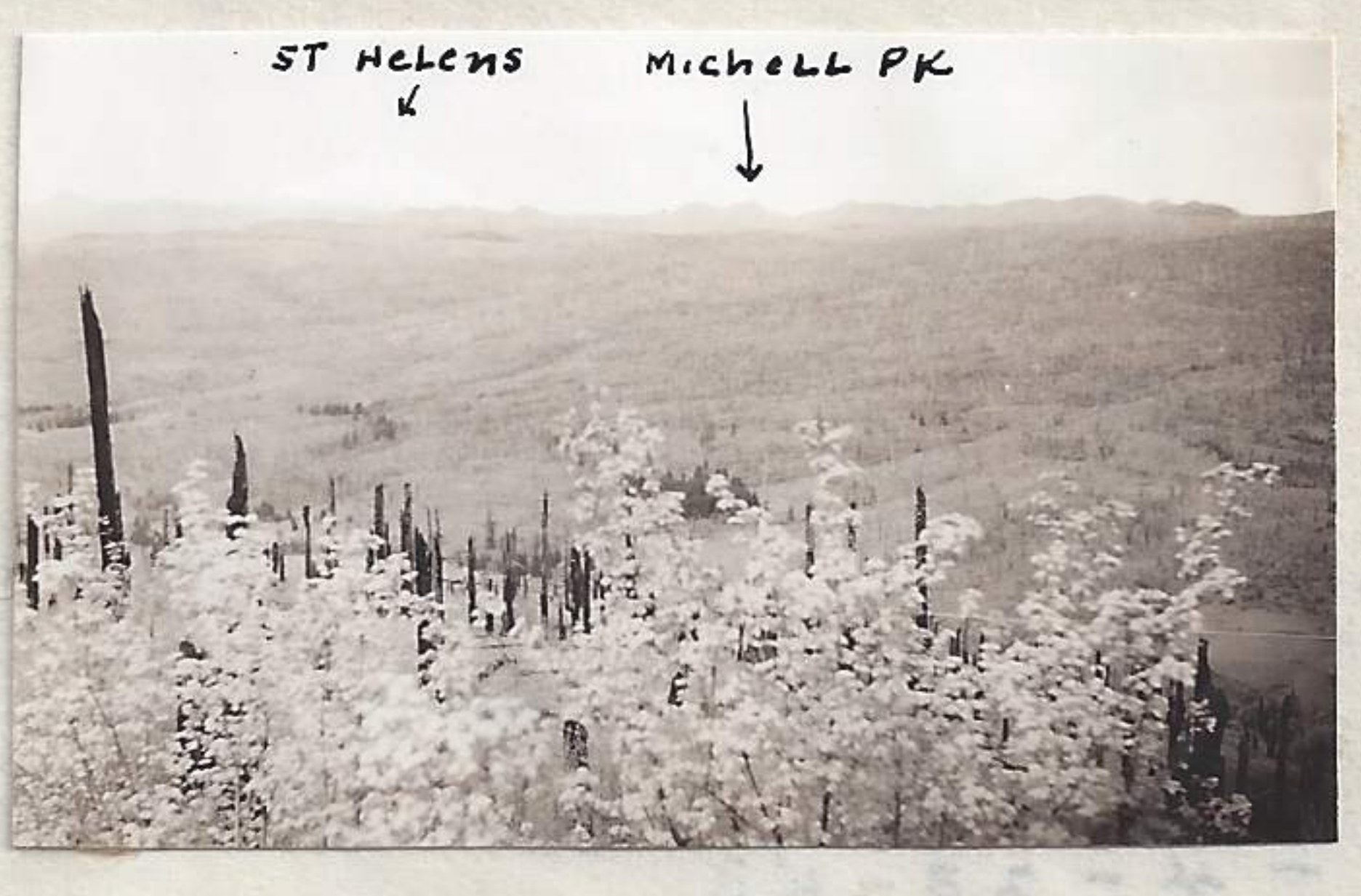


The bird has a flicker like call but notes in pairs rather than continuous as is the flicker. The call is forceful and reminds one of the goshawk call. This bird was concerned about the area and flew from one tree to the next, alighting upon the very top of the dead trees bordering the live stand. It finally flew down hillside calling. Its flight is accomplished like a plover but more undulating. Its loud vigorous call is diagnostic. Took picture no 1-5/2/43 of the interior of this stand to indicate example of the vegetation of a primitive virgin stand of timber. The floor in places



1-5-2-43



2-5-2-43

is entirely bare, other places supporting only the small shade loving plants and sparsely vegetated. The only brush is the vine maple which grows from main base supporting 10 or so trees and developing into husky trees but not entangling like found in other less virgin areas. One can negotiate among them without difficulty as they are large enough to allow free passage. A blackberry or gooseberry like shrub populates the areas more openly spaced between the more distantly spaced trees. As one nears the peripheral edge of this forest he encounters much brush, ferns, oregon grape and grasses. This type of vegetation approaches forest and then slopes while the vine maple exists in forest and stops at edge indicating that the vine maple is probably the original tree associated with the virgin forests. This set-up will at least give me a working basis for reconstruction of original set-up.

The general feeling and wild life in this area was entirely different than in other areas. Found fresh bear tracks, deer, grouse (sooty) ^{Tamiasciurus} Redbreasted woodpecker, varred thrush etc. The tremendous reaction of the rabbit or nut beaver in the entire Bell mt area is startling

3-5-2-43