

DEAR Jim & Holly,

I CAN'T THANK YOU BOTH ENOUGH FOR THE WARM WELCOME YOU GAVE US AT TAYLOR RANCH. THAT PLACE IS SPECIAL TO ME AND YOU BOTH REALLY SUPPORTED THAT FEELING FOR ME AND HELPED ME SHARE IT WITH KEVIN. HE'S HAD TO LISTEN TO ME TALK ABOUT BIG CREEK FOR A LOTTA YEAR NOW. OUR TRIP WAS FANTASTIC, TO SHORT BUT FANTASTIC. WE SAW A LONE BIGHORN & NEAR LOBEAR BASIN, GROUSE WITH CHICKEN LOTS OF ELK AT CABIN CREEK, 3 COYOTES, 1 GREAT HORNED OWL 2 RUBBER BOA SNAKES LOTS OF "GO DOWNS" & ROCK CHUCKS. THE FISHING WAS GREAT, OH BY THE WAY BIG CREEK IS ALL CATCH & RELEASE FOR ALL TROUT UP TO SMITH CREEK (THE WILDERNESS BOUNDARY). THE MOST EXCITING FISH STORY IS THE ONE I HOOKED IN THE BIG HOLE JUST EAST OF LOBEAR, A STEELHEAD I BET HE WENT 12LB. I HOOKED HIM AND FOUGHT HIM FOR 5 MINUTES WHEN KEVIN FINALLY GOT INTO POSITION TO NET HIM THE LINE TOUCHED A ROCK AND SNAPPED LIKE A DRY TWIG, ALL THE SAME IT WAS A REAL EXCITING AND SURPRISING FISH ADVENTURE. WE CAMPED AT ALL THE BEST SPOTS, BATHED IN COXLEY HOLE AND SOMEHOW MANAGED TO BE SETTLED & DRY FOR ALL THE SHOWERS. WE COULDN'T HIKE SLOW ENOUGH TO MAKE THE TRAIL LAST AND ARRIVED IN BIG CREEK STATION AT 2 PM MONDAY, JUST IN TIME FOR THE MAIL TRUCK. WE WENT BACK TO CASCADE MON. EVE WITH ELAINE THE MAIL PERSON. KEVIN IS ALREADY MAKING PLANS TO RETURN NEXT YEAR WITH HIS HORSES.

HERE IS THE I S B BOWHUNTING BOOK I MENTIONED SEE PG 43. WHEN YOU TOO GET UP TO MOSCOW PLEASE LOOK US UP WE'RE IN THE BOOK AND LOVE TO GO OUT TO DINNER AT ANY EXCUSE, I KNOW PATTIE (MY WIFE) AND CANDIE (KEVIN WIFE) WOULD ENJOY MEETING YOU ALL. WELL BACK TO MOSCOW, BACK TO WORK

Thanks Again, Keith Haley
P.S. great cherry pie

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