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trail. 10:45 Observed 14 deer in group feeding among the short chokecherry in a more or less exposed situation. The opening was the continuation of the last flat before the divide. Their actions were different than I have ever recorded before. Many of them were calm but a few or at least three (possibly they were new and had joined the herd recently) that went wild in the truest sense. First one would run like a jackrabbit from one side of field to the other, then straight down toward us and then back. Not in their usual gait but more like a rabbit than I could describe. The actions of this one deer certainly was sharply contrasted with the actions of the others. The group as a whole were not so near as wild as the first bunch observed. No bucks observed in either herd, however, we could have failed to see smaller horns although had 8 power binoculars. We hadn't gone 100 feet more when we came right upon a large buck feeding in the field at the very head just beneath the divide. It was feeding in the open and was alone. The other deer were at least 500 feet away. This buck was about 250 feet from us and was not in the least concerned about the hideous activity of his herd just above him. A magpie that was accompanying him left and flew about 50 away and called. The buck raised his head and looked tentatively in the direction of the magpie for about 40 seconds. Then finally turned head around to us. His movements from that time on were typically buckish. A few jumps and he was in aspens. I think he followed up over and down into conifers on n.w. side of big baldy. It is quite a general observation to find the magpie in close proximity to a herd of deer, but this was the first time I had seen that the deer actually use the bird as their warning guard. The association of this old buck (horns whitish, not yellowish brown) and the 14 deer above gives one something to wonder about. Was the herd's actions to attract attention of the buck, for it was very plain that they tarried and carried on with no confidence of group spirit. They were all confused and thoroughly disorganized as to just what to do. After about six minutes they finally formulated a line of 11 and went up mt. side. Three tarried & finally left but in different way.