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11:30 AM : Jennifer Miyashiro, Jennifer Frey, and myself have left for the Magdalena mountains from UWM. We are part of the ahead team for the Mammalogy class. We will be setting traps this evening for the Hanta virus team's annual survey of the Magdalena mountains.

11:35 AM : Heading south on I-25 from the Central ave. exit.

11:45 AM : Proceeding south on I-25, spotted patches of creosote, signifying northern-most chihuahuan desert.

weather: partly cloudy with thunderheads visible on Southwestern horizon.

12:08 pm : 49.5 miles, took exit 175 at Bernardo, bridge (I-25) home to colony of free tail bats. large deposits of guano present.

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12:22 pm : Took exit 169 off I-25
to Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge.
56.1 miles, have arrived at station. It
appears to be raining at Magdalenas.

1:05 pm : Passing Rio Salado,
sand dunes visible.

1:19 pm : Exit 150, Socorro.

1:26 pm : Entering foothills of Magdalena
Mountains, transitional flora
visible.

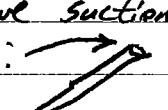
93.2 miles : Turned left on forest road
235, WaterCanyon, plains
mesa grass lands.

96.1 mi : Juniper savannah

96.6 mi : Piñon / Juniper woodland

98.0 mi : Turn left at WaterCanyon

98.2 mi : Ponderosa pine, piñon/juniper
Gambles oak.

White fir : Needles point up +
have suction cup - looking
tip:  (Flat)

Spruce : Square needles
limber pine, Apache plume present.

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Line D.G. 1 ⇒ Placed perpendicular and leading into treeline adjacent to laboratory road.

Microhabitat: Sub-alpine, mixed coniferous, old growth, damp. 80% canopy.

Line D.G. 2 ⇒ Placed perpendicular to line D.G. 1, along treeline approximately 20 yards from road. 60% grass; 5% canopy.

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Line D.G. 1: Trap #16,
1 Tamias dorsalis,
Trap #19,
1 Peromyscus maniculatus (dead)

Line D.G. 2: Trap #23,
1 Neotoma

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2:21 pm: 55°F, sprinkling rain

102.7 mi: Aspen sub Alpine Fir

104.6 mi: 1st meadow on right, Set traps for all Hanta webs, Forest and Meadow.

Spotted several red crossbills, some Chipmunks.

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Collected specimens from web sites. Pernis canus maniculatus,
~~P. b.~~ P. boylii, Tamias dorsalis.

Andy Deans, Jeremy Goodwin, and myself set + placed 100 Sherman traps at South Baldy near the Langmuir laboratory. We used 40 long and 60 short traps.

We used a grain mixture for bait + substituted apple pieces when we ran out of grain.

(group I.D.: D.G.)

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0.00 mi 1:48 pm Jennifer Frey, Sergio, Mayan,
and Jeremy have left
for Springtime Canyon with
the Mammalogy class. We
will be trapping several carnivores,
Bats, Kangaroo rats, etc.

- Plains mesa & grassland as we leave S. Albuquerque.
- * Along Rio Grande, Riparian floodplain.

Mile marker

212 \Rightarrow Northernmost Chihuahuan desert in N. Amer.

EXIT 150 94.00 mi Socorro.

EXIT 100 1st North.

F.S road 225 129.5 mi Right.

SCRUB ~~OR~~ GRASS

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133.3 mi Cibola Natl. For.

Odocoileus hemionus male ♂♂