Sept. 23. Fishing up & hunting Torrey. Very marginal flying all day. Frantic good in the morning but is getting worse as day goes on. No radio contact until 1 pm. Keck & Wayne have reported a lame deer on one of the finger ridges beyond gate. "Big red patch on shoulder, shot?" Bill Shoop's light brown colored bear out of bear tree about 3 pm.

Sept. 24. Grace, Jen, Herb left at 7:05 am w/ Grace. Marginal flying day, so in a big hurry.

Sept. 25, Tuesday

Greg and I returned from bowhunt up cliff cr., put away camp gear. Two inches of snow atop cliff cr. ridge

Sept. 26, Wednesday

Mail plane came in early bringing Robin Johnston. Robin & I hauled wood from strip to Taylor Cabin. B.I.I., Sue, and Gary smoked white fish.

Sept. 27, Thurs.

Tack McGee flew in with Dick Botcher, George Savage, and W. Hard (doing property inventory). Packed wood from Cliff Cr. Hauled wood from airstrip with mules and wagon. Univ. folks flew out mid-afternoon. I expressed my displeasure over FS easement to Dick who is the FWR accountant. Everybody down to cookhouse for barbecued chicken.

Sept. 28, Fri.

Shed Lady front & back. Doc Johnson flew in to visit and fish with Gary. Dick Williams from Salmon landed, asked about a missing plane - may have crashed in this area. Robbin and I sawed wood across from Rush and floated it down to Rush Cr. the airstrip.

Sept. 29, Sat.

I went hunting towards Soldiers Bar, bagged in a bull but couldn't get a shot. Robbin brought wood up to house with cart. A friend(s) Dave Hunsaker and Matt Kneisel up for dinner from Soldiers Bar, they spent night. Ray flew in with Mona.

Sept. 30, Sun.

Robbin and I took Dave & Matt back to Soldiers Bar with horses, hunted a little at the bar. Sawed firewood in the afternoon.

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Oct 1, Monday

Robbin and I dug out old cabin septic tank. We built a new 1d out of 4x4's and exterior plywood, covered with plastic. Sanded, split, and hauled wood at end of runway. Two yearling does and a 2x3 pt buck in yard; garden.

Oct. 2, Tuesday

Robbin and I shod Miya front & back. We cut and partially hauled 3 large poles - 2 green fir, other dead lodgepole. Worked on chainsaw - sharpened chain, cleaned etc. Ate pizza dinner with Gary and Mona.

Oct. 3, Wednesday

Ma. 1 plane came in mid morning. Bill Alexander flew back in to do more forest hab. mapping. Robbin & I went hunting up Cliff Cr.

Oct. 4, Thursday

R. and I returned from unsuccessful hunt - elk no longer bugling. We did see a herd of 27 ewes, lambs, and young rams on top of Cliff Cr. Ridge, and some large flocks of Blue Grouse. Shoed Toby's front feet and trimmed manes and tails on both mules. Hauled propane bottles.

Oct. 5, Friday

R., G., and I hauled poles from Rush Cr. to airstrip, skinned poles. Disassembled Rush Cr. poles fence. Shoed Tupper's front.

Oct. 6, Saturday

Hauled poles and firewood up airstrip with mules. Rebuilt rail fence in front of corral tack shed. Rad-od to Arnold's for sheep hunters at Soldiers Bar. Carl flew in late evening with 2x4's, plywood, 2 propanes, and UPS packages.

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Oct. 7, Sunday

Completed hatching rail fence at corral. Built a cover for cookhouse septic tank with 4x4's and 1/4" plywood. Gary and Mona took Miya and mules to set up Gary's Rush Pt. camp.

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Oct 8 Monday.

Jim left today for Moscow to visit Holley, and Bill ^{Alexander} went with him. Ray Arnold flew in to pick them up. Before they departed Mike flew in Morris Hornocker and he visited awhile, while Mona flew out to ~~Rush Pt~~ ^{Aug 19} to finish setting up camp. I spent the day after they all left cleaning up the Taylor cabin as well as my room. Also, began to haul wood from runway to Taylor cabin. Also, set rat traps in the attic in hopes of killing the dirty buggers.

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Got up early and began to haul wood. I had a terrible time. The cart at one point or time during the day pulled me back down the hill and over the ledge of the trail. "My feet slipped out from under me." I managed to get half the wood pile brought up to the Taylor cabin. Gary came by and we went shooting our bows. We did very well and Goldie was her usual self always willing to please. (good dog) She hunted grouse.

Oct 10 Wednesday

The horse got out of pasture by walking around the fence and into the river "Big Creek." They crossed over to Rush creek and back over to the North side of Big Creek. Gary and myself were ready to go and get them, when we heard the lot of them running up the runway. They had been gone all night. Gary and I decided to move the runway fence back to the swimming hole. There is a log jam there and would serve as an additional fence. So we spent the day building the fence. We also hauled the log up to the fence near the lab. and I hauled wood

Oct 11. Thursday.

It was raining and I got the wood all put up. I fell 4 times on the trail and twice I went over the ledge. The only nice thing about today was that I got to eat breakfast at Gary's. Well not quite. We went hunting for grouse. Gary hit one in

the tree. The grouse began to fly away and goldie ran after it. She got it about 75 yards away and flipped head over feet. She quickly got up and grabbed the bird and brought it back. I had a lot of fun. Shot my first grouse

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Oct 12 Friday

It's been raining most of the day. I spent the day cleaning the Taylor cabin as well as my own cabin. Jim called and said he wouldn't be able to make it in. I've had to clean the water pipes 6 times today. The area in which they sit is covered with leaves. I also fed the cat. He really likes his food. I worked on them at night.

Oct 13 Saturday [^ Bay, Menai and Har. here for deer camp today.]

It has been raining and snowing today. There is snow at the third branch about 4500ft. It snowed three times today and has rained the rest. I cleaned out part of the stream where leaves and branches clogged up the water ways leading to the water pipes. I also feed the cat. I talked to Nancy and Jim. I even worked on my thesis - then I hauled wood to Jim House. Also killed a rat today with Bear. It - the Rat, was in the out house.

Oct 14.

Today I chopped and hauled wood to Taylor house and my cabin. Fed horses grain and rat also. I built water Box and now have to find a nice lid to cover box. It has been snowing all day and it raining down now 11:00 at night. - Cleaned stream 4 times day. Also put new propane tank in cook house. The refrigerator was out. Couldn't get it started. Shot another grouse in tree and night.

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Oct. 15, Sunday Monday

I flew back in this morning with Arnold's (Carl) Worked on windsock, Robbin worked on water boxes. Con, Jim W, and a sheep hunter stopped by. Saw a huge herd of elk on 3rd bench - 11 bulls, + 24 cows/calfes. Observed 8 branch antler bulls sparred. stalked to within bow range, and shot at, a 5 pt. bull who was sparring with another bull of equal size. This was the most spectacular wildlife display since we've been at Taylor Ranch. Mona & Harriot back with Lady.

Oct. 16, Monday Tuesday

Carl flew in with mail, Mona's Dad, and 10 sacks of grain, he also brought the weeks mail and groceries. Harriet flew out. Jack Magee flew in from Moscow with load. He brought 9 sacks of grain, drain pipe for strip, and horse tack and groceries. Norm Lee the F.S. appraiser came in with his 3 horse to appraise the ranch for equipment (scenic). Norm spent the night. Hauled rest of wood from airstrip to house.

Oct. 17, Wednesday

Replaced Rush Cr. windsock and moved it to fence line. Rebuilt old cabin gate and fence, replaced rotten posts and poles.

Oct. 18, Thursday

Robbin and I took Troy and Lady up Cliff Cr hunting. Started repairing bunkhouse bridge when we returned from hunting. Gary returned from Acorn camp with Miya and the mules.

Oct. 19, Friday

We started cleaning and insulating upstairs and weeding out junk! Finished bunkhouse bridge using treated 4x4's for beams and 2x4's for cross members. G & M cooked an elk heart and bear ham dinner. Wilde B. stopped by after dark - spent the night.

Oct. 20, Saturday

Gary and I took horses up Cliff Cr. on elk hunt. Robbin and Wilde completed insulation work - they ran out of materials with a little left to do. Mike Doris was supposed to fly in this evening, to radio-track tomorrow, but he never showed.

Oct. 21, Sunday

Mike Doris flew in early to take Gary radio-tracking, Robbin and I went too. Jack Magee and his wife flew in for a couple hours. Gary and I went hunting up Pioneer Ridge. Steve Z., Wilde B. and hunter Tim DeLario stopped by with big rum. Snow geese flying by.

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Oct. 22, Monday

Robbin and I put a new tongue on the snow roller and rigged it up with double tree for the team. Sink began to leak from drain pipe.

Oct. 23, Tuesday

Gary and I went hunting up Goat Cr. Robbin built new box for old cabin water line valves. Lady got caught (tangled) in our garden in some pole bean fencing, we had to cut her out. Battery for radio dead.

Oct. 24, Wednesday

Spent most of day waiting for mail plane, which came in early afternoon. Ray forgot our battery. Mona's father flew out. Cut firewood up Cliff Cr. with cross-cut saw

Oct. 25, Thursday

Gary, Mona, Robbin, and I packed gear to Gary's Rush Pt. camp. Saw many deer on the way up. Visited with Steve and Jan at Con's Rush Pt. camp. Stormy ride back - cold wind.

Oct. 26, Friday

Gary and I went elk hunting up Cliff Cr. Snowed nearly all day. Robbin worked on thesis.

Oct. 27, Saturday

Gary and I went hunting up Goat Cr. today. After a distressful morning of shooting at bulls without

shells in the chamber we finally got our act together
and I shot a 5 pt. ^{bull}, Gary shot a large 4 pt. buck.
Our two animals ended up 15 ft apart where they
quit sliding, amazing fluke! Busy afternoon of cleaning.

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Oct. 28, Sunday

Shoed Peathers hind feet, she struggled a bit at first.
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Tim Campbell and Don Anderson up to use radio.

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Oct. 29, Monday

Sawed and split wood up Cliff Cr. Large elk herd
moved to 3rd bench. Went with Gary stalking them, we saw
a bull but couldn't get up on him. Saw 6 large rams
on bluff w. of Cliff Cr., they were butting heads!

Oct. 30, Tuesday

Gary shot a 3x5 pt. bull on top of Cliff Cr.
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and snowy off and on throughout day, periods of sun.

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Oct. 31, Wednesday

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Nov 1, Thursday

Ray flew in mid morning with mail. Started digging drainage ditch in runway, ground frozen 3" deep. Robbins and I went deer hunting up Pioneer Rd. Just before dark Terry and Van rode down from Con's Cliff Cr. camp. Van had 2nd degree burns on her wrist from spilling grease on herself. We called the doctor and with his advice Mama fixed her up, they stayed the night.

Nov. 2, Friday

Carl flew in late afternoon bringing us grain, propane (3), Gary's fencing, and barn medicine for Van. Weather turned real crummy after he left. Holly's flight from Moscow cancelled. I did laundry. Worked on Robbins' archeology map (Indian Fishing Sites along Columbia - Salmon Rivers).

Nov. 3, Saturday

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Snow and rain most of day. Robbins and I went deer hunting on timbered bench up cliff Cr. Gary and Mama took stock to Cave Cr. to set up that camp.

Nov. 4, Sunday

Tan from Con's camp rode down, her barn has gotten infected and looks bad. Mike Doris flew in to Radio truck, before trucking they took Tan to Challis for treatment. Jack M. flew in from Moscow bringing Holly, insulation, and lumber. Jack, Holly, and Robbins flew back to Moscow late afternoon.

Nov. 5, Monday

Gary and I went up Pioneer Cr. hunting and looking for deer to photograph. All deer found were on lower slopes out of the snow. Mike Medberry, the caretaker from Monumental, and Tom Robinson Regional Director for the Wilderness Society, showed up near dark to spend the night and visit. We feasted on Salmon that Holly brought in yesterday.

Nov. 6, Tuesday

Visited with Tom & Mike and they hiked up Cl. Cr. I got caught up on personal and business mail. G, M & Tom & Mike came up for dinner and then we listened to the election returns... much to our dismay.

Nov. 7, Wednesday

Tom & Mike headed up to Cabin Cr. to fly out. A hunter, Bill Gilbert, came by to see the place and make radio contact with Pioneer Av. Went hunting up Pioneer Rdg. Carl flew in mail and brought new Stihl chainsaw. He came in just before dark.

Nov. 8, Thursday

Gary, Mona, & I went up Pioneer Rdg. hunting (I was hunting). I shot a big 4x6 pt buck which we skidded down a rock slide to the Pioneer Cr. trail. We cleaned & quartered it and easily packed it home with Queenie and Lady. It snowed all day. Cleaned and put away hunting gear for the season.

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Nov 9, Friday

It snowed 3" last night. Cleaned deer quarters. Gary and I took all the stock up to Kdg. to pack home his deer and my elk.

Nov. 10, Saturday

Gary and I went up Cliff Cr. to pack in his elk. New snow made the upper part of the trail very slippery. We saw a big buck and doe on the way up. On the way down we heard 4 shots, and assumed it was at that big buck. We found out it was, the hunters shot from the lower pasture and then came up to use the radio. We gave them a verbal reprimand for taking foolish shots and then not "following up" to see if they hit the deer. We were mad.

Nov. 11, Sunday

I put together new Stihl chainsaw and studied owner's manual. Gary and I sawed up remainder of log (butt section) on E. Pioneer Rdg. Saw cuts great! We then rolled $\frac{1}{2}$ rounds down hillside to trail. I h.t. the water box with one block and will have to repair it. Dinner with G. & M. rained last part of day, much warmer.

Nov. 12, Monday

Rode Troy down to Soldiers Bar to see friends Dave & Matt - didn't see them. Removed tomatoes from cellar and cleaned it. Day spuds. Moved elk meat to wood shed - out of weather.

Tuesday, Nov. 13

Repaired water box after being broken by rolling firewood. Friends Matt & Dave stopped by to visit, then hunted towards Soldiers Bar. Dave got a spike bull, which I helped him clean, skin etc. No planes flying today, snowing - raining throughout backcountry.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

Mail-plane flew in early. Lynn from McCall A.T. brought in Tim Kochler. Took stock up to Cabin Cr. to meet friend Greg Green. Visited Walt Arms (C.O.) and Kurt Becker (Bio.) at Cabin Cr. and spent night with them. A hunter was stubbornly "squattting" in one of the cabins up there - got in through a window. Many hunters at Cabin Cr. - Walt checked out 25 deer and 4 elk - quite a slaughter!

Thursday, Nov. 15, 1984

Rode back to Taylor this morning - quite cold. Saw some sheep in Lolo Pass and deer at Taylor. Many McCall A.T. flights in today shuttling Gary's gear to his Acorn camp. Gary and Tim also radio tracked with Lynn. Many deer out up Cliff Cr.

