

into the canyons, so it won't be quite as cold.

Q. Will we see the waterfall?

*The President.* Absolutely.

Q. [*Inaudible*]

*The President.* I went in there yesterday to make sure there was water in—[*inaudible*].

Q. So have you had friends out?

*The President.* Oh yes, every night. We've got—tonight we've got my long-time ally and friend Elton Bomer, who was the insurance commissioner and the secretary of state when I was the Governor, and a former state senator for this district, David Sibley, and his wife are coming. Condi's coming.

So, for example, this is one of the trails, this is a mile-and-a-half spot for one of the trails. You'll see those markers.

Q. From the house?

*The President.* From the house. The different colors on there. Is Barney back there? Is he back there? He's getting in the truck. [*Laughter*] Barney got nervous with the crowd here.

Q. If he gets too far behind, we can help him in.

*The President.* Now, these are all live oaks in here, and when live oaks like this they're called "motts."

Q. Motts? M-o-t?

*The President.* M-o-t-t. A mott is where a group of trees grow quite tight together.

Q. They never lose their leaves?

*The President.* The live oaks do not lose their leaves. And these are—this is great deer country in there. Here are some of the beautiful live oaks.

Q. Now, has the range changed a lot more—you made the lake a little bigger and—

*The President.* Yes, the lake is a little fuller, but only because of the wild grasses. And what Laura is doing is, around the house, is trying to restore the country to the native prairie grasses. And these are all different native grasses from Texas. So you'll see—when we get back to the house,

all inside the barbed wire fence here will eventually be made—

Q. Has this all changed a lot since you came?

*The President.* Oh, yes. This is all different. And so in the spring, particularly in a year like this year, there will be fantastic wildflowers.

Q. How nice.

Q. How many miles of trails have you all put in?

*The President.* A lot.

Q. Just all over?

*The President.* Yes. You can run probably 6 miles without doubling.

Q. Without doubling over.

*The President.* The other thing that's really interesting—I hope we see them—is there are a lot of cardinals here this time of year.

Q. What's your favorite time to come?

Q. We might scare them away with this group.

*The President.* No, I don't think so. Any time.

Q. Really? You don't have a favorite season?

*The President.* No. I like it warm. [*Laughter*]

Q. Really hot, huh?

*The President.* We're going to have a muddy spot up here, so bear with us. We're going to go right and head west out for about a mile. And then we're going to go down, and there will be a rest spot in there.

You're doing great.

Q. Oh, thanks. Don't worry about me.

*The President.* The medical unit will be here—[*laughter*]. We'll warm up going this way.

One of the things about this place you'll see is, for example, that little clump of trees is the head of a long canyon that goes down—I'll show you the canyon. There's seven different canyons on here that create really unique—

Q. They're not connected to one another?