

leaves up from west side to top and then out into space where they drifted aimlessly. Left the peak in a descent that I hoped would end the sever cold only to find that the piercing wind chilled me to the bone the entire journey back to camp. On way back come upon a fallen aspen tree that had come to rest across the trail since I passed here this morning. Arrived at camp in time to prepare supper, wash up before the last golden ray of sun had departed from the Provo Peak for another day. The moon jumped right into its place in the sky. It was 15 minutes up when the last sun ray left Provo Peak. Peeking over the ridge of the long sloping ridge leading up from the divide to first Conifer on Provo ridge. Got fire and supper, as well, settle down and then to bed. Shut tent completely up as with previous note and by pinning wool sweater + shirt on top of 4 lbs wool sleeping bag was able to sleep until morning without much interference. The wind reacted as last note and could follow its progress up to pine on high east ridge. One particular spasm blew an aspen tree over which crashed in full force on ridge west of camp. The wind died down during the early part of the morning only to commence again about an hour before daybreak, up canyon winds.

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Up with the first appearance of light above east ridge. Broke 1/4 inches of ice for water. The entire surface of pond was frozen except small bordering portion where spring water entered. Unusual but three water skaters were still alive and active ^{on the ice} near a log partly emergent. Spring 50' east of pond flowing normal capacity. Had breakfast + broke camp with morning lights still subdued and weak. Took to trail + arrived at the divide. Followed from here along horizontal trail to Camel Pass at the south end of Provo Peak ridge. Trail extremely cold + windy + sunless as yet. Numerous deer tracks on trail also many smaller birds. Upon reaching divide (Camel Pass) received for the first time the warmer rays of the sun but not in great enough intensity for comfort in shorts. The course down through Pale Haven to Hubble Creek was exceptionally interesting but beastly cold. 12 deer were encountered along route from Camel Pass down. Porcupine tracks were frequently encountered running in road for several hundred feet at a stretch. The quills of the legs were found to make a characteristic mark in the dirt. The tail quills also made nice marks. A nice sking country for those who enjoy beautiful country as well as sking. Soon reached left hand fork of Hubble Creek and finally the junction of the right + left forks at 10 o'clock. Set up tent + got fire going, had a cup of tea + waited for the arrival of folks. They arrive on time. Dinner out,