Shade tarps over tents, 2006
Tents with a low profile and a rain fly that reaches close to the ground are optimal for this sometimes windy basin.
In the shade at midday
The shade tarp was suboptimal in the first two summers
Tents placed on N of hardpan & E of road, in 1999
Common westerly view from the study site
Annual ritual of digging postholes for the shade tarp
Adjusting post height
Initial stage of camp set-up
Digging the post-holes for the shade tarp
Starting to set up the shade tarp
Early-mid stage of shade-tarp set up
Late-mid stage of shade tarp set up
Holding pole against rope tightening on the other side of shade tarp
Note the corner construction of the shade tarp
Tightening the pole support rope; notice the poles have been inserted in narrow cylindrical holes
Many things are hung from the bungees that tighten the tarp
Note the design of this heavily used shade tarp
Jenny Hauer organizing the food larder
View of camp from the E
The cooking and dishware cleaning set-up at camp
Note the coolers behind Wendell; off the ground, on crates
Josh Jones (2006) hanging his gear on the SE corner post of the shade tarp; note the water cooler is in the setting sunlight
Water coolers migrate along the margins of the shade tarp; notice water coolers are on E side of shade tarp late in the day.
The camp is just E of the road to Borax Lake and at the S end of a large patch of hardpan
Wendell Bunche often cooked breakfast for the early risers, in 2006
An active camp just after sundown
Dinner is almost ready!
Rain & hail can occur in the Alvord Basin
The camp as the rainwater recedes
Setting up the portable weather station
Fields Station: grocery, gas station, restaurant, motel, post office
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Fields Station, 1999
Sometimes our visitors to the camp that stay at the motel rather than pitch a tent
We get our water from a hose at Fields Station
We buy ice from Fields Station almost every day.
One of a variety of shower options at camp
About 300m W of camp is the latrine