

General Evaluation of Theses

Criterion	Glenn B thesis 2018-08-01	Stan Abell thesis 2018-09-04	Kurt Luebke thesis 2018-11-01
Primary basis of thesis	This appears to be the first site north of Porcupine Creek along the historic route that offered water and would have been reasonably accessible to wagons.	Iron-post bench mark stamped "9566 SHER" was 20 feet west of road and would have been seen by party. Then they would have seen the snowbank (if it existed on that date).	Proximity to Sheep Mountain, close to road and bench mark 9566 SHER.
Visibility from 1912 road	Upper edge of snowbank may have been visible ahead from seat of wagon on road. Party had a saddle horse, so someone may have been scouting along route for possible campsite.	Would probably be visible to rear after passing on road?	Would probably be visible to rear after passing on road?
Accessibility from 1912 road	Fairly gentle grade with minimal cross-slope	Easy	Easy
Elevation of campsite	9570 feet by Google Earth Pro terrain, 9585 feet by points on nearby GPS track.	9450 feet by Google Earth Pro terrain	9430 feet by Google Earth Pro terrain
Persistence of snowbank (See also next page)	Quite a bit of snow remained on 01 August 2018, no snow present on 17 September 2018.	No snow on 02 September 2018.	Unknown
Channel of water from snowbank	Well-defined channel with flowing water on 01 August 2018, would have been easy to fill buckets.	None observed	None observed
Firewood availability	Timber stand about 1000 feet east. Some trees are now present at site but do not appear in 1946 aerial	Closest timber stand over hill on west side of road.	Closest timber some distance away.
Distance to USGS bench mark	Aluminum-tablet bench mark stamped "9810 SHER" was 150 feet east of road and approximately 2070 feet from campsite of this thesis.	Iron-post bench mark stamped "9566 SHER" was 20 feet west of road and approximately 1500 feet from campsite at about 255 degrees.	Iron-post bench mark stamped "9566 SHER" was 20 feet west of road and approximately 1450 feet from campsite at about 355 degrees.
Tipi ring(s) present	None observed, did not really look for them, much grass in area	None observed	None observed
Additional comments	Party reportedly started from base of mountains that morning, getting this far was quite an accomplishment.	Approximately 2.6 miles farther than Glenn B thesis 2018-08-01.	Approximately 2.1 miles farther than Glenn B thesis 2018-08-01.

Snowbank on Various Dates

Date / Source	Glenn B thesis 2018-08-01	Stan Abell thesis 2018-09-04	Kurt Luebke thesis 2018-11-01
08 August 1995 Google Earth image	Very little?	<No imagery>	<No imagery>
02 September 1996 Google Earth image	<No imagery>	No	No
10 July 2006 Google Earth image	Yes	No	No
04 July 2009 Google Earth image	Yes	No	No
21 September 2011 Google Earth image	Yes	No	No
25 July 2014 Google Earth image	Yes	No	Yes
25 June 2017 Google Earth image	Yes	Very little	Yes