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Yellowstone '97

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Intro

Our first real vacation together. . .drove over and back. We drove a Northern route there and took a Southern route back to view different parts of each state.

Alternated every other night: motel for Patricia and camping for me.

Yellowstone is a wonder, and beautiful place.



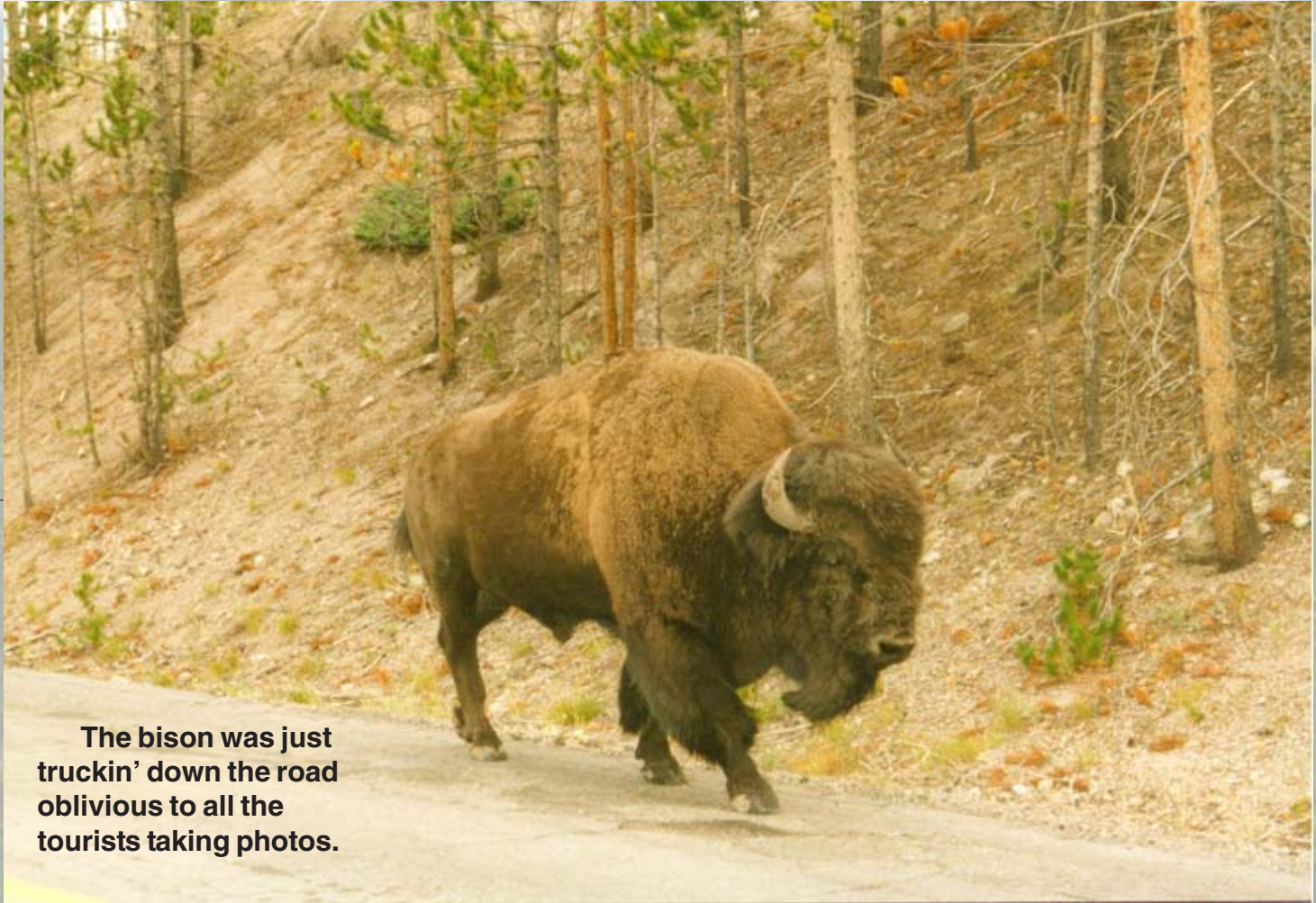
Animals

Some of the animals we saw. There really are a bear and her two cubs in this first one.





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The bison was just truckin' down the road oblivious to all the tourists taking photos.



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Lots of elk and deer.



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Grand Canyon

Neither of us knew it existed, just happened to run across it on our wanderings.

THE Grand Canyon may be longer and deeper, but, the colors in Yellowstone take the prize

THE GRAND CANYON OF THE YELLOWSTONE

The canyon varies from 800 to 1200 feet in depth and from 1500 to 4000 feet in width. Its length is about 24 miles. The upper 2½ miles is the most colorful section. Hot spring activity has continued through the ages altering the lava rock to produce lovely colors which are largely due to varied iron compounds. Have you noticed that steam vents and geysers are still at work on the canyon walls?



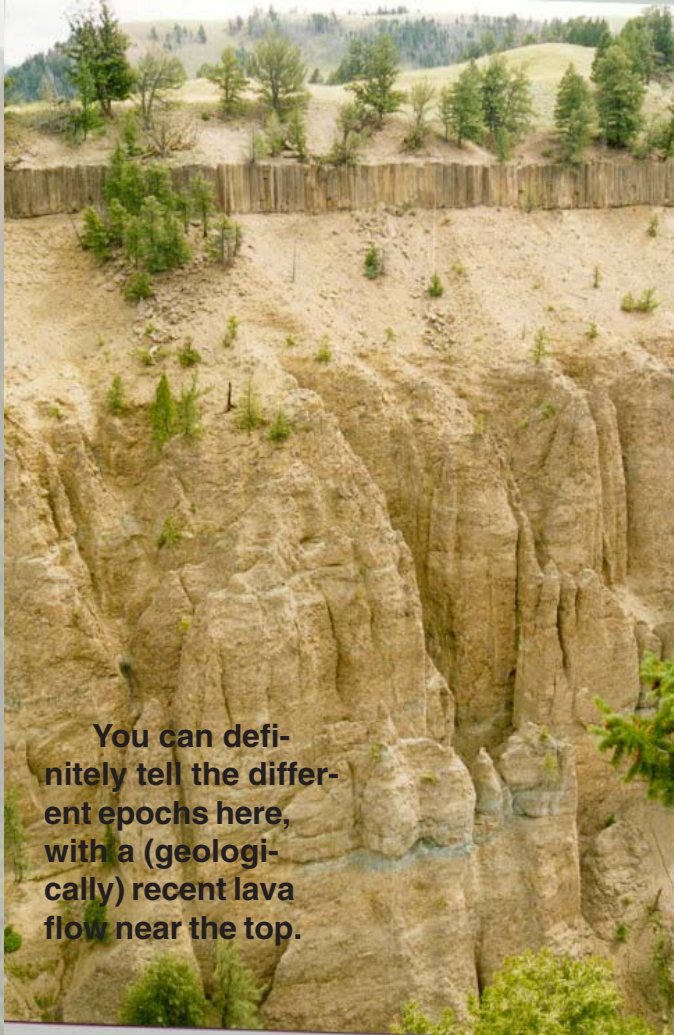
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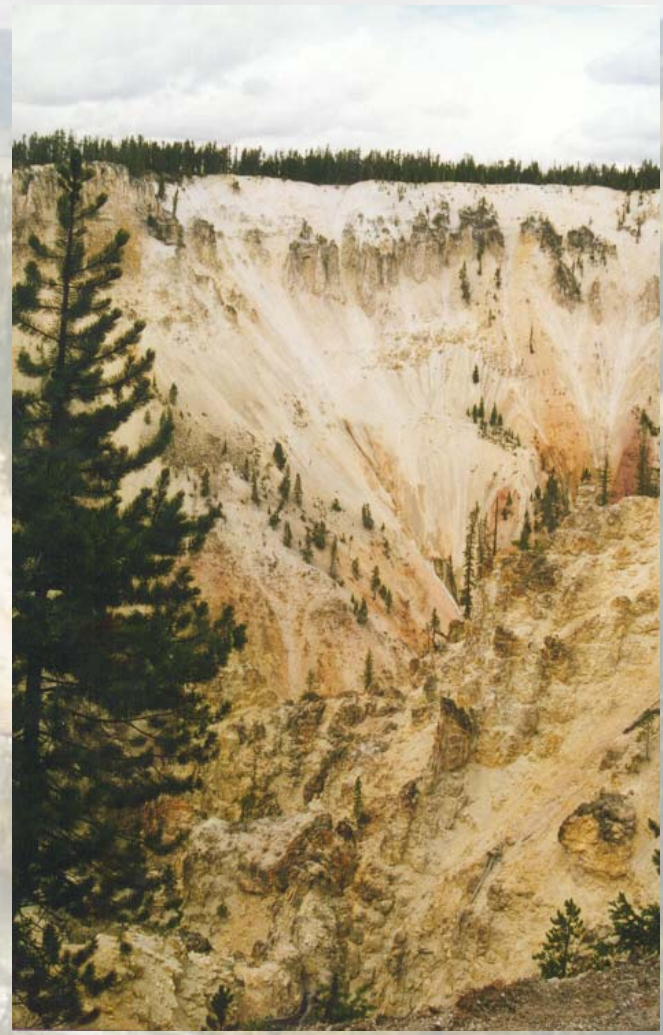
Canyon entrance road



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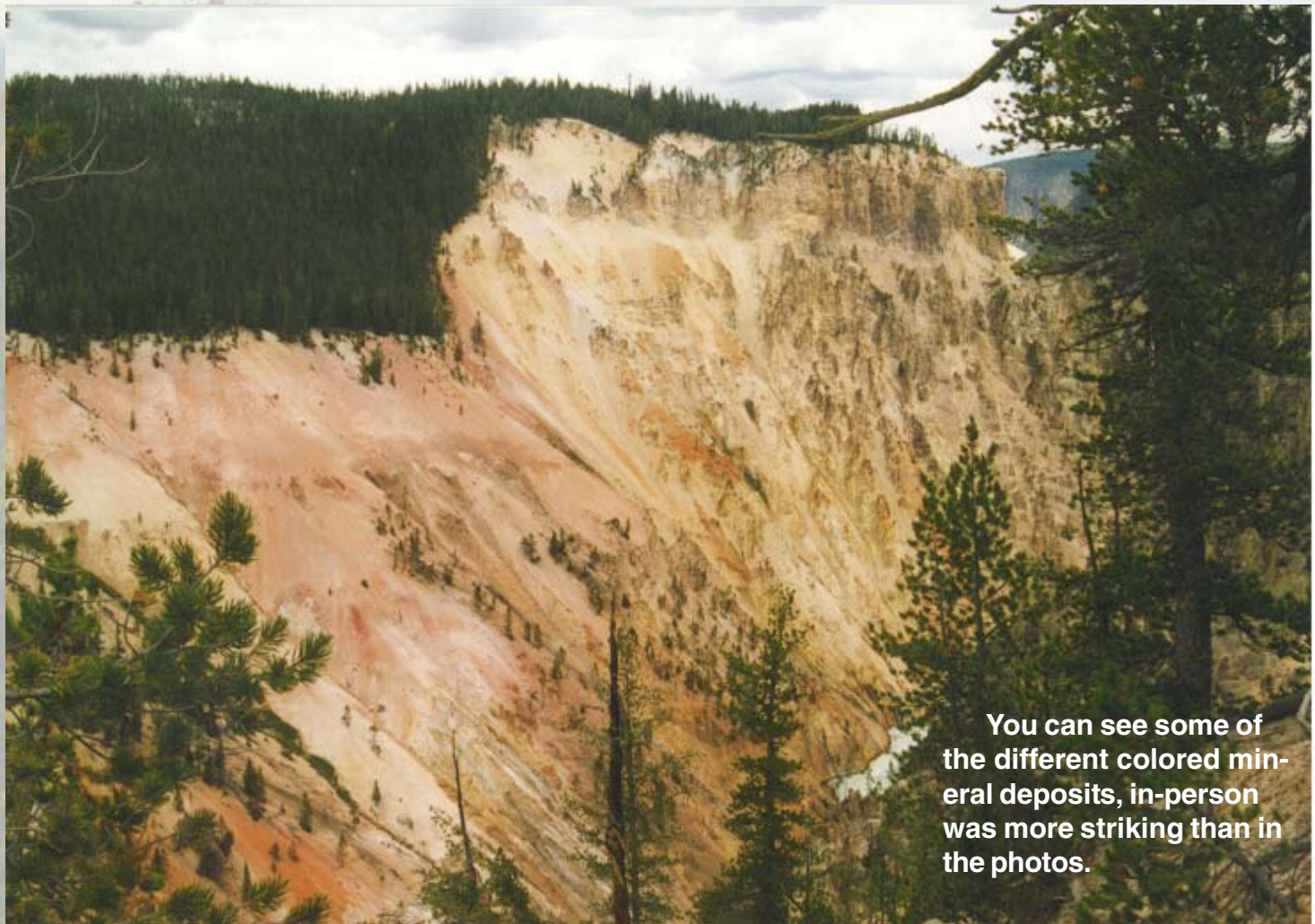


You can definitely tell the different epochs here, with a (geologically) recent lava flow near the top.





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You can see some of the different colored mineral deposits, in-person was more striking than in the photos.



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The best picture I got to show the colors, the Canyon is a **MUST** see for all visitors.



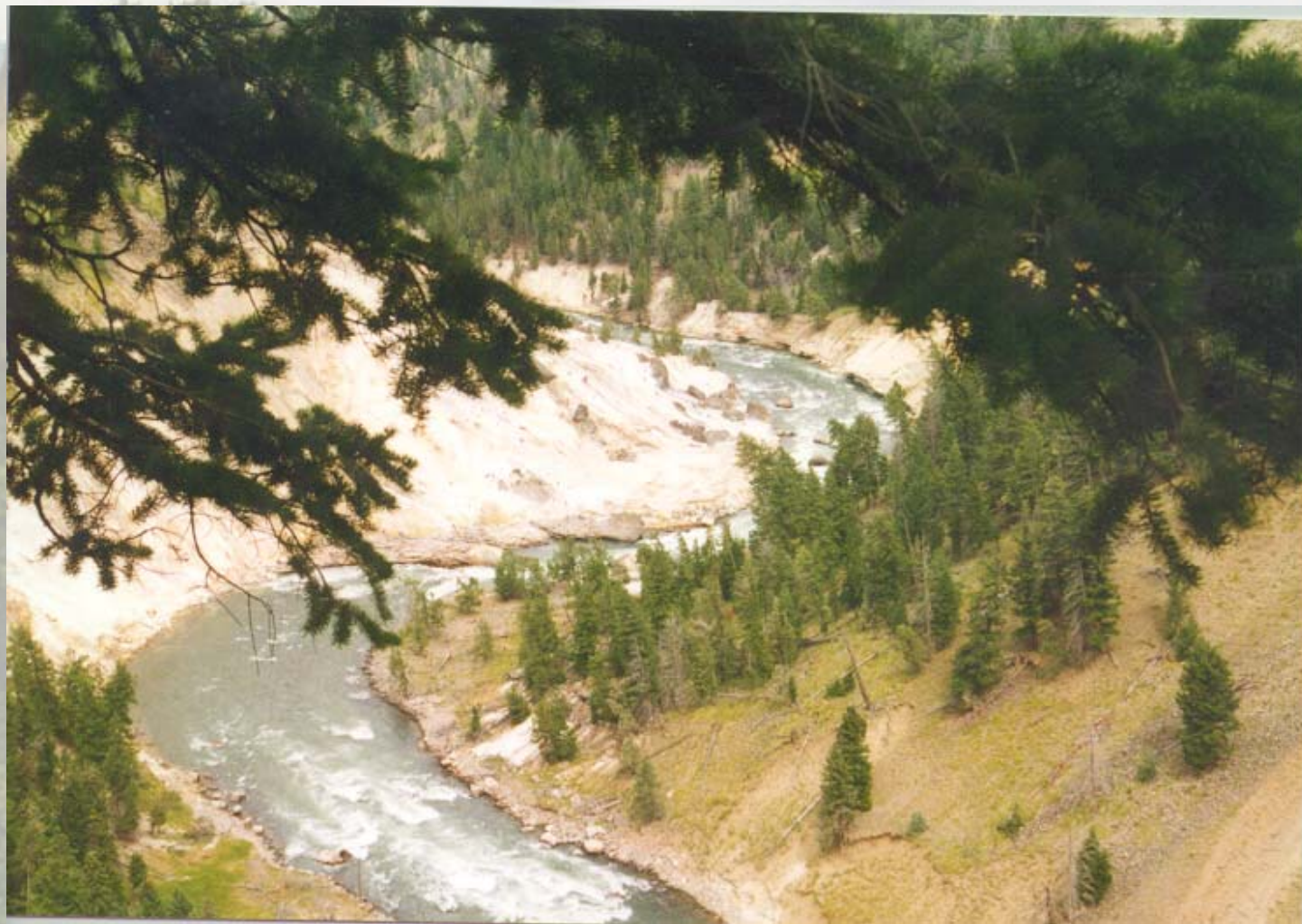
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Canyon entrance



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Lewis & Clark Caves

In Wyoming, before you get to Yellowstone.

Climbing up to the top of a hill, and then down through the bowels of the hill to come out at the bottom.





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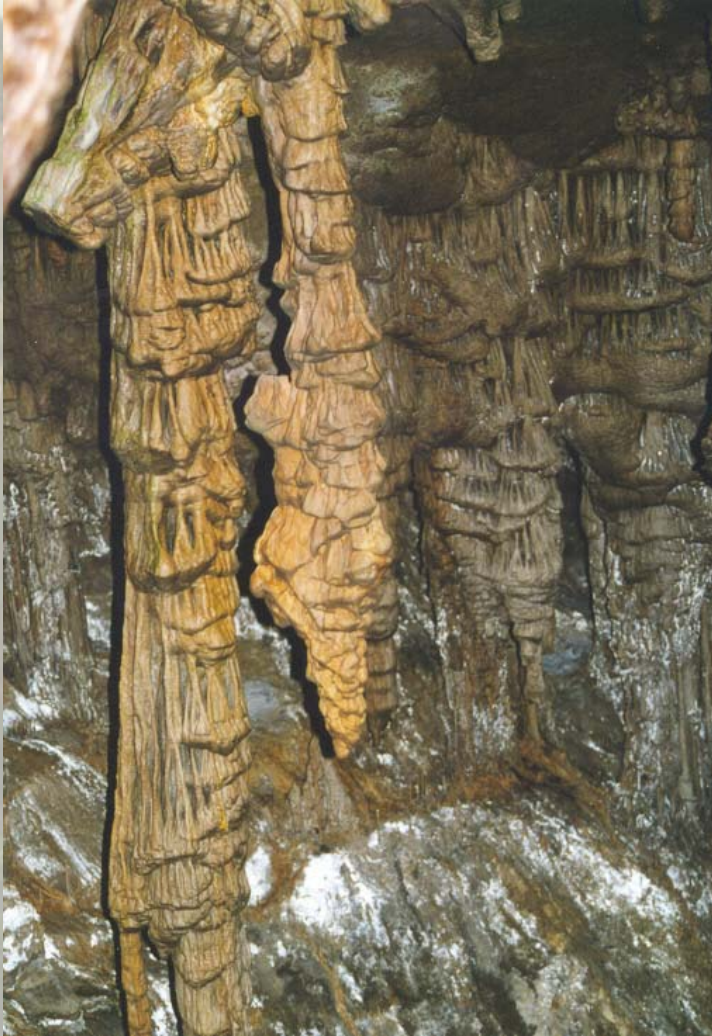
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Castle



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Hanging stalagmite

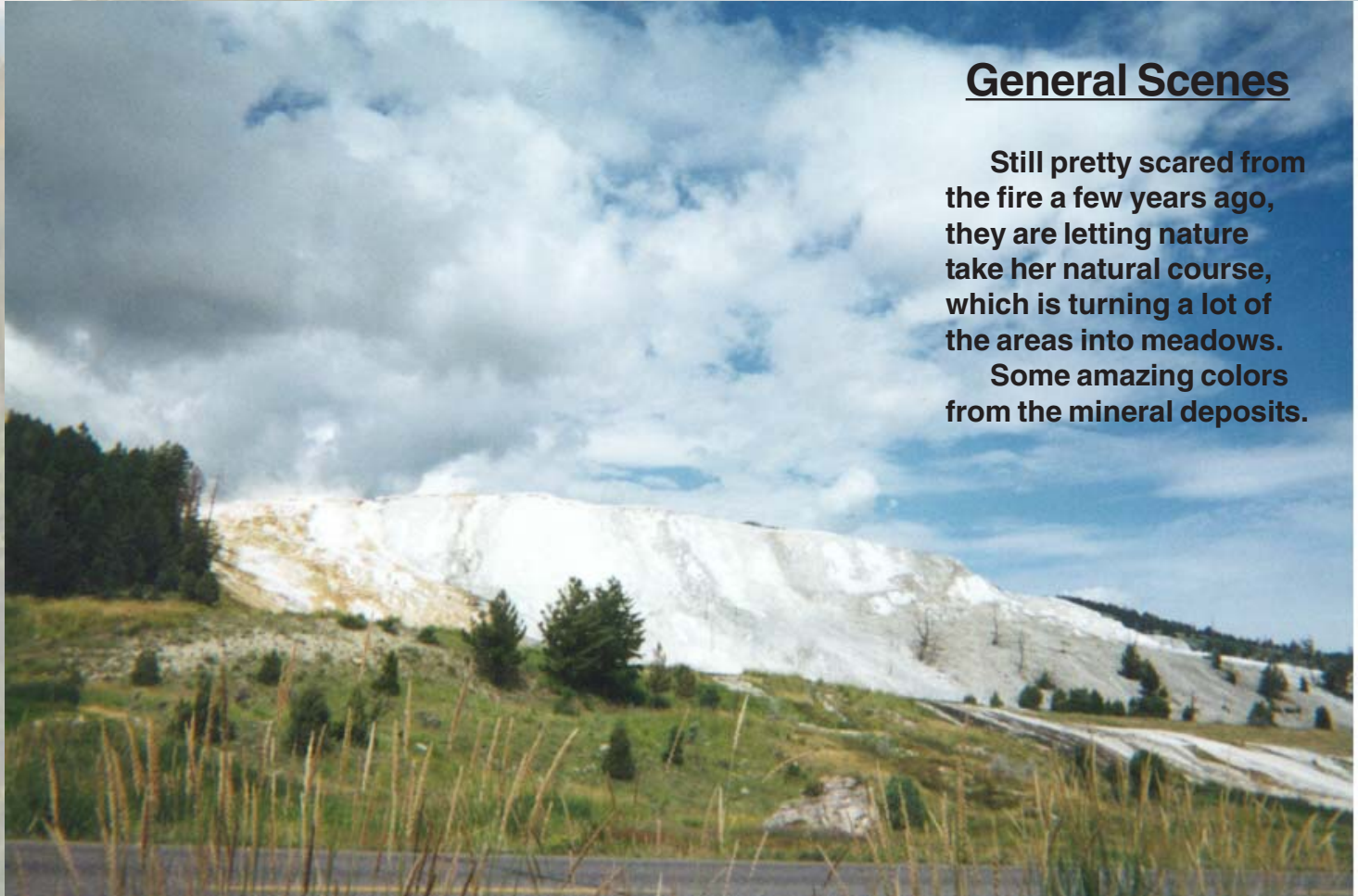


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General Scenes

Still pretty scared from the fire a few years ago, they are letting nature take her natural course, which is turning a lot of the areas into meadows.

Some amazing colors from the mineral deposits.





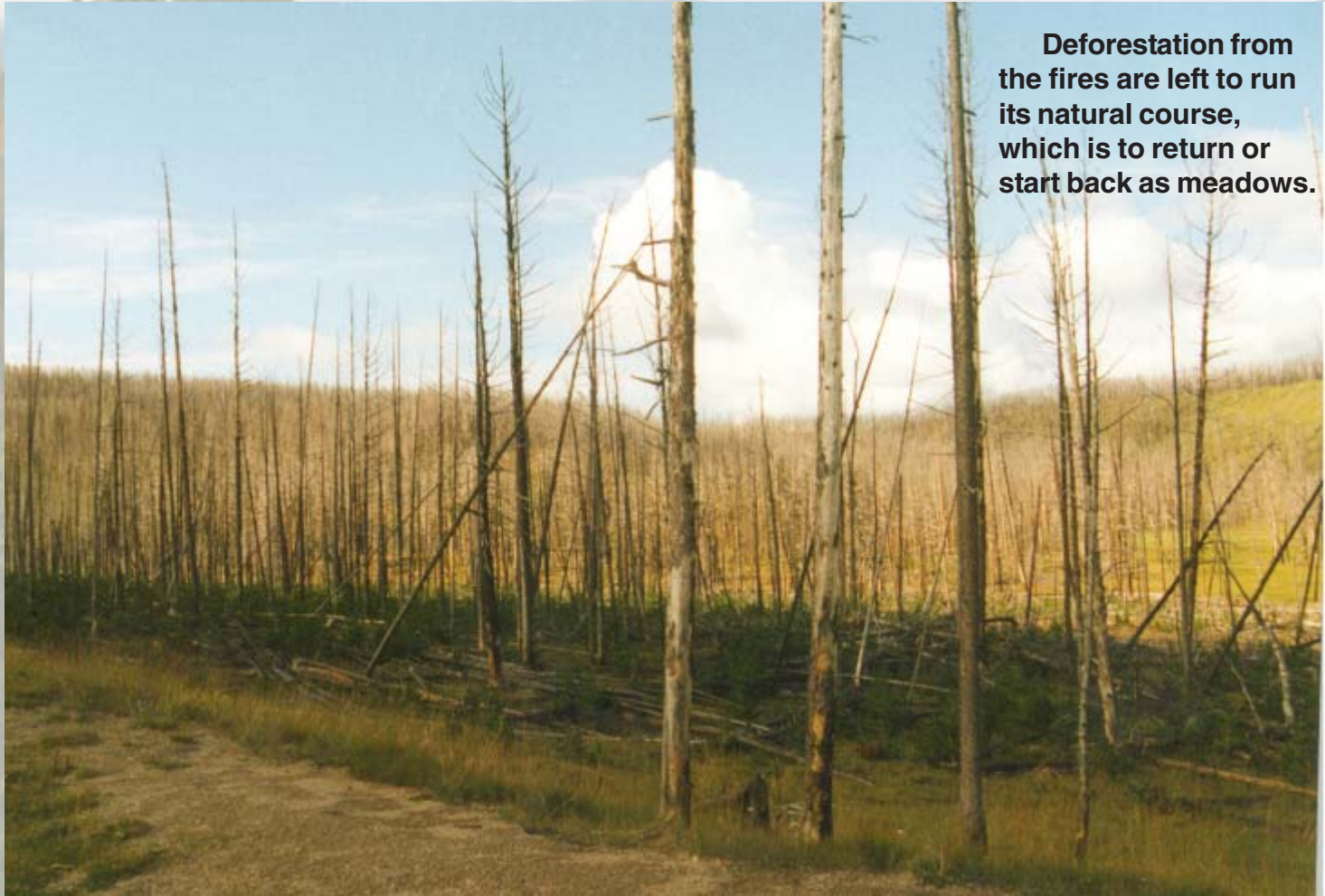
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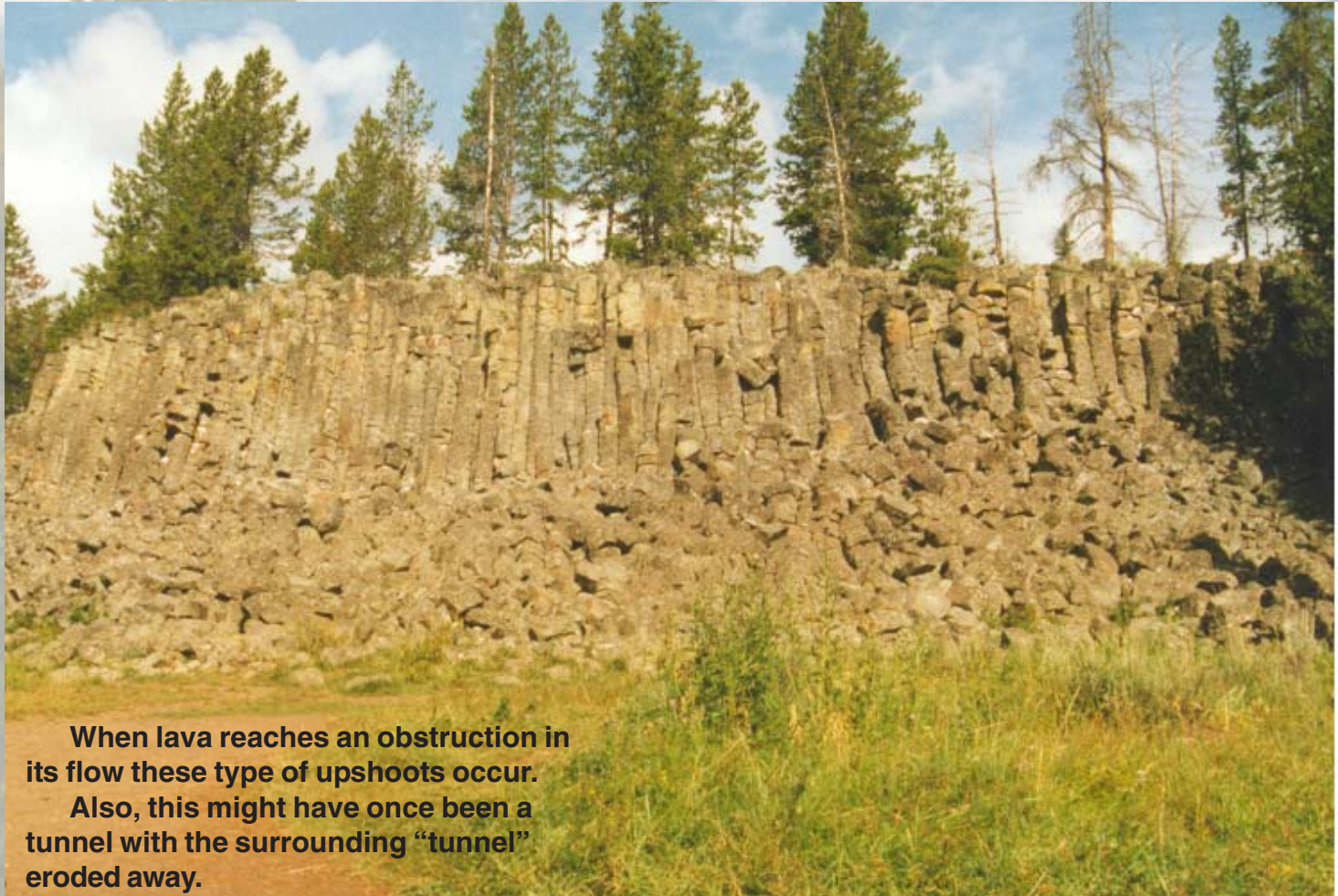
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Deforestation from the fires are left to run its natural course, which is to return or start back as meadows.





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When lava reaches an obstruction in its flow these type of upshoots occur.

Also, this might have once been a tunnel with the surrounding "tunnel" eroded away.



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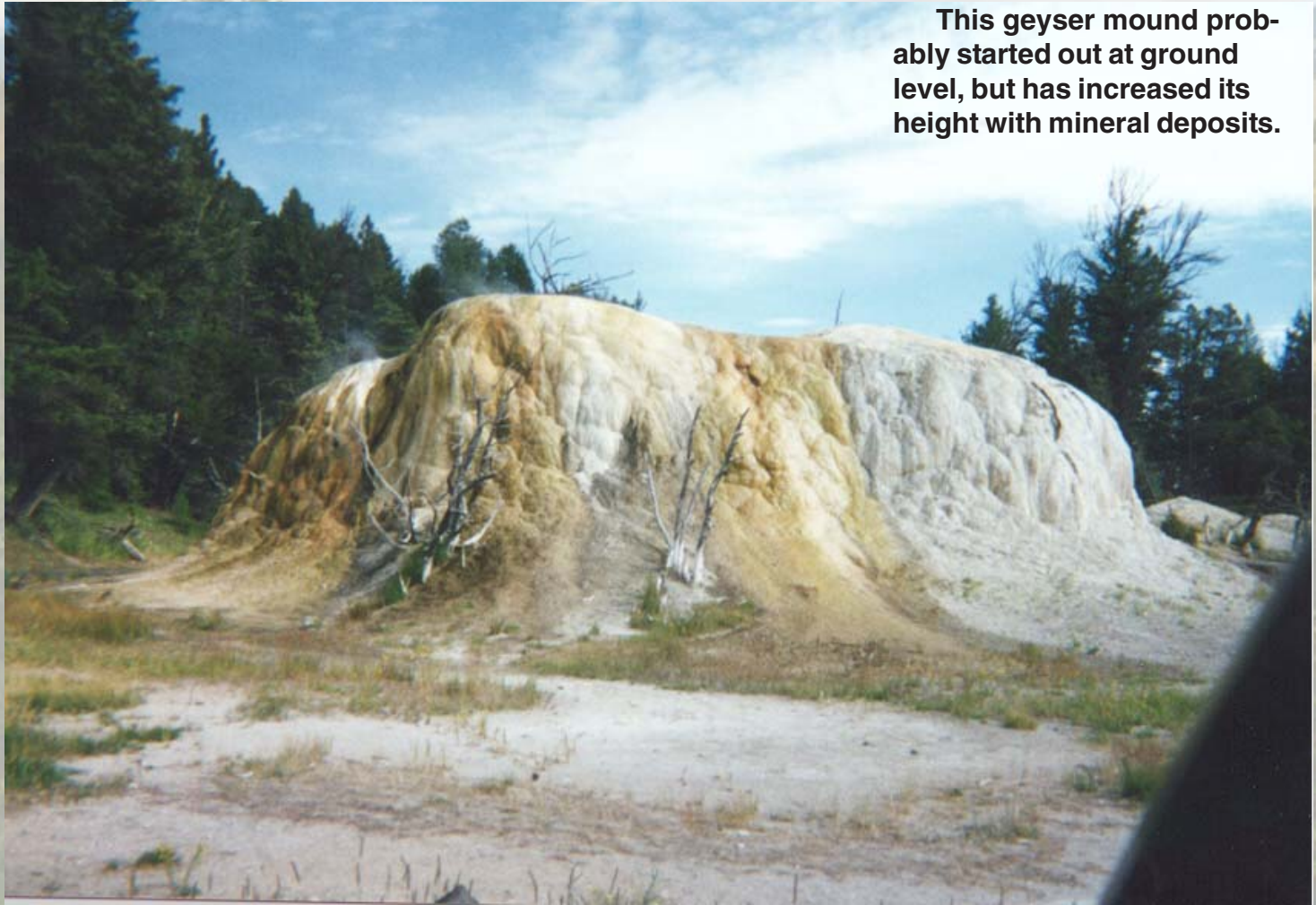
This is what Yellowstone is currently working towards after the fires, a totally different ecosystem.





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This geyser mound probably started out at ground level, but has increased its height with mineral deposits.



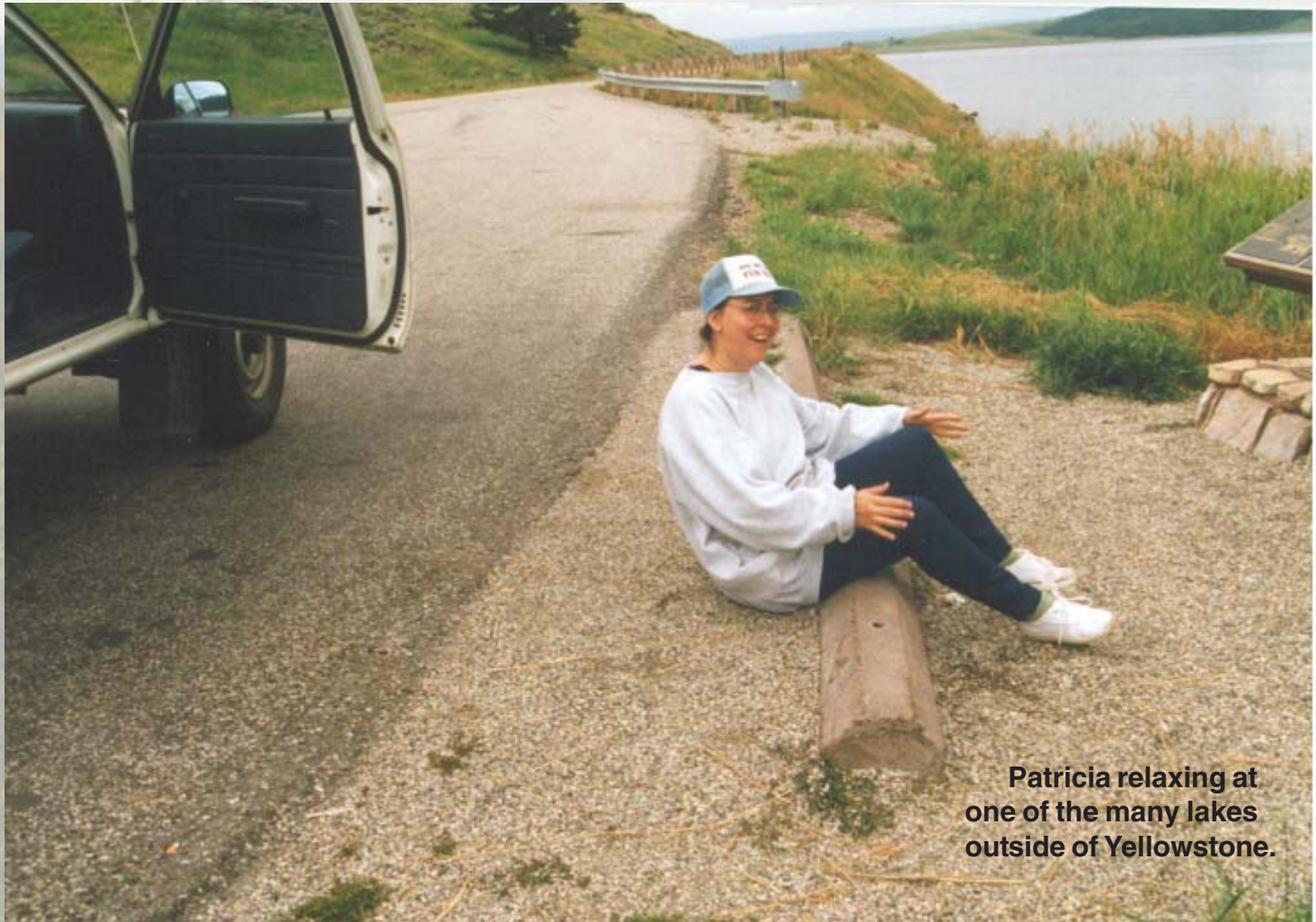


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Patricia relaxing at one of the many lakes outside of Yellowstone.



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There used to be five of these petrified trees. After tourists had chipped four down to nothing for souvenirs, they placed the fence around the last one.





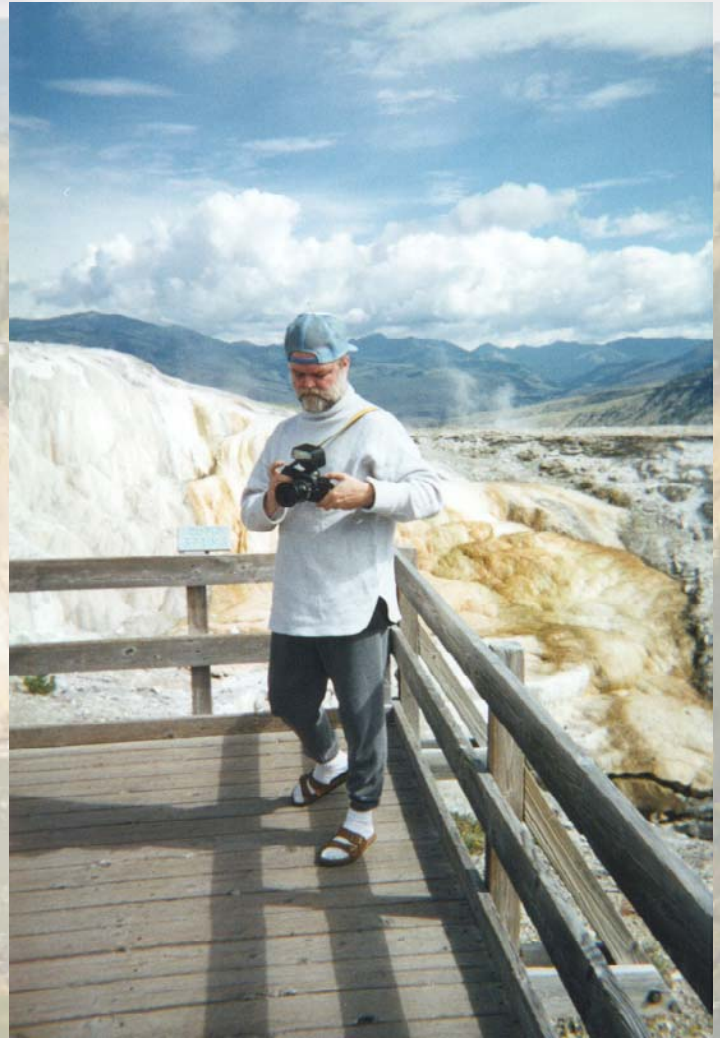
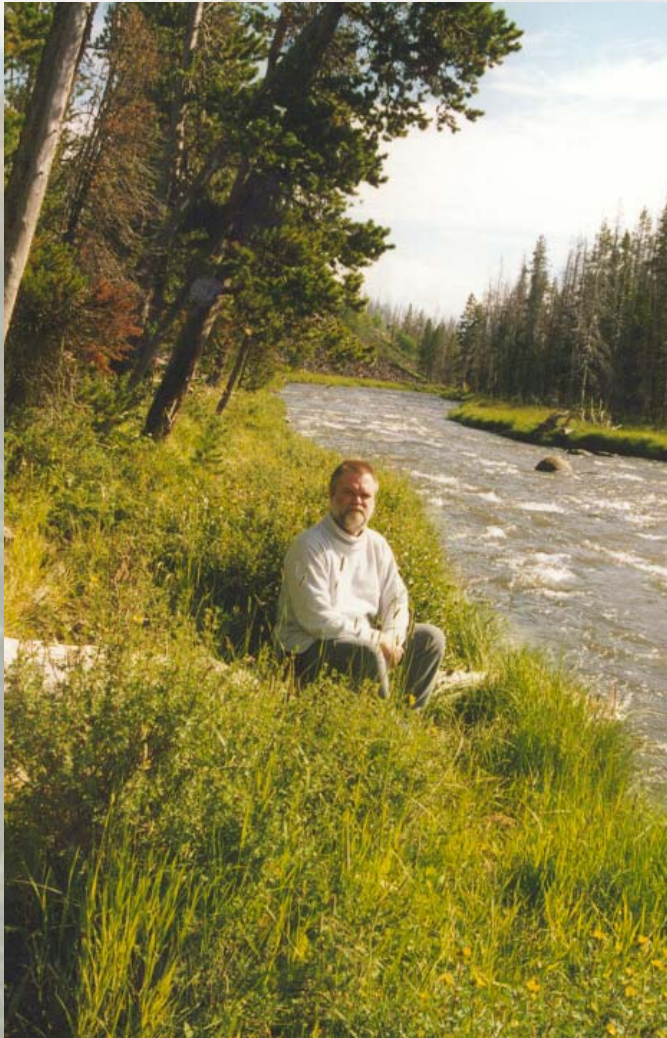
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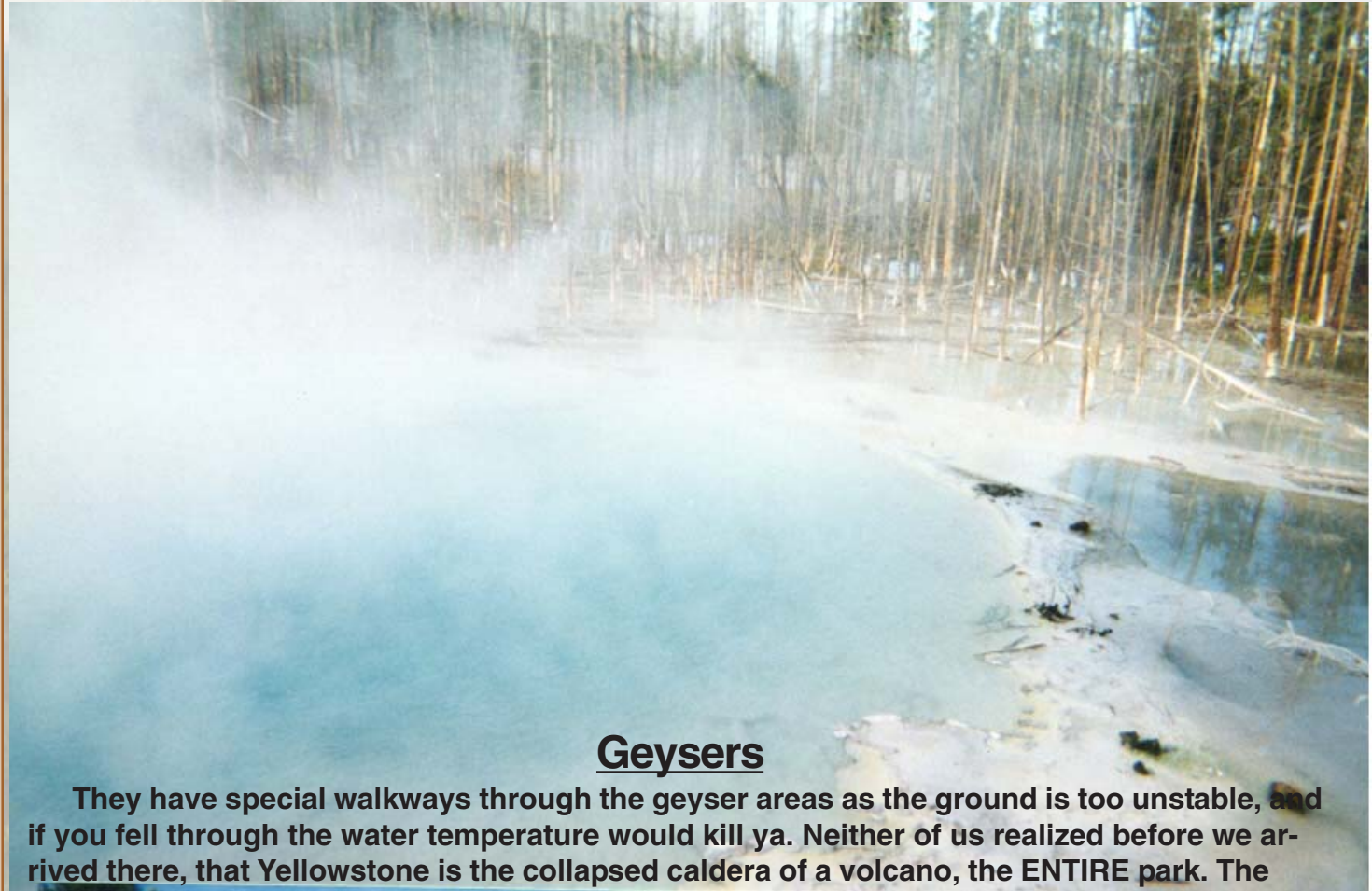
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Geysers

They have special walkways through the geyser areas as the ground is too unstable, and if you fell through the water temperature would kill ya. Neither of us realized before we arrived there, that Yellowstone is the collapsed caldera of a volcano, the ENTIRE park. The waters in the 'holes' were all different colors, blues, oranges, and yellows dependent on the chemicals suspended in them.



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Old Faithful



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Into the belly of the beast

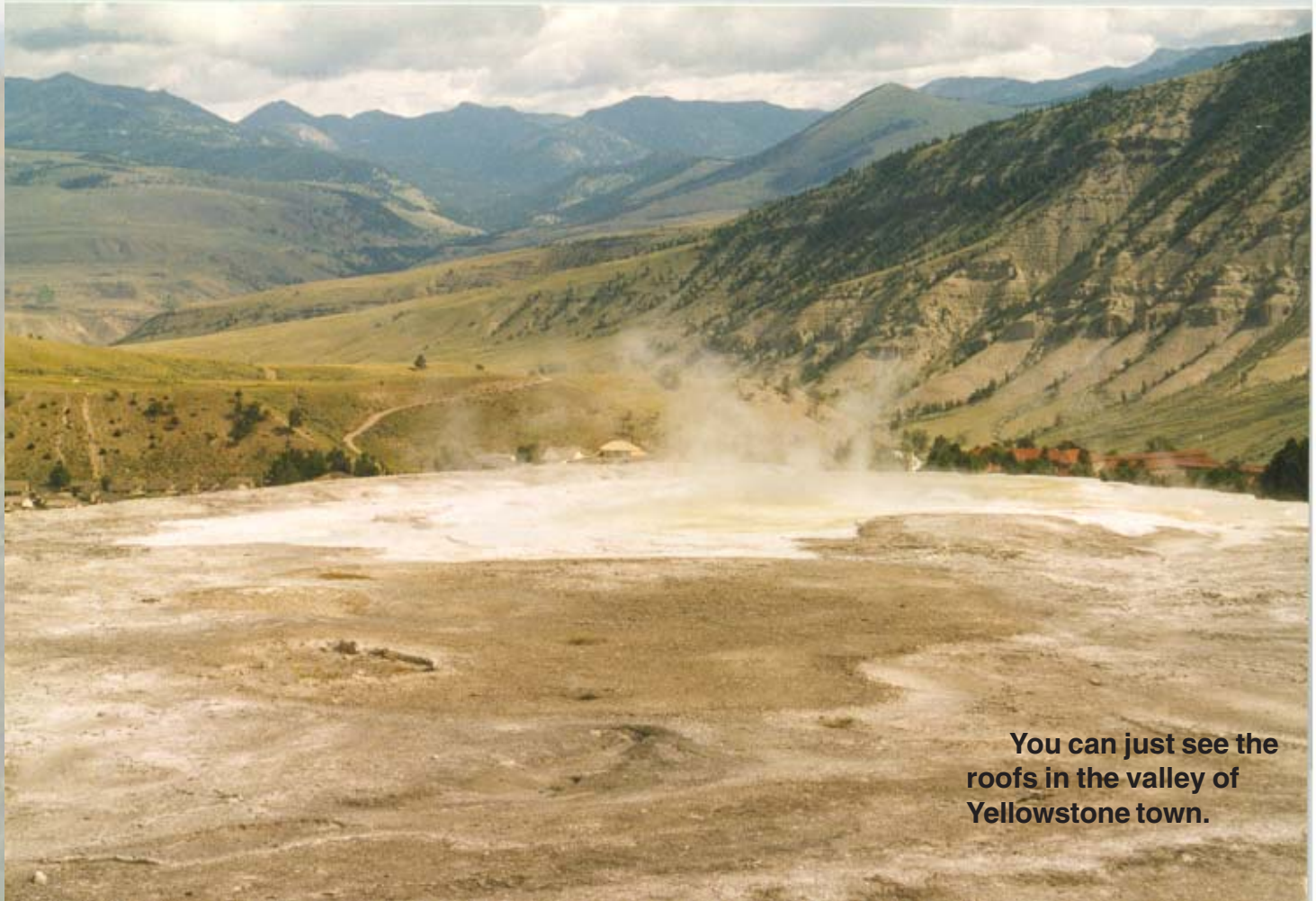


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**You can just see the
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Yellowstone town.**



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Geyser run-off



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Sink hole



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Geyser field



Grand Tetons

Once you've seen 'em, you've seen 'em.
Though to be fair, we didn't get up into them, which might have made a difference.
You can tell if you look down the center that this is two pics patched together.





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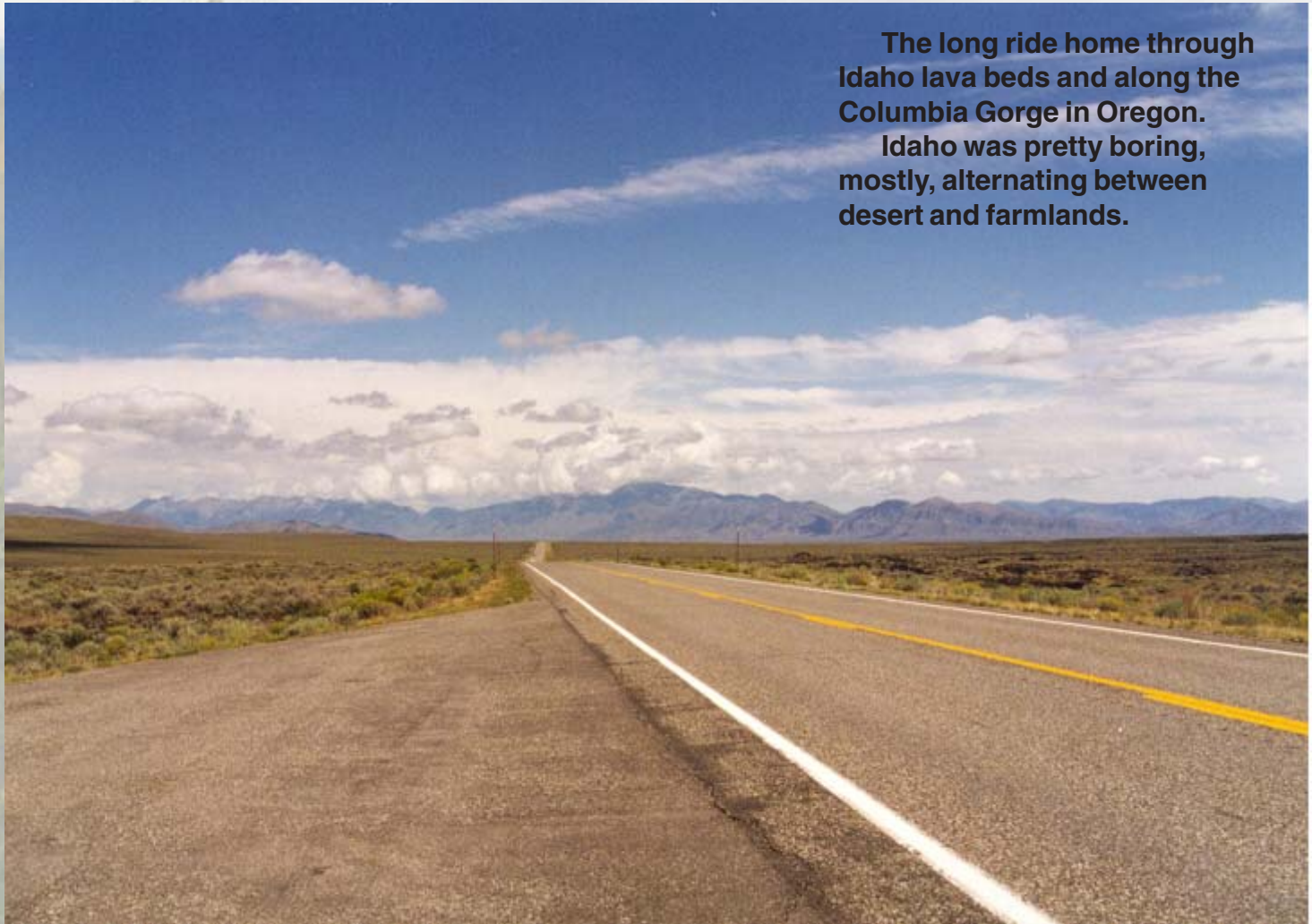




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The long ride home through Idaho lava beds and along the Columbia Gorge in Oregon.

Idaho was pretty boring, mostly, alternating between desert and farmlands.





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Lava beds in Idaho

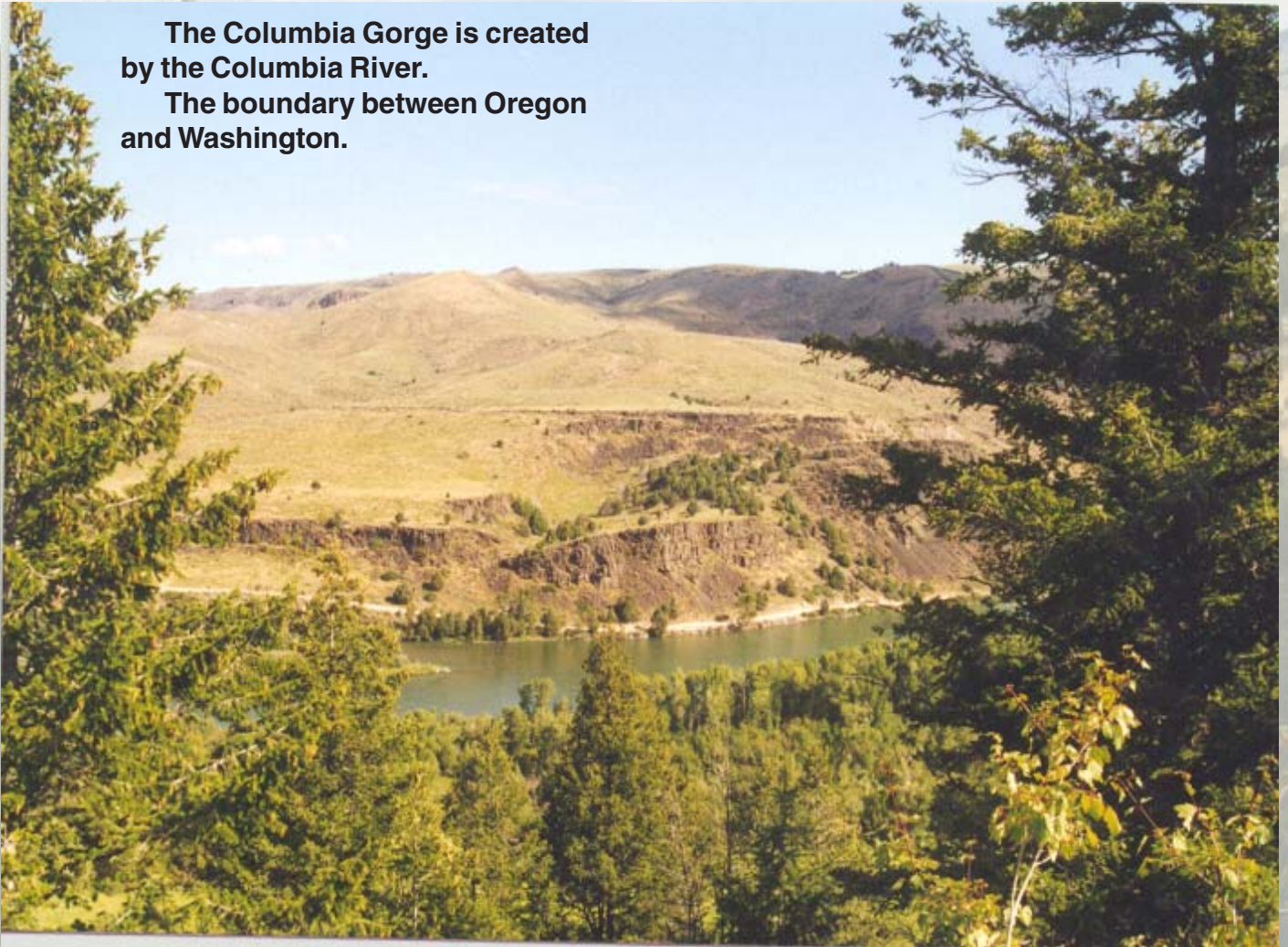




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**The Columbia Gorge is created
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**The boundary between Oregon
and Washington.**

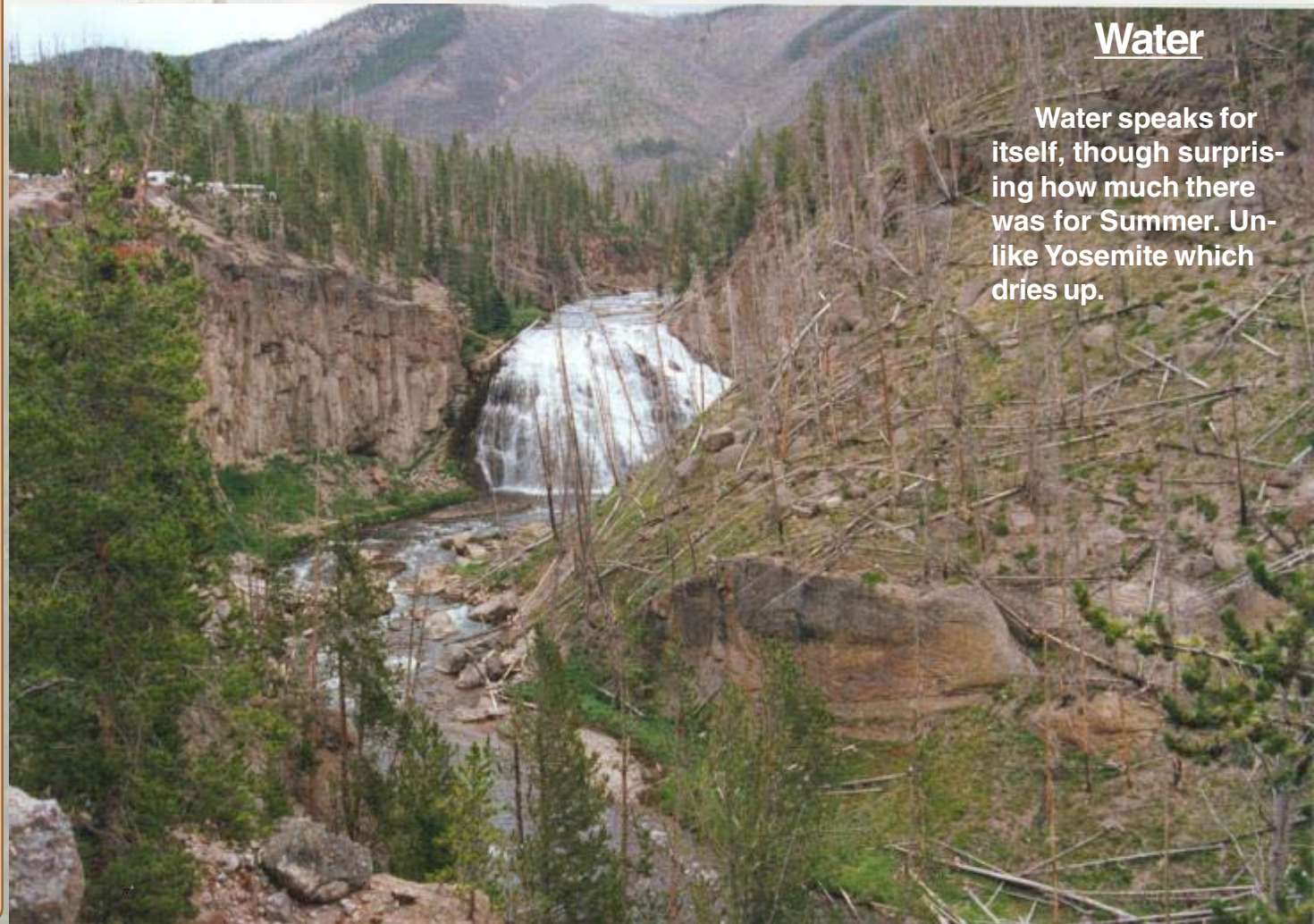




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Water speaks for itself, though surprising how much there was for Summer. Unlike Yosemite which dries up.





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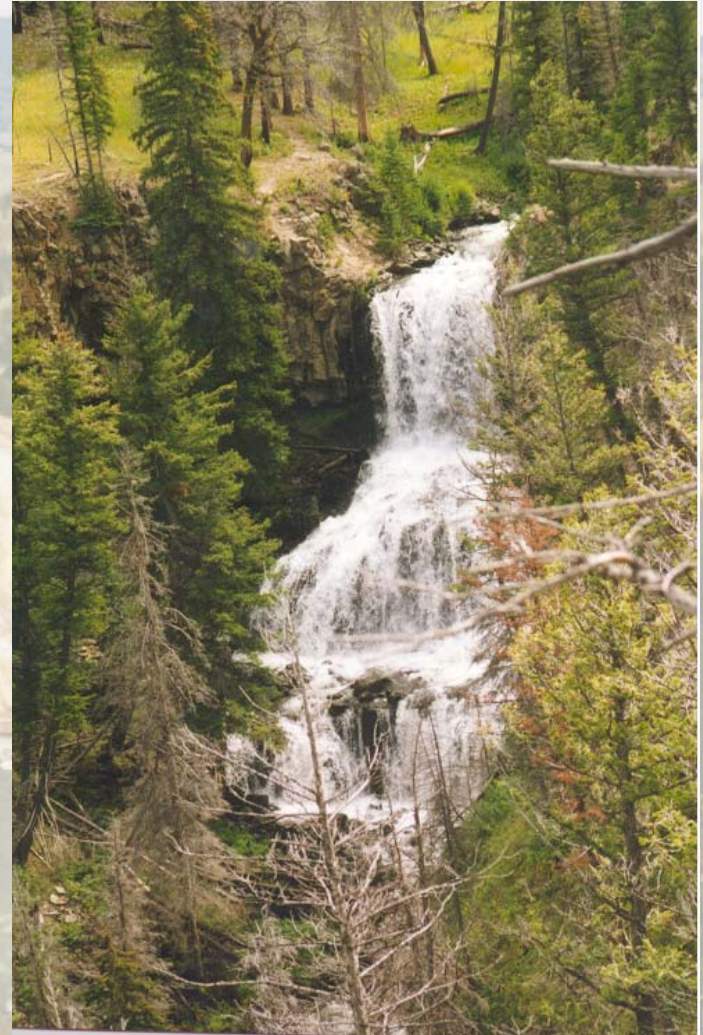




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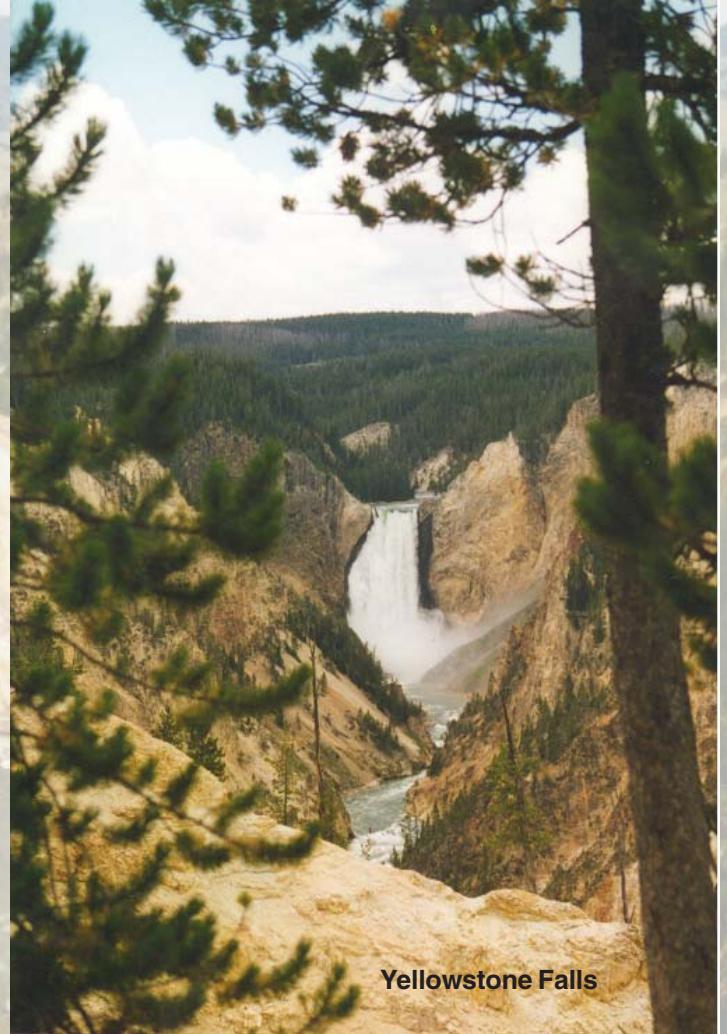
Canyon river





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Yellowstone Falls



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Prologue

We had a wonderful trip, saw a lot of varied sights.

Highly recommend as a must see for everyone once in their lifetimes.



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