

Sundance, Stewart Flat, Mt. Timpanogas, Utah Co., Utah

May 4, 1991

(see 910504-0 at last of this date)

Two photos (Kodachrome) of snow on Timpanogas, no 910504-1 from road below Aspen Grove, showing Elk Peak to left and Aspen Grove Canyon to right. Conifers to left, <sup>(out of photo)</sup> of ones along edge of creek were removed by snowslide years ago. This one and next are panoramic. Photo 910504-2 same area as above with Elk Peak right and Stewart Crag to left & center. Snowslide from Elk Peak keep base in successional stage of aspen.

Birds in area of Mary & Sons cabin W of Sundance: goshawk, white-breasted nuthatch, brown creeper, Steller's jay, Uinta ground squirrel, tree squirrel (chickoree), Audubon warbler, Townsend solitaire.

Left 11:17 A.M. with James Robert and checked area N of Aspen Grove thence top N Fork Ridge (Deer Creek Ridge) and return. Snow on all sides but were able to follow route with least amount of snow covering. Enroute observed active gopher diggings, badger diggings (fresh), Uinta ground squirrels, 5 American robins, 1 northern flicker, tree sparrow, elk tracks and droppings, mule deer tracks & droppings, Coyote tracks. Deer & elk tracks and scat common on trail that traverses N Fork Ridge from above lake to top of ridge. Took following photos along route (Kodachrome):

910504-3 From top glacial moraine to W. Elk Peak to left with major avalanche tract from top. Safest ascent up terraces of Aspen Grove Canyon is at base of Elk Peak, elsewhere avalanches completely central canyon surface. Summit Timp distant background.

910504-4. *ibid.* Extreme left avalanche tract.

910504-5 *ibid.* but farther to N.

910504-6 Timp background. From trail to top Deer Creek Ridge (North Fork Ridge) Douglas fir starting to dominate aspen. One reason conifer find it difficulty to dominate is because porcupines eat top of young trees (fir) when snow provides easy access to tops of young conifers. Lake just beyond foreground ridge.

910504-7 *ibid.* Trail canyon left leads to major road switch-back, trail to right to lake. Sundance below Cascade Peak. Squaw Knife Pass visible.

910504-8 From terrace trail to top North Fork Ridge show Timp to W. Shaben valley with ridge flatirons in center.

910504-9 Brink North Fork Ridge to W at Timpanogas, James Robert Bee in foreground. Original route of glacier to N above flatirons, since pirated by Stewart Canyon.