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Postcard

We got to the VRBO casita, our third visit here in four years, around 3 PM yesterday. There was a chain across the access road, which we took down (and put back up). When we got to the property no one was on site. The casita was locked. I finally dug up a mobile phone number for one of our old B&B hosts. She profusely apologized for selling the B&B and moving to Las Cruces. But then suggested maybe the key is under the ceramic bird nest. It was.



Well hey, it's still the same place. Except that half the furniture is gone and the flowers have died.

This morning we drove into Kanab for the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) lottery for entry into North Coyote Buttes.



Same bingo balls as every year. Same result as every year. Back tomorrow.

But the fun never ends...



After laundry and lunch we took a jeep hike up BLM-585 to visit the old Paria Township and the Paria Movie Set, neither of which still stand, both having been burned down by vandals. But we will show you where they used to be.





The map identifies this as Paria Cemetary and it must be fire resistant. The name *Paria* (also *Pareah*) is Piute for *elk water*. We're guessing *cemetery* is Piute for *land of dead people*.



Paria Township stood approximately on this exact spot. Or it could have been farther out there somewhere.



At this very place once stood a movie set. The Outlaw Josey Wales was filmed here and Clint Eastwood used that pit toilet.

On the way out we almost got t-boned by a manic Oregonian in a Subaru. Are you serious? We only saw two moving vehicles on the entire ride and one of them nearly hit us? Are you serious? Quick – back to our sparsely furnished, weedy casita and hide.

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