

Thursday

1-14-99

Chuck Hatch,

The Taylor trip went well. We were delayed in Cascade by weather from 27 Dec. (Sunday) to 30 Dec. (Wed.) which happens often when you are counting on airplanes for transportation. We were able to stay at a friend's place in Cascade who had extra rooms for the girls & cooking facilities. Everyone helped pitch in & shovel snow, feed stock & cook for our keep. Also killed time by running down parts for Jim & Holly and also for the snowplow at Arnold's Aviation. (Of course we weren't going anywhere until it was repaired!)

Jim & I decided it would be best to fly directly into Taylor with all the delays as they wanted to spend a couple of days with the students (Randy Lamborn, Mindy Wolfe, Renan Bagley). I also needed to go out and tend some personal business &

Fri. cont

Holly + girls walked in about 6 P.M. Fixed chowder for the whole crew. No wolves between here + Coxy.

Sat. Jan. 2

Jim + Holly flew out. Randy went also. Our original plan was to be out the 3rd. They were going to give Randy a lift to Boise. The girls wanted to stay as long as possible. They didn't have plans. Split + stacked wood in between Arnolds "fuel flights." 18 barrels in all. Nice day

Sun. Jan 3.

Another nice day. Told Renan + Windy to take day off + hike. Windy went to top of Cliff Cr. + Renan went up Pioneer - Rush Cr. divide. Both saw elk + lots of bobcat tracks + scat. I lucked up large fir up Pioneer. Girls come back about 3:30 + fed stock + helped haul in some more wood. (Them choice)

attend the Wolf Symposium  
at Boise.

From my notes:

Wed. Dec. 30

Finally made it in. Unloaded  
gear. Harnessed mules & skidded some  
logs down Pioneer Cr. Dropped large  
Doug. fir.

Thurs. Dec. 31

Saddled up mules & went  
to Cabin Cr. (Jim, Holly, Students, et al)  
Saw large cougar on a kill across  
creek near Lohman Basin. Kids pretty  
excited about that. Holly, Kenan, &  
Mindy went up to Coney Camp to  
check on wolves & knock snow off tent.  
Randy, Jim & I cut wood at Cabin Cr.  
Returned with stock to Taylor well after  
dark. Snowed 2 inches.

Friday ~~Jan 1~~ Dec. 31

Jim went over packing the strip  
with mules & the other details  
to do while they were out. Annolds  
flying in helicopter fuel for big game  
counts. Did tight work in between  
planes. 206's ~~gear~~ usable with the  
strip packed.

Monday Jan. 4

Gathered up mules across creek. Let the girls harness them & we skidded several of the large fir logs onto ranch - cut & split some up & we hauled wood most of day. Bucked up some more also.

Another nice day!

Tues. Jan. 5

Sent the girls to Big A. Lorge to check out the pictographs & see what they could see. They came back about mid-afternoon. Reported seeing large cougar tracks at Goat Cr. <sup>colgate also</sup> & probably a female & older sub's tracks near the Lorge. Slide has trail blocked for stock near Lorge. I split wood & kindling for each cabin & corded quite a bit in. Mules were on the "right side" of creek this morning. The girls corralled & feed them tonight in case we need to pack strip in morning.

Another nice day.

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Wed. Jun 6.

Cleaned things up & we got ready to fly out. Low clouds. Started snowing hard at 8 A.M. Clear at Cascade. John Lancaster of Arnolds took off early with Jim & Holly as he figured it was clear here. They turned back. Circled for a while & this is the only area of low clouds. Stopped snowing (about 1"). The clouds lifted at about 1:30 P.M. & they came in & we went out. Called the girls about 9 P.M. & they were in Moscow & O.K.

I've included a couple of pictures. Miss Bagley seemed to take quite an interest in the stock & Taylor. The hard work seemed to agree with her. Expect she will be bugging you about the intern positions for the summer (if she hasn't already!)  
over

All were good hands. Jim  
Peg did a good job screening  
them. I had no problems  
with them at all.

Jack says it may be "very heavy" Ha!  
without the stuff.

For your info:  
Old John Craighad has recently  
fired his entire development  
office as he has decided to  
"keep things lean & mean".  
according to Jack Fogg, who  
is still the Director.  
Jack said he would be  
happy to meet with your  
development people. Talked to  
Bill Yader (the ex-development  
man) and he said he'd be  
happy to also if he could  
be of service.

Bill's address:

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FLORENCE, MONTANA  
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Would like to hear any  
comments about the trip from  
the students if you would  
pass them along.

The Best!

Jim Porter

5-19-99

Charles,

Just a short note.  
Had a chance to chew the  
rag last week with Fred  
Dauber, the Knossel District  
Ranger. He had a lot of good  
things to say about the U of  
I + you in particular. There is  
in hopes there can be a lot  
more cooperation in the future.  
Thought you might like to hear  
that. (A person generally doesn't get  
to hear the "good things" very often.)

The Best!

Jim Forten



12-12-00

Chuck Hatch,

Had a couple of kids  
this summer who sure put  
out a lot of extra effort,  
Tordy Sugen + Mark Mayori <sup>(ROTC)</sup> <sub>guy</sub>

Made up for a couple who  
didn't. (which I'm sure you  
heard about.) Expect you guys  
might want to come up with  
a policy for problem people  
if you don't already have one.

Expect traveling (on a schedule)  
in the Big Cr. area will be  
a real problem for a long time.  
Expect I'll lay out of it.

Many thanks to Ed Kinnage  
for coming in + talking about  
camping impacts. That's something  
that often gets ignored.

The Best!

Jim Porter