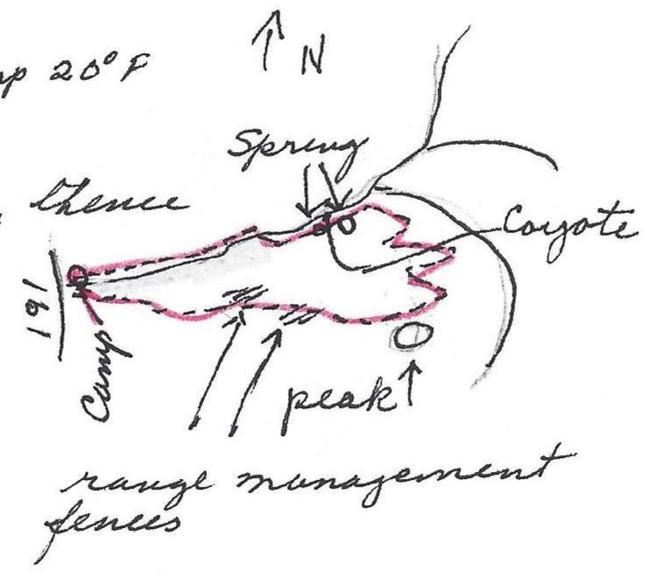


On the main road is a mileage marker '32' from W Yellowstone. miles

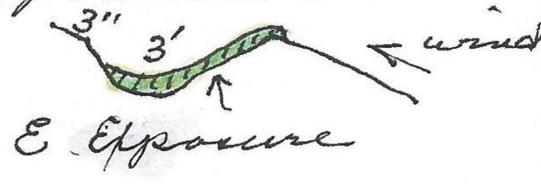
Tepee Trail, 8/10 mi. N Entrance Yellowstone National Park, in Montana.

Oct. 26, 1983 Temp 20°F

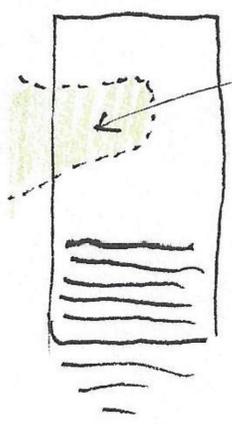
Made trip from camp to top peak to SE thence down slope to Tepee Trail Canyon, thence to camp. Followed up ridge to fences placed to capture moisture from snow to encourage growth of grasses. The first set showed only slight improvement of growth.



There must have been some improvement as there was an increase in Citellus holes and badger diggings. Fences may have protected the squirrels from hawks and eagles. The second set of fences showed no improvement. These fences are not on right exposure to begin with. In a natural catchment basin



of E exposure just above the fences the snow fell on proper exposure and luxuriant grasses dominated the slope with growth 3' compared to 3 inches just beyond. Old elk droppings all up & down ridge with seldom one not over 3-4 inch apart. Grasses also grow on flat areas on N exposures. The enclosure across canyon shows the following



Artemisia in enclosure higher, darker and closer together. Bare area above less green than outside area. Terraced zone in enclosure shows no improvement and may be detrimental.

All elk droppings old, no elk trails. No foot imprints. Moose not in river valley as in the valley there are no droppings or tracks, no droppings and trails. The willow are higher by twice than our last visit. Moose droppings are high in timber now but rare.

Microtine trails in dry situations on exposed ridge, other grassy places common. Estimate 48 badger diggings and twice as many elevated Citellus holes.

Only bird a Clark's Crow near top of peak. Sage hen? called ♪♪ ♪♪ also a red squirrel.

Coyote hunting in matted lush grass at springs (see map) a beautiful pelage. Spotted me before using sight.