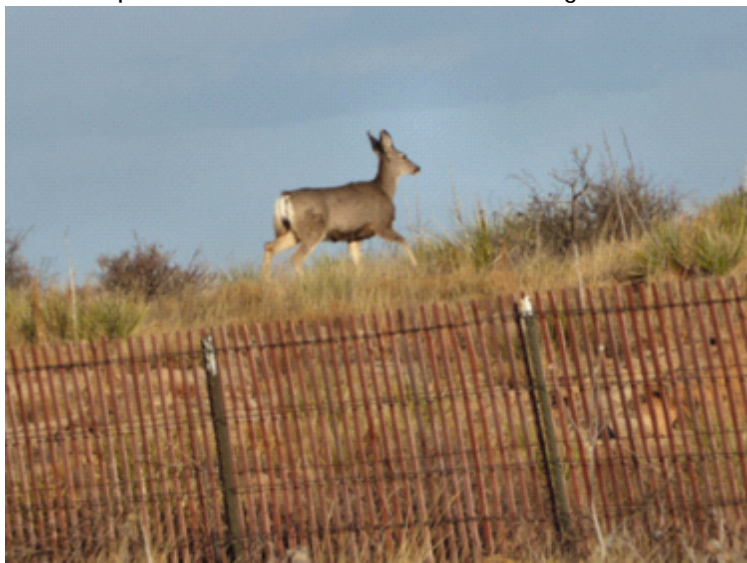


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Here is a picture of a deer we saw this morning.



The rest of the email is about *Longmire*. Feel free to quit now and try again tomorrow.

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Last year, visiting Valles Caldera, we stumbled onto one of the filming locations for the TV series *Longmire*, of which we are fans. The major production locations for the show are all in New Mexico and we decided to track some of them down.

But the Longmire stories all take place in Wyoming!

What can I say – *Hollywood, baby*.



This is the plaza in Las Vegas, New Mexico. The plaza stands-in for the faux town of Durant in an imaginary Absaroka County, Wyoming (an actual state) and is frequently shown in the stories. The tan building is used for the exterior of the sheriff's office, including the front door which opens to a

steep staircase used for close ups of the office entry.



Around the corner is the Plaza Hotel. We popped into the lobby to look around and found a brag picture on the wall. It shows "Branch" (since killed off), "Vic" and "Ferg", the three deputies. And golly, there's this very hotel in the background! Wowzers!



vision series that premiered on June 3, 2012, topped by John Coveny and Hunt Baldwin and

We popped back out of the lobby and walked over to the plaza park and took pictures of the hotel.



Out of the front came an untidy gent with two dogs and they crossed over to our side of the street to poop.

Just the dogs. Not Ferg. Yep, it's Ferg.



He eventually pulled up his pants (we were so grateful), picked up the poop, and popped into his Audi.

Celebrities are so cool!

Next stop on the Longmire tour was The Mine Shaft Tavern in Madrid. That's *MAD*rid, New Mexico, southeast of Santa Fe, visited by bikers and clueless tourist families.



The tavern was the original filming site for the Red Pony Saloon scenes (*It's another beautiful day at the Red Pony Saloon and continual soiree*). They eventually built a set in Santa Fe, presumably so they wouldn't have to spend any more time in *MAD*rid.

House on Main



A sign on the front says "Dwelling Occupied. Keep Off Porch".

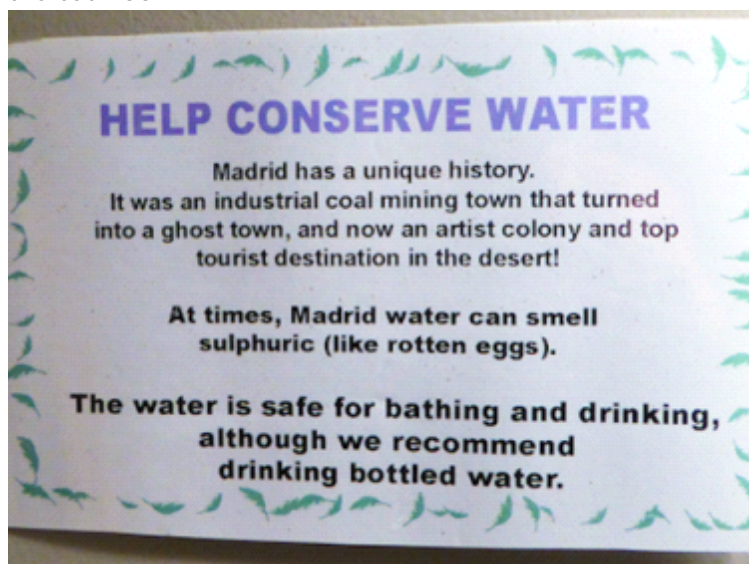


This is our room. It's right behind The Mine Shaft and is part of the tavern. It's managed by the owner's sister who couldn't show us how the satellite TV worked, couldn't figure out the thermostat and then gave us a space heater. But she also kindly provided 4 bottles of water.



This is the view from our balcony. We were afraid to stand on it so we took this one through the slider. The red things that look like parts of a giant Martian insect are actually plaster replicas of chili peppers forming arches over the path to the tavern. The open dumpster and bird feeder with a broken roof are exactly what they seem.

The inside is nice and our location is clearly historic. Sign in the bathroom:



Only one more *Longmire location*. And not for days. We promise.

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