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Jim and Holly and all:

Well, as usual, I'm behind the rest of the universe. Right now I'm completing a lot of detail work which should have been done about last november. All of my survey data and environmental data has been sorted out; survey files are nearly completed and I can begin a formal analysis shortly--the numbers will tell me what I already know: sites in the canyon are correlated with grass and mountain mahogany; sites in the high country are close to white bark pine; house pits are mostly between Taylor Ranch and Goat Creek. All that must mean something.

Anyway, I will at least get the survey study done this summer--about half of what I had indended to accomplish. So it goes.

The present schedule is to be at Cabin Creek with the forest service archaeologist(s?) on 24 and 25 July to check out old cabins and try a proton magnitometer on a couple of sites to see if it will work on local sediments. But, when I come in or go out is still not determined. I want to spend a week so that I can pick up some more data on a couple of sites.

I've got a couple of historical documents for you to look at--a diary by one of the Caswell brothers covering 1895 to 1900 at Cabin Creek and some exerpts from one of the Sheepeater Campaign diaries.

Well, I'll holler on the radio when I know for sure when the coming and going will happen. That should be within a week from the time you read this--maybe a bit more. I may or may not have a helper with me. That will depend on a lot of uncontrolled variables.

Both Gary and I agree that summer is best spent collecting data, not analyzing it. Gary is on a Lynx study up in the Okanagon country which will go for about 2 more years. Field work is by pickup.

Later

*Frank*