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WiFi problems. Don't know when this will go...

It was in the 30's when we got up and drove to Old Falls River Road. It's closed to cars until July (that's when the snow is finally gone at the top) but you can walk up to Chasm Falls, which we did. You can walk 8 more miles if you like, which we didn't.



This is a yellow bellied marmot. He was waiting for us around the first bend in the road. He stood like a prairie dog or a meerkat but was fat like the mountain version of a groundhog. We stared him down and he dove into its hole with a yelp. Actually we camera-ed him down.



It was primarily rocks and trees along the way. What makes them especially rewarding is that they are vacation rocks and trees and we had to drive a long way to see them.



Same for sky and snowy peaks.



We made it to the falls. But it was still early and we hadn't even peeled any layers of clothes off yet so we kept hiking up the road.



Good thing because in a while we made it to the falls again.

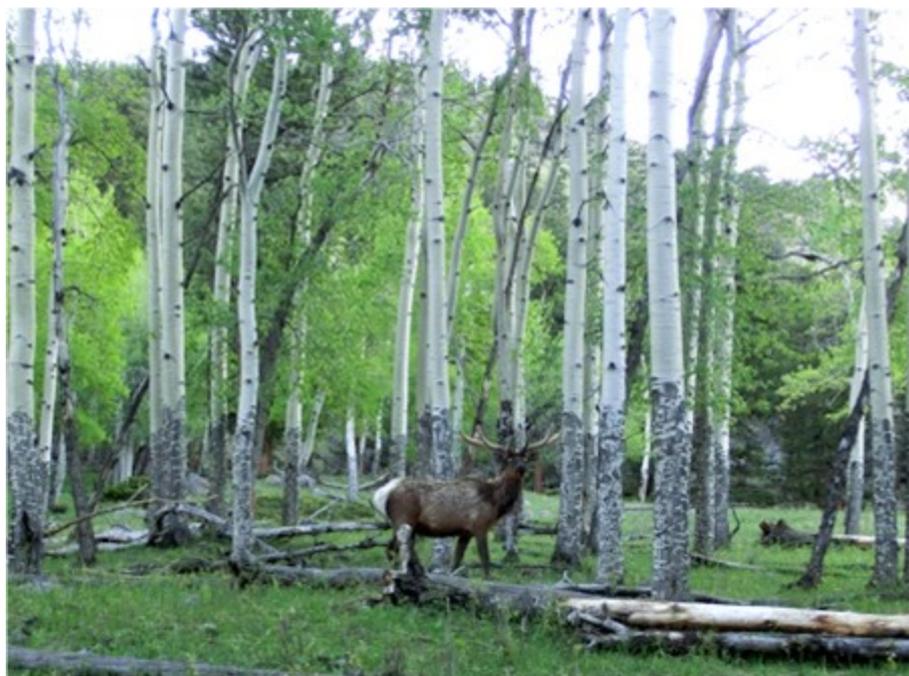


No, not the same falls, these were bigger and, unlike the first one, there were signs warning people not to fall in the water. We concluded that at the lower falls no one expected visitors or else maybe it was OK to fall in there.

We went back down. Sheila found another marmot...



...and more..



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