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Subject: Coyote Off on Colorado Adventure

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Folks,

Coyote and I are off today to hike the 500 miles from Denver to Durango on the Colorado Trail. The last time we did this together disaster struck (a given with Coyote, of course), and the "epiphany" I sought was to write an IDL book. I'm hoping for better luck this time.

It's not clear how often I'll be able to post while on the hike, but I am going to try to make occasional updates on my Rawah Ranger blog, if some of you feel the need to live vicariously:

<http://rawahranger.com/>

The trip is starting out auspiciously. Yesterday I nearly set the kitchen on fire testing a stove, and the weather forecast for the next several days is for 2-4 inches of rain and a flash flood watch in the area where we start the journey, a most unusual forecast in Colorado. I'm trying to do this with little or no planning, a basic requirement for danger and adversity, the two most important elements in good storytelling.

Coyote's pack weighs about 45 pounds, but from what I can tell, most of the weight is in back issues of Playboy magazine. I'm not sure he will make the entire length of the trail, although we should have plenty of fire starting material. :-(

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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