

In fact I have always wondered if fungi is responsible for small tree lifeform for both the oak & maples and maybe aspen as well.

This morning after lights were strong took 8 photos of Stewart's Cirque from Marie's moraine chalet at Sundance (one of Annette P Bee). Last of 8 taken at about 11:00 A.M.

810405-1 Stewart's Cirque (S of Elk Peak), telophoto showing part of face of Cheops (will call the cirque at base of Cheops, Cheops cirque for reference purposes) and confluence of two cirques. Cornices well developed, slope below right hand cornice has slipped and formed distinct wall on otherwise smooth sloping side of ridge.

810405-2 Cheops and Stewart's cirque. Sliding of snow at base of Cheops is from rocks heating snow which gives way for small avalanches. Most avalanches, generally minor surface ones start from this method.

810405-3 E side Elk Peak & part of Stewart's Cirque. Some surface slides off this mt.

810405-4. Terraces below Stewart's Cirque. Lowest snow patch is flat canyon below falls.

810405-5 Same setting as 810405-1.

810405-6 Same setting as 810405-3.

810405-7 General view Stewart's Cirque. Golden Eagle nest area can be seen from left hand side photo, middle.

810405-8 Annette P. at moraine chalet.

810405-9 Same general setting as 810405-3.

810405-10 Cheops & Stewart flat Cirque (3:00 P.M.)

810405-11 General view Stewart Cirque including Cheops and Elk Peak taken at 3:00 P.M.

810405-12 Yellow lichen on branches of Douglas Fir at Marie's Moraine Chalet.

While surveying cirques from moraine chalet with Celestron in A.M. a goshawk flew up valley from E to W at height of top of lateral moraine on N side of valley.

From approx. 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. there were many superficial snowslides on upper slopes of the cirques and bordering peaks. By the end of the period approx. 70% of the steep slopes of upper slopes were developed into snowslides. These avalanches were difficult to see except when they moved off flat slopes to gullies or when cascading over cliffs in drainage systems.