add to bear scene:
as Jick circles uphill, desc. bear sniffing and listening to him—details of nose and ears.
Riley and Mariah refer to the grizzly as "him."

Jick refers to "it."
The Teton country is quite the geography. (desc. Pine Butte, gravel plain, the Rockies) I was a toddler here, when my father's first job with the Forest Service was as ranger at the Indian Head station.

We were almost to Pine Butte when the Montanian two enlightened me about what we were on our way to see.
ranchers regard grizzlies as vermin who happen to weigh several hundred pounds and carry 00-inch claws.

--is this an evolutionary fusion of economics etc. which comes m to be called history? Or is it biocide...?
Tom House & Lil House interview, 8 July '82

T: '24, filed on homestead, side by side c his father (homesteads were further into mts than the event named)

- also homestead family

Ed Miller: 850 a., 150 cattle in '39

- wind blew up

- wind blew across over top 7. mtrs

- long streaky wind clouds

- 2-3 winter snow at a time

- wind blew off snow, + cold came

- biggest snow storms Easter, several fence posts

- wild hay cut in coulées; alfalfa will grow, if planted

- T: never believed in plowing ground, for fear 7 wind blowing it away
Took Horse/2
doughter to Fish Lake school
- ranch, from school to-real, except for 1 field.
- neighbors envy to have own prevent, vote at school site
  maybe 100 people in area
- did not get to town for a mo. at a time
- 500 club (cards)
- mirrors and bring mail when they came from town
- "exchange mags, n' papers: Life, SatEv Post
- THL will get Denver Post at Sabrins svc station when they come to town
- cut own fire wood; 1 day cut, next day cut up, 3d day haul
  $10/cord
- wintered on $100: canned gds., modern flour
- teachmage at Fish L.
Tom Howe/8
$75/mo for teacher; furnished
- mothers had to clean & paint school house
- school in area
- kids boarded out for his school; Howe daughter went to Conrad
- calving first of Jan.
Lit - March: calms snowing, warm, cold; promise to sell place (next month)
- calotex partition between: thin as cardboard (in homestead cabin)
- 1st of May - spring will be arriving
15 June cattle into mines; calvalary
Shoot, Shovel & Shut Up: current rancher policy against bears
T: killed 22 bears in 2 yrs, mostly by trapping them.
Home/4

In cabin e: daughter, lamb, dog & cat while T hunting grayly - banded: bear in brush, shot.

Bear "dynamite in sheep", clawing back of any they can reach

- Bear paw marks in cream & chicken stop milk
- Bear dragged 700 ft yanking into brush away from traps; Tom & trapper ed. more. yanking track.

T: .300 Savage rifle he used on bears

Trapped 7 bears; can 7 bacon grease hanging in tree over trap

- Build "pan" and trap to keep cattle & people out; put up sign
- 10 clamps who you can reach them from trap (in case you're caught)
- Real killer was grisly, 700-800 ft, pulled 4 Rappold.

L: T not be trap'g bear in morn, haying, fighting bear at night

- Get up at 4:30, bed about midnight.
T: Deer caught by Roe climbed tree drag & bull pine log up with him; tore limbs off way; eventually tore too off, got away.
- Beavers & dam ing s ditches; I wet hunt & shotgun
- Gent trapper tied c bad limbs against bears
- Bear particularly mean when they come out in spring
- Logs & rocks turned over, just bears have licked up ants
- Wet bear mtm lion, but never saw
- Cattle wet hw started back den from under reed & ship's tire
- Leeches had sheep 1 summer; but no arable range for more sheep up there
- Must have manure drying ("for litter") betw legs 1 homestead cabin
- Mtms not used for grazing before homesteaders; 7 Block had prairie grass
- Washed boil on & 7 homestead house; L's 1930 had rollaway bed, in bed
- Again lindes, shooting stars were spring flowers
- Greenery
- Homesteaders 7 hunters a Sun.
Further notes on talking with Tom and Lil Howe last night. I didn't use tape recorder for fear of making Tom any more taciturn and cryptic than he is; it turned out, though, that Lil is a good story teller, would be a good tape interviewee.

amplifications of my written notes:

--T said bear can be shot "just like you would a dog." i.e., he claims not to have aimed any particular place, just aimed to hit them.

--L has comical refrain about living up there with the bears; she'd head for the house, or the power wagon, or anywhere else inside, when T started fooling around trapping and shooting them.

--add to L's story of being in house with children and all pets while T was after grizzly: she heard just one shot, couldn't see T as she peered out, wondered if griz got him; eventually she either heard a 2d shot or he showed up, to reassure her.

--at 1st, they didn't even have a radio

--add to T abt beaver: he contended with them in his hay coulees "because they didn't want you to have any water." He'd sit sentry near their lodges, shoot them with shotgun when they showed.

over
--Indians would have to be talked into sending their kids to Fish Lake school the start of each term. They'd make excuse they didn't have hay up yet, T would haul them load of hay, kids wd show up 1st week or so of school then drop out, but that was sufficient enrollment to keep school going.

--L: horse manure in log chinking was pretty pungent. T: it was used because his father needed some fiber to keep mud from falling out.

--Mtn community did have frequent social gatherings, such as '500' card club.

--Howes raised geese, chickens, hogs, garden; largely fed themselves from their ranch.

--T 20 yrs ago sold ranch for $30/acre; recently Judisch sold Darryl Swanson the mtn range part--the rocks and trees, T says--for $137/a.

--chivarees: people would come down hill beating on wash tubs, bearing booze, ready to dance. T and L were chiv'd twice, once in Dupuyer and once on their place.
shoot, shovel and shut up--rancher's policy for dealing with grizzlies
shoot pub pics of me atop Pine Butte, with Rocky Mountain Front in background
They took my "No" to the court of appeal and got from their mother

"You are not going and that's that" for their efforts.
The bear movers stood and waited, never taking their eyes off the bear. After a minute the big college kid asked, "Ready for batting practice?"

"Don't you just wish you had your degree so you could do this good stuff?" the biologist replied. He reached in the back of one
of the pickups for a long-handled shovel. Going over beside the bear
with a careful but steady stride while the college kid trailed him,
shotgun at the ready, the biologist took a stance and whapped the grizzly
on the near shoulder with the flat of the shovelhead, not real hard
but plenty smartly enough to start a fight.
find out how long the pawprints of sizable old grizzly would be, and change

"nine-inch pawprints" accordingly.
check how many times "but huh uh, no such luck" or variation of it is used, as Jickm uses it at Pine Butte in "Great day for the race" gambit. He also uses it in book's opening graf, and a chime between then and here is OK; any other uses, it'd better be varied or changed.
Okay, so Mariah was uneasy about that memory. What the hell, I was uneasy about it, even though I yet believed with everything in me that that particular bear had to be gotten rid of. I mean, nine-inch
Lexa could make mock shooting sounds, kchew kchew, in bear scene?
Jick jacks a shell into chamber of .30-06; wd he actually put one in the breech, to keep the magazine full?
Jick, mentioning Pine Butte-Breed-Butte etc. as lighthouses, could add:

Say it another way, I wonder if people living within sight of the Statue of Liberty feel the same way about...
possible bumpersticker

Grizzly Bear Tastes Like Filet Mignon
didn't use, in summer '89 revise, because of earlier roadkills references.

bear bait, from Germaine Stivers card in Pine Butte:
rotten beaver that's been burned.
bear scene: culvert trap made of steel? (rather than aluminum?)
The next morning belonged to the road again. Their rented car, to call it that, had to be turned in at Great Falls, and so Mariah and I in the Bago trailed Riley and the Yugo down to the rental place on Tenth Avenue South. Then it was retrace most of the morning's route, back north toward Choteau, as the Montanian pair informed me that their next story awaited there in the Teton River country.
Jen: ...my belt buckle...
(our belt buckles...)

Germanic Smyth: "You'll find my (Eye) glasses in a (grittyly) Wind."
(comment:v clothes passed Tom on odd run.)

been bait: rotten beans that's been burned.
new Horner dinosaur find at Egg Mtn, GFT Aug. 14, '89: on back of weather column of that day, in Weather & Crops '89 file folder.
Considerations of all kinds swarmed in behind that pawprint.