

To Jeff Yeo
From Ray Luse
Subject Taylor Ranch Stuff



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Everything is going fine back here, just a few things I want to communicate to you that I didn't feel warranted a phone call.

I filled out the monthly weather summary this morning and we totalled 3.42" of precip. ^{For Nov.} Could the drought be over? At the moment we have 8" of snow on the ground and temps. dipping down into the low 20's. With this snow cover, and a few tricks, I anticipate keeping water flowing to the Taylor Cabin all winter...

The snow depths have brought elk out of the high country and down to the haystack! In a weeks time they have eaten less than 5% of the stack. Short of firing guns, which I've not done, I don't know how we'd keep the elk away; they are in the main pasture morning and evening providing us with much needed entertainment.

Speaking of destructive animals, woodrats are making a mess in the duplex. For 3 weeks I've been trying to trap them, but I'm just making them smarter. Perhaps it's time to resort to poison, let me know.

We've been collecting stream temps. every other day. The thermometers are working fine so that's going ok.

I've assembled some of the new furniture. I'm hoping you've purchased some finish to put on the wood. If not we'll need some. Also I've not found any log oil. By spring we could use some of that. ~~the~~

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Ray Arnold was able to land and take off from here last week with ~6" of snow. We're up to 8" now but hopefully he can continue to pack snow as it falls. If you get this letter...

Regarding radio/phone communications, I would also like to use this only when necessary rather than maintaining a routine schedule.

I guess that's about it. The sheep rut is in full swing with the rams acting much like people in Clarkia, ID every Sat. night. We found a Boreal owl roosting in the woods here yesterday. We have lots to keep us busy now that we received your list. We'll continue to try to outsmart woodrats.

Cheers,

Ray & Christine