

Little Chalet, Sundance, mt. Timpunogas, Utah  
 April 17, 1981

Temp. 40°F at 7:00 A.M.

From moraine chalet at 7:30 A.M. observed 3 does and 1 faun of the mule deer. These are the first deer observed this trip and I have searched the ridges daily as far as open grounds prevails on ridges. They must just now be coming into area. The deer were on the lower part (E) of Clearview moraine straight N across the canyon from the chalet. One doe + faun kept together whereas the 2 other does kept together. They feed on open slope of moraine then travelled W up moraine & finally over ridge into timber. no new avalanches so far today.

drove down to N Fork road and at first head to W parked car, Annette stayed in car, and at 8:40 A.M. ascended Deer Creek Ridge to Panorama Ridge reaching ridge at 10:35 or 1 hr + 55 min trip. Deer tracks (mule deer) were everywhere and must have spent the winter on this slope. Three imprints measured 56, 65, 70 mm and most trended downhill. At top<sup>(NE)</sup> of Panorama Ridge took six panoramic shots across Timpunogas as follows.

810417-1 To S from N. Fork Ridge to Squawknife Pass, Cascade peak in background.

810417-2 S. from Squawknife Pass to near top Ashley Peak.

810417-3 SW from Stewart Peak to + including Stewart Cirque.

810417-4 W from Facet Peak to beyond Elk Peak.

810417-5 NW from Aspen Grove to E edge Timpunogas.

810417-6 N from E edge Timpunogas to Lubert Redford property,

Thomomys on this ridge. also 4 holes made by lodger. although I did not see deer, their tracks were common, many old droppings, hillside bedding spots. One well used trail angles off from Redford fields and crosses Panorama Ridge where ridge contacts main mountain. Returned via this game trail to Redford property, thence S along base mt along old trail to car. I am more and more impressed with the idea of reserving most of Timpunogas for viewing only, which could be accomplished by vantage points, say one on Facet Peak and gained by helicopter + station package or better by tunnel, with viewing station completely in harmony with vantage point to the extent that it cannot be differentiated from vantage point. viewing station equipped for sleeping and subsistence and used by reservation. Ideally accommodation for one and not more than 2.