July 11, '91
Meadow-tips

- Bright line morning, left Helena 7:20.
- Deep creek: slalom of water & road (slalom course w/ snowflour)
  (analog to adult zigzag'g)
  - Sulphur Bar
  - Blacktail Culoh
  - Cedar Bar
  - Carl Creek
  - Climbing up from skid way camp ground
  - Lazy 4C Ranch (Crossy Mnt. Akeles)
decided against in opening graf of ch. 4:

--middle-of-white-nowhere garage

--merry illegal guest passenger
Deep Creek's proximity to Grassy Mtn and my folks' history there (Dad's story of group getting lost on way home from a dance)

" " " " Mt. Baldy, landmark of Wally's home country.
soldier of life (Lucas?)

sailors of life (3 of us, compared to Wally as actual sailor?)

highway
as if it was the royal road. (*Highway 89?)
WWII closed down, and Wally came to work for Dad.
back?
(incorporate as flash-forward in their snowplow scene?)
The Canyon Plow

Dad and Wally as W plowed Deep Creek Canyon, shearing off reflector posts; see my letter to Dick Brown describing this. (spring '86 letter in Brown file)
use "commenced zigzagging" in his canyon plowing as resonance of the Ault's Pacific zigzagging.
changed in Jan. '92 revise, to cut down on metaphors:

in-house divisions from each other. Grass Mountain here beautifully white-scarved and almost touchable from the truck is mutual to them too,
with the tire pump, all this to be imagined in blackest night, my mother trying desperately to stay calm to not bring on an asthma attack, my father furiously trying to gauge both her breathing and the car's, with other vehicles hurtling around Deep Creek's rockfaced curves at our gasping Ford.