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Ascent of Buckley Mountain via Slate Canyon and east ascent. Red Biddulph & I made this winter skiing trip. Left mouth of Slate Canyon at 7:30 A.M. via grade trail on south slope. Arrived at top at 4:00 P.M. Left Top 4:20 P.M. and at 6:30 P.M. at mouth Slate Canyon again. At mouth of Canyon as we advanced up south slope jumped 5 deer at base of Limestone cliffs. 16 on north side. Coyote tracks from point on trail where it again joins canyon to the forks. Deer found to about forks of upper slate. At the ^{second} snow slide area in Slate noticed a congregation of ~~Gray~~ Ruffed Grouse tracks among the aspen found here. First occurrence of aspen in canyon. On our return found 15 birds in this same area. 2. *Lentarnias* at forks. *Uta* jump at forks and *Tamias* calling as we advanced toward upper valley near divide of right hand fork of slate. Snow over 6 1/2 feet at valley. Rabbit tracks covered with new snow covering, no signs of spring at lake but completely covered with winter mantle of snow. At divide of Slate and Little Rock Canyon found the temperature in shade 40° F. Not many tracks in snow at divide. Continued to top and found a new world of snow covered trees but as usual only one or two films left in camera, and lights fading. No. (1-4-20-41) and (2-4-20-41) taken at divide before final ascent. Red takes a try at a cornice with Provo Peak ridge in background. It was on this ridge we skied a few weeks ago. The other roof area with Temp in background. Winter still prevails in this valley with threatening storms ahead.



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