

9-11-39 Station 4, Timpooneke Basin Camp.

Returned today in the afternoon with sufficient time left to set out research area A-9-11-39. This research area is located at the head of the Timpooneke Basin, in main canyon below the Timpooneke cirque. The area was situated on the south side of the canyon at the base of the talus, where the side hill vegetation meets the valley floor vegetation. The canyon slope here is the intervening area between the more level and flat portion of the canyon and the high and very abrupt head of canyon.

Review

The trap line consisted of 230 traps placed every 10 feet in an irregular but continuous line. The line was always in immediate contact with the hillside shrubs and open valley field type of vegetation. The trees and shrubbery consisted of willow, few spruce, chokecherry, serviceberry, elderberry, and a few fir. Its makeup in general was a typical brush association. The area showed effects of being frequently interfered with snow slides or snow movement from the south hillside. It made for a very dense and tangled mass of shrubs. Considerable smaller brush was found associated with the larger brush particularly near area adjacent to the flat of main canyon. Rocky areas near. While setting traps heard a Tow-will calling near large rock slide at base of talus from perpendicular cliffs above. Baited with oatmeal as usual. Finished at dark. During afternoon several threatening clouds passed over but in evening skies cleared up. Returned to camp. At 9:00 P.M. temperature = 55°F. Skies clear.

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Began to rain last night about 1 o'clock and continued spasmodically all night. At 9:00 A.M. temperature at 55°F with rain still in order and no hopes for a let up. At 10:30 A.M. started up canyon to inspect research area A-9-11-39, still raining, of course, with a very wet reception ahead, particularly when time arrives when I must receive an extra