Dear Tom and Amy,

I will be arriving at the Denver airport Friday, July 14 at 1:04 p.m. on Continental flight 225 and leaving Denver on Continental flight 220 at 8:40 a.m. Tuesday, July 18. We have reservations at the Silver Saddle Motel for Friday through Monday nights. I've sent them a deposit. They said they'd send me confirmation, but I haven't got it yet.

I'll catch the bus from Denver to Boulder. If you've got any information on the bus, Amy, send it to me. And where should I get off the bus? Will it take me to the motel? You had better send me instructions for getting to your apartment. When I last talked to Tom, he was planning on driving, so you will need to send him a map.

In case you haven't talked to Amy, Tom, she decided to take Monday off so we would have another day. So plan on heading home on Tuesday. The address of the motel is 90 West Arapahoe Ave., Boulder. The phone number is 1-800-525-9509.

I'll bring my backpack and hiking shoes. I'll also bring Carol's hiking shoes for Tom, but there is no guarantee they'll fit. I have a compass. Each of us will have to carry a water bottle. A half-gallon plastic milk carton works fine. We'll need hats or visors, sun screen, sun glasses, flashlights. Rain gear? I don't have any. Should we get some and bring it? Is there anything else we need to bring?

We have to figure out some food we can carry - enough to last us until we get back at night.

I hope you are both in shape. I am, but I strained my Achille's tendon yesterday. It should be OK in a few days.

I'll see you July 14.