MY KINGDOM FOR A TREE

We left Park City, after a nice visit with Bonnie & Dave, and we got on I80 heading direct to Cheyenne, WY and then south to Denver, CO. We will visit friends for an evening and head for Kansas City.

The drive from Park City was all at an altitude of 6 to 7,000 ft. and is all above the tree line. One does not realize how much you miss trees until there are none! It is

a very boring ride. There were thunderstorm cells off to our side but we managed to miss them. They can generate very damaging size hail. That green shrub you see in the center of the photo is about as tall as anything grows!

Crossing the high summits the highway department has erected snow fences along the side of the



freeway. They stop the snow from drifting across the roads. The old 5 ft. fences have been recently replaced by 10 ft. high ones. Each one is at least 100 ft. long, and they are one after the other, for miles. The cost of the labor and materials must be astronomical. Apparently the savings in road plowing must offset the cost.

Denver was a bit lower at 5,000 ft. and easier for us to breath. The road south passes almost thru the downtown area with ease. (IS25) We are here for two nights. We had a wonderful visit with Bonnie's ex bridge partner, Jane Fortune and her husband Lowell. They live in a secluded community where elk bed down on their front lawn!

A sad sight on IS 25 in town is the remains of the huge Gates Rubber plant which left for Mexico 10 years ago, eliminating about 10,000 local jobs! It has been hot in the daytime but cooler at night for sleeping without the AC on.

Dave & Bonnie