

April 26th - 1979

Dear Mr. Irwin -

Just discovered I "sure goofed" with the "accompanying letter" on the map carton - while making the map it "hit" me to "intape" the address envelope - so hope I answered the questions listed - in my letter of the 18th inst. Last Bulletin is especially interesting - Bev Spear - whom I knew when he was a little boy - his seeing the twisted timber up on New York Butte - in 1937 when I was caring for Tunnel Air Camp and guests came in by plane to fish up at Rocky Basin Ranch - a long day - I would explore the country and one day I rode up to the top of a barren hill - granite boulders and there were these twisted trees - didn't know them then as the Bristle^{cone}pine - but there they were - surviving through the years of brutal weather, so there must be many more in our Mts - to be discovered - that is rough - straight up and down country around Cerro Gordo and the back trail dropping down into Saline Valley. Bev's memories are treasures. And Silas Ness' gifts are rare - just how many of our old (Tunda-vaux) wagons are around! The last one we had in 1913 was new & the harness - not needing it after hauling our stuff up from Ogusa to do the assessment work at camp - (Millsdaugh) we gave it all to Indian George Hanson & Thine and they made good use of it for years. The wagon was green & the wheels a tan color. Mangana was an oasis in the desert for years and then killed by the City - the bitterness felt for years - but one has to admit it has given employment to many down through the years... April 30th - Got ride tracked here with the map - have it ready to return - but raining and don't want to put it out in the box. so inclose answers - I hope - to your questions in letter with maps.

Regards. Elizabeth L. Thecham