

up north. East exposure and finally gained top of Mohogany ridge, the ♀ leading the entire distance. He certainly had a reserve seat to watch the ascent. Occasionally the ♀ would jump and bound up the steep grade but the buck was forced to develop nothing more than a brisk run. Both were considerably more nervous than the deer observed this morning at mouth of Grove Creek. Have not run across any more porcupine tracks since leaving the immediate vicinity of Honor Hike Camp and its associated conifer trees. at 1:00 P.M. examined a series of Microtus (?) tracks in snow, leading in lanes from one hole to another. Their highway led across the upper surface of snow and would then disappear to reappear further on. I imagine that the sage brush held passages beneath the snow to allow for a disappearance of the trail. The tracks all led to a point of concentration hubbed by a small hole in snow. The main highway led across a gulch and on for 150'. Observed two or 3 other such runways as these but not as extensive or concentrated. Peromyscus, Snowshoe rabbit, chipmunk (s) and weasel were also noticed on top of snow but not in any great numbers. All coyote tracks seemed to be going in a northerly direction up the same canyon we were traversing, coming out of the aspen groves to the east. Would judge there to be about a dozen coyotes responsible for these tracks. These coyotes seem to prefer the more open and exposed valley between Mohogany ridge and Mt. Pimpanoyos rather than the steep canyon of lower Grove Creek. Have intercepted many deer crossings and trails where the deer have come from Pump and crossed valley to gain the snow free exposure of the west side of Mohogany ridge. Many trails ascended straight up the steep east exposure of the valley Moh. ridge. In many places examined the snow had been at one time strong enough to support the entire weight of the animal without breaking through the crust. The further we progressed up valley the fewer deer tracks were observed. Placed plaque in Mohogany tree on east trending ridge leading more or less abruptly into the broad valley head of Grove Creek. The tree is the lowermost tree on the ridge and about 160' up from valley floor at terminal of ridge. Plaque six feet high on N.W. side of tree. From our plaque tree one can immediately appreciate.