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MR. TOAD'S WILD RIDE!

We left Yellowstone by the Northeast entrance for the first time. This entrance comes in from Red Lodge, MT over the famous Bear Tooth Pass. The photo does not do the road justice. It is truly a white knuckle ride. We were lucky and did not have any wind blowing. It is a switchback road that is carved into the side of the mountain, continuously subjected to landslides and washouts.



We picked up Marti at the airport as per schedule, and we are headed east.

The weather so far has been beautiful, warm by day and cold at night. It is still one of the mysteries of life, that the part of this beautiful country that provides us with all the necessities of food, grains and meat, can be the most flat and plain and boring scene, ever.

It is literally miles and miles of nothing but miles and miles! There are good things that are being done. We drove by several areas where giant wind generators are installed. There is nobody here to be bothered by them!

As we entered the northeast part of North Dakota, we found a prevalence of sugar beet growing. It is now the time for harvesting and the roads are full of trucks hauling the beets to the mills. The beets do not last too long after harvest so the mills are located in the growing areas. We have about 1.4 million acres in the US planted in sugar beets. None are currently used to make ethanol.

Where we are staying in Drayson, ND, there are processing mills for sugar.

Dave, Bonnie & Marti