

In just a little over 1 minute it was at the base of the mountain and flowing out onto the flat area beyond the base or mouth of the Canyon. For 3 minutes (to 9:30 A.M.) it maintained full force & volume, building up a huge delta of what would appear to cover several acres. This mass was in an area used by skiers during the winter season. The avalanche in the gully looked like water falls but was dirty and had some tree debris, many small trees were bent down in path of avalanche but were not uprooted. noise continuous until slide stopped. at 9:36 a golden eagle flew ^S past the upper limit of the avalanche at precisely the breakaway point. It did not stop to check it out but continued soaring ^S, (see photos (810416-16, 810416-17, 810416-21, 810417-2 and 810417-3 and 810417-2). ¹ for this avalanche.

Annette and I drove car to Aspen Grove to check on golden eagle nests. In lowest set of cliffs on S side of canyon toward falls are two nests, one of them an alternate nest site. From Aspen made 2 photos of terraces ^{and mt.} above falls to W. Nos 810416-12 and 810416-13

From a point on road just down road (N Fork) from Aspen made photograph 810416-14 of Stewart's Canyon area showing Stewart's Cirque, Cheops, entrance to Cheops Cirque, Stewart's Peak and broad platform E of Elk Peak in foreground.

Photo 810416-15 of part of eastern ski run (Sundance) with Evergreen mt to left. 810416-16 extension of above showing ski slopes to base of Ashley Peak mountain. Already they have constructed roads in this natural landscape. Why cannot they be satisfied with present area and not gouge out the background slopes to a rather beautiful setting. From a point between Robert Redford Turnoff and Sundance took several ⁽⁶⁾ general shots. No 810416-17 of Ashley Peak, entrance to Cheops Cirque to right and basal platform of Elk Peak to right foreground Eagle cliff lowest center cliff. Upper reach of Overwhelm Trest on Ashley Peak on Stewart mountain. Cheops Cirque wall in distance.

Photo 810416-18 of Stewart Cirque with base (SE) of Elk mountain. Snow pattern shows extent of melt of season. Photo 810416-19 Stewart Cirque & Cheops to left. Position has changed from above photo ^{being} nearer to Sundance. Photo 810416-20 ^{ibid} but telos. Photo 810416-21 Elk Peak ^{this A.M.} showing avalanche tract that was made 9:27 April 16, 1981. Extent of break loose at top of slope near peak can be seen in photo