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2015

New Mexico: Catron Co., Gila National
Forest, Corduroy Canyon, ^{~4km} E of Beaverhead
Ranger Station

29 November
2015

My family is camped here in Corduroy Canyon near junction w/ Hwy 59 approx. 2 mi E of Beaverhead. We are here for the youth antlerless elk hunt: I set traps along the base of the east side of the canyon, in rocks (volcanic tuft), apache plume, grass, and gambel oaks. Many fallen logs in this canyon - appears to have burned in last ~50-100 years and also cut ~~with~~ over with saws. Habitat is Ponderosa pine, gambel oak, pinyon (most year) + alligator juniper + cliffs of tuft form vertical escarpments on either side to east + west. We have trapped here previously with MSB mammalogy classes in 2014.

I set 40 traps (37 museum special + 3 rat) baited with peanut butter/oatmeal ~5 paces apart in 2 lines ..

30 Nov

Clear + cold last night → 29°F low.
Light frost. Moon waning from full 4 days ago.
Something ran my line - tripped many traps + carried some off. Possibly Neotoma. I had set ^{rat traps} near their dens - these are missing. (over)

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Captures:

4 Peromyscus maniculatus

1 P. boylii - tail > head/body, tufted
white ankle

1 P. sp. tail = head/body, tufted
grey over ankle