

in ice except where rivers enter reservoir, at west end open. No ducks or geese. except where river enters at w end where the following were observed; 120 red head ducks, 2 greater scaup, 400 Canada geese, 400 pintails, 15 mallards, 3 baldpate. From here can see a high, ^{red} perpendicular cliff on n side of reservoir that exposes some interesting stratigraphy. no water entering reservoir. 361.5 Converse Co. Cattle herds with very young calves. 365.8 N Platte River water bank to bank and clear water, may actually be river that enters the reservoir elsewhere than observed at place where the ducks + geese were observed. 370.3 7 antelope, some light colored. 380.6 N. Platte River at Douglas nat as full as lower down stream, magpie 391.4 2 antelope, drifts toward Casper have great depth and width, 398.0 4 antelope. 401.2 3 muskrat dens in pond, 401.7 at least 50 antelope, 12 of them at edge of a pond. 403.1 off main road to Glenrock to follow lower rd (26-20) to Casper. 410.0 cottonwoods, smaller and more sparsely distributed (individual trees) than elsewhere. Some ice masses along edge of river. 6 ducks. 417.9 striped skunk road kill. 430.2 Casper at 5:30 P.M. at 835 E 14th Street at Mary P Bee home. Travelled 366 miles today.

Casper, Wyoming.

March 12, 1979

Visited Mary today. Installed 2 lights in kitchen.

March 13, 1979

(Frank the dog)

Mary, Annette and I drove up to top Casper mt this afternoon. Snow from benchland of yesterday fell to top of mt. From base mt to ^{top in} good winter covering of snow. This mountain has lost its natural beauty and character by road scars on the front, hundreds of cabins on top, systems of roads to snowmobile parking lot, skiing lodge, trails etc. In my estimation it is already over developed in an area that could have been a natural area of the highest value. Annette observed a golden eagle near ski lodge. The only other bird was a small bird (junco). On top near ski lodge (road to S) recorded six photos of ^{bank} snow, Mary and the dog Frank, nos 790312-1 to 790312-6. At base of mountain noted three groups of deer. 9-10-12. These deer are wintering just below base of mountain in draws and shrubby vegetation that is preempted by homes. At present they seem to be compatible. I would imagine that the deer at one time wintered from here to the riparian forests along the North Platte River now occupied by Casper.

