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pictures were taken from the Timpanoche Cirque - Rock  
Canyon Cirque ridge. The wild life on this ridge of rock  
ledges and cliffs with dwarf conifers is prolific. The greatest  
numbers to be found on the west side where conifers are more  
numerous and topography rugged and steep, with rock taluses  
and rock slide. The wind is more in evidence, <sup>also</sup> on the west side.  
The trees here are *pinus flexilis*, *Abies concolor*, Douglas fir,  
pinyon pine and possibly black balsam. The Clark's crow  
find a very agreeable habitat here and feeding within 20 feet  
at times. Five observed. One rested on top of the *Pinus*  
*flexilis* on the right hand side of picture 5-9-13-39. The *Tamias*  
*scurus* frequently called and generally distributed even on  
this ridge where winds created a vigor environment. They  
too are very tame and go right about their own business.  
Two were observed carrying cones. Observed one Green-  
tailed Towhee and heard several others. One red tail made a  
bullet dart at me but swerved to one side upon closer examina-  
tion. Swifts flew by on the rocky points. 2 American or  
Golden eagles flew across the ridge at base of the high peak.  
They flew together. Gopher diggings in evidence. Badger  
holes common and many of them fresh. Townsend Solitaire  
present. *Eutamias* (Sp.?) frequently heard. At the 3 prominent  
cliff abutment along ridge run on to a large horned buck.  
Come upon it unexpectedly, as far as its surprise was concern-  
ed. Was apparently alone and did not show signs of fright  
when disturbed. It followed up the trail ridge and then  
to the left through the conifers toward the Timpanoche Cirque.  
As I found out later it appears by tracks that it actually  
reached the Timpanoche Cirque and <sup>had</sup> found its way down  
trail over the brink to springs below in main canyon. In-  
vestigated the point where this buck was feeding and found  
many tracks among the cliff rose, *Symphoricarpos*, siberian  
purple and dwarf conifers. Some of these <sup>narrow</sup> points are well  
protected and supported and unusual thick and matted  
type of vegetational growth. Was interesting to note that the  
soils on the west side still remained partially wet and damp  
while still on the east side the ground was relatively dry.  
From the ridge could see the effects of fire of years ago. It is  
clearly shown in Bear Canyon drainage the results of a fire.  
Only remnants of conifer stands remain. The log on the  
ground here are burnt and are in a state of complete decay.  
It is very unusual that log of this area should be in such