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Last year, the Dragon Bravo fire devastated the North Rim area of the Grand Canyon. Partly out of morbid curiosity and partly because we wanted a warm-up hike in this area, we made reservations at the nearest lodging, Kaibab Lodge (a whole 'nother postcard).



The road into the park was lined with burned aspen and burned ponderosa, sometimes left side, sometimes right side, sometimes both. Remarkable in the latter case the road itself appeared undamaged. Occasionally there were ruined guardrails. Go figure.

Wildlife still abounds. We saw deer, turkeys and Kaibab squirrels among the blackened trees.



So, we were going to hike the Point Imperial trail along the unburned northern boundary of the park. Unfortunately the weather was so cold, windy and intermittently rainy we just took pictures. (And we were at 8800 feet where we got a phone signal and promptly made a reservation at the Hampton in Kanab. Heh heh heh.)

The trailhead is right on the rim. There are still magnificent views of the canyon to be found:





We visited the old Visitor Center. But not to buy t-shirts.



Pretty sad. And 100 yards away there were standing cabins, seemingly untouched.

We continued our trip car hopping down Cape Royal Road (which was also away from the damage) jumping out at viewpoints and snapping pics.





Artist at work.



Artist wondering why trees are green.



And we left.

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