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Lawks flew by and in same direction and about the same height. Larch still green and mainly erect but many discolored and a few prostrate. Two and 1/2 inches of snow in cirque. No clouds except one lone one. Took another



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picture 6-9-15-39 a little further beyond showing the cirque and the glacier canyon in the next cirque to the east. Snow condition evident. These snows were deposited upon a late summer vegetation and during the storm of yesterday morning. One can readily see how easily the glacier could have at one time had its course down the American Fork Cirque rather than down its present course. After taking this picture returned to the brink of the cirque. Found the trail in several places covered with wind blown dirt from the edge of the new exposed surfaces made by trail construction. This movement is not generally observed in summer but very evident when snow covers the ground and dirt makes a conspicuous contrast. It is here where the greatest degree of melting of snows takes place. On return trip left brink at 1:10 P.M. Observations general on way down. at 1:12 observed a flicker and a G.T. Towhee. Coyote had nosed into a badger hole. Marmot tracks showing agility of mammal with tracks as far as 3 feet apart. Inspected the patch of high siberian juniper at base of rock slide on the east side of main gully and was surprised to not find any mice tracks. Pika called at crossover at base of slide. Snow still hard and crusted in protected places. The group of Chickadees, juncos, creepers and Kinglets observed on trail this morning were still in same place as before. Surprised a marmot while it slowly fed among hillside shrubbery by trail. When it noticed me for the first time it responded with a very sharp call as if frightened & then ran down hill. The flock of birds mentioned above all reacted to this call. More tracks of marmot indicating their wide ranging. Juncos fed mainly at the outer edge of the junipers. One Chickadee dropped out of a high conifer like a piece of snow and when I confused