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Road Log (Trip I)

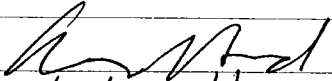
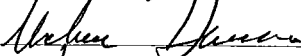
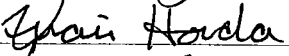
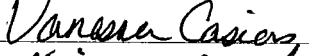
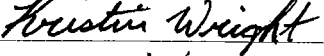

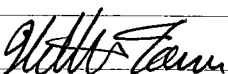
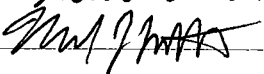
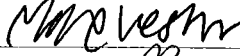







- Left UNM museum of Southwestern biology at 12:35pm on 7 September 2012.
- Exited Albuquerque on I-25 (12:47pm)
- Took exit 248 toward Algodones. Then got back onto I-25 south (took wrong exit)
- Exited on exit 242 onto highway 550 north (29.2 miles 1:11pm)
- Exit off highway 550 and turn right onto highway 126 east (92.6 miles).
- Turn left off highway 126 onto forest road 70. (107 miles)
- Campsite is on left side of road. Arrive at 2:45pm.

Return Road Log

- Left campsite at 9:16 am on 9-September 2012. (2015 mileage)
- Took forest road 70 back to highway 126. Turned right onto it
- Turned left off highway 126 onto 550 South.
- Turn right and take I-25 south back to Albuquerque.
- Arrive back at UNM at 11:20am.

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participant list (Trip 1)

Amber Howard		ARH
Nichole Herrera		NRH
Valerie Horvath		VRH
Vanessa Casias		VRC
Kristin Wright		KLW
Rosemary Steinberg		RKS
Jason Mullany		
Kayce C. Bell		KCB
Joe Cook		
Marjorie McConnell		
Robert Nofchissey		
John L. Dunham		
Heather Toman		HMT
Michael J. Smith		MJS
Jim Findley		
Marie Westover		MLW
Bethany L. Abrahamson		BLA
EVAN FAHX		EFF
Kerina Melorovich (S.K.M.)		
Amanda Jones		AKJ
Kayce C. Bell		KCB
Amanda Johnson		AJ
Leonardo R. Gubler		LRG
Schuyler Giffhardt		SG

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Trip 1 - Jemez Mountains

General site description: The campsite is located in an open grass area within a spruce/fir forest. It is mountain woodlands. It is a boreal forest. The overstory includes spruce, fir, aspens, and a few Ponderosa pines. There was blue spruce and Douglas Firs. The trees ranged in size reaching up to 70 feet tall. The percent coverage of the overstory is about 70-100%. The understory includes grass, shrubs, and baby firs, spruce, and aspen. There was grass around the whole campsite and under most of the overstory. The grass and shrubs ranged from a few inches to about 5 feet tall and covered about 90-95% of the ground. On the other side of ^{forest} road 70 there was a small stream and a small riparian area.

official locality:

USA: New Mexico; Sandoval County; Santa Fe National Forest, Jemez mountains, Clear Creek 2km south of San Gregorio Reservoir, N 36.01205, W 106.50779 elev. 2793m

weather:

7 September 2012: Partly cloudy and breezy. Temp during the day ~70°F and at night low 30's.

Sight rain throughout the day.

8 September 2012: Slightly cloudy and breezy. Temp during the day ~60-65° and at night low 30's

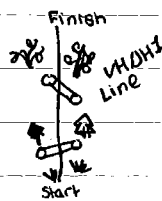
9 September 2012: No wind; clear skies and about 60-70°F before we left.

We caught more mammals the first night when there was a little bit of rain.

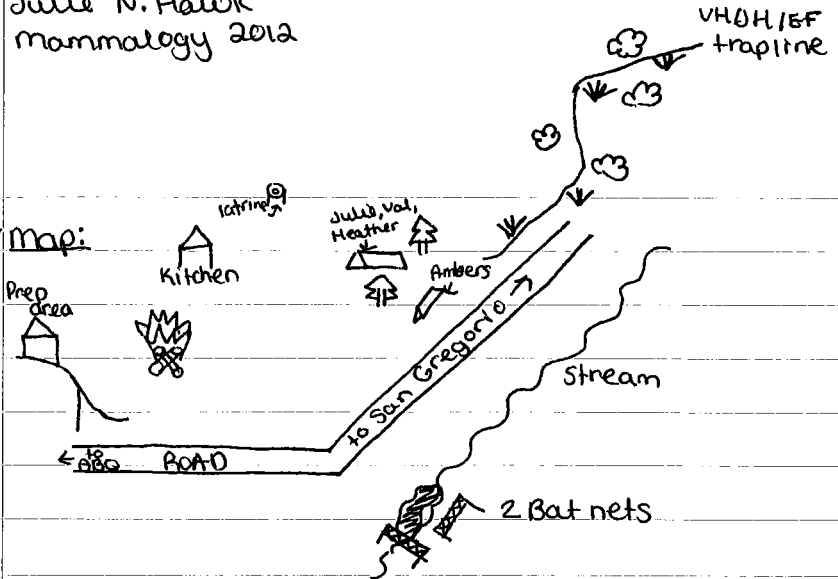
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Trapline: The partner for my trapline was Valarie. We named our trapline VH/JH 1. The trapline was about 500 yards from the prep table. It then ~~ascended~~^{ed} 415 ft up the side of a hill. We set 60 sherman traps and 10 pit fall traps. The traps were set in sets of two. The first 10 sets had 1 sherman and 1 pit fall at each. The next 25 sets had 2 shermen at each site. The sets were about 10 paces from each other. The first sets were in 0% overstory coverage and then the rest of the traps were located in about 60-100% overstory coverage. The traps were placed along a heavy woodlands area. There were mostly spruce and fir trees present. As the elevation increased aspens began to be around. There were lots of logs and trees laying on the ground. There were little rocks around but thats it. The understory was about 0-4 feet tall for most of the traps. The second trap line we set was with Evan and Valarie. The line was called VH/JH/EF. This trapline was set in a meadow area where there was 0% overstory coverage. The traps were set in the grass on runways. A few of the traps were set around small bushes. I was not sure what type of bushes they were. We set 10 snaptraps and 30 shermans. This trapline was closer to the San Gregorio Reservoir than the previous line.

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Map:



Captures:

8 September 2012: we caught 7 mammals this morning. All the traps were in the sherman traps. We caught 2 Tamias, 1 Neotoma, 4 Peromyscus. we caught ~~2 Peromyscus~~ one more Peromyscus but it escaped. This is a 10% trap success.

9 September 2012: In the VH/JH/EF trapline we caught 3 mammals. They were all Peromyscus. They were caught towards the top of our line. This is 4% trap success. On our VH/JH/EF we caught 1 mammal. It was a Peromyscus and was caught on a log not in the grass. This is 2% trap success. we let all the Peromyscus go this day we didn't need them.

Total species caught: Sylvilagus nuttallii, Tamias minimus, Sorex monticolus, Tamias quadrivittatus, Neotoma cinerea, Thomomys talpoides, Sorex cinereus, Tamiasciurus hudsonicus, Spermophilus lateralis, Peromyscus leucopus, Eptesicus fuscus.

Journal:

9.7 September 2012: we arrived at the campsite at 2:45 pm. we set up our tents and unpacked everything. Valerie, Heather and I all stayed in a tent together. At 4:30 we began setting out traps. we set 10

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pitfalls and 60 Shermans. There were 35 sets total that were set. They were set up ^{along} ~~at~~ the side of a hill and some in open canopy & some in closed canopy. While setting these traps we saw lots of deer scat at the top of the line. We saw bear scat a few times throughout the line. We also saw a few squirrels. We sat around the campfire and ate spaghetti for dinner. I went to bed at about 10:30pm. There were tons of cows around the campsite the whole time. The campers next to us also had dogs. It was a clear night and there was slight precipitation. It was low 30's. I helped check the bat nets twice that night at around 9:15pm. We caught a *Eptesicus fuscus* on one of the trips to the bat nets.

~~8 September 2012~~ 8 September 2012 - We woke up at 8:00am. We woke up to Joe singing. It was really cold in the am so I headed straight to the fire. Many classmates said that they heard rustling and howling around their tents over the night. I did not hear anything. Around 8:30 we went to check our traps. We caught 7 mammals in only Sherman traps. Most of the mammals we caught were in traps that were under bushes or trees. When we returned and turned in our captures we began prepping. I prepped a *Tamias quadrivittatus* with NIS 215502. At 12:15 after I finished this prep I ate a turkey sandwich. While I was eating I heard that we had caught the shrew that we had been hoping to catch. At about 1:20pm

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I began my second prep. This was a Neotoma cinerea with NK 21568. It was very smelly and seemed to be covered in urine. After this prep Valarie and I went out to rebait our traps. There were no animals we just replaced the bird seed in the shermans. At 6:30 Kayce asked Evan, Valarie, and I to place another line. She showed us the runways that are located under the grass. She asked us to place 30 shermans and 10 snaptraps in an open space ~~in~~ grass meadow. After this line was set we went back to camp & ate dinner. We had cuscus and chicken. We ~~sat~~^{sat} around the campfire until about 11:00pm. I went and checked the bat nets again tonight but we didn't catch anything when I went. Tonight was clear w/ no rain and it was cold.

9 September 2012: we woke up again at about 8:00am. It was extremely cold. We went to go check our traps again. We started from the top and worked down. A lot of the sherman traps had little baits in them but no animal. I'm not sure if ants got into them. We caught 3 mammals out of our 70 traps (VH/JH 1). They were caught at the top of our line. They were 3 Peromyscus. We let these all go because we caught so many the day before. After all the traps were picked up we went back to camp. We checked our second line. We caught 1 Peromyscus on this trapline VH/JH/EF. It was placed on top of a log

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It seems like placing the traps on runways didn't work so well because we didn't catch anything in the traps that were placed on the runways. I'm not sure if the cold weather had any affect on the number of mammals we caught. We ~~also~~ got back to camp at about 9:30am and began packing up our gear and the campsite. Joe gave us a talk after everyone packed up their things. ~~The talk was~~ we left the campsite at 9:16am. I fell asleep on the way home and missed the ride. We arrive at UNM at 11:20am.

Road Log (Trip 2)

- Left Alb at 10:00am on 12 October 2012
- Left Alb on I-25 South
- Exit off I-25 at exit 152 South (169 miles)
- Traveled on highway 152 South. Turned onto highway 180 West (180 miles)
- Turned right off 180 West onto highway 211 North (218 miles)
- Continued on highway 211 North until it turned into highway 153/Turkey Creek road.
- Road turned into a dirt road. We continued until we saw Joe. Then stopped & parked
- We arrived at 4:17 pm (242 miles)

Return Trip

- Left campsite at 2:30 pm on 13 October 2012
- Took highway 153/Turkey Creek road.
- Turned right off highway 153/Turkey Creek road onto highway 211 North (9.3 miles)
- Turned right off highway 211 North onto highway 180 (11.7 miles)
- Turn right off highway 180 onto highway 12 (74.9 miles)
- Turn left at Reserve (83.2 miles)
- Turn right at fork in the road in Dalton (151 total)
- Turn left on California Ln Socorro (212.8 miles)
- Travel through Socorro and get on I-25 North towards Albuquerque.
- Arrived in Albuquerque at 8:45 pm.

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Participation List (Trip 2)

Nichole Herrera	Nichole Herrera	NRH
Valerie Horda	Valerie Horda	VRH
Vanessa Casias	Vanessa Casias	VRC
Kristin Wright	Kristin Wright	KLW
Rose Mosy Steinberg	Ri	RKS
Jason mullaney		
Kayce C. Bell	Kayce C. Bell	KCB
Joe Cook		
marjorie mcConnel		
Robert Nofchissey		
Bryan Mclean		
Ernie Valdez		
Heather Toman	Heather Toman	HMT
Amber L West	Amber L West	ALW
Marie Westover	Marie Westover	MLW
Telyn J Jensen	Telyn Jensen	TJJ
Bethany Abrahamson	Bethany Abrahamson	BLA
Evan Fay	Evan Fay	EFF
Merrick Malacarne	Merrick Malacarne	MM
Amanda Jones	Amanda Jones	AJ
Andrea Jackson	Andrea Jackson	AJS
Schuyler Liphardt	Schuyler Liphardt	SL
Leonardo R. Gutierrez	Leonardo R. Gutierrez	LRG

Trip 2 - Turkey Creek

General site description: The campsite is in a Riparian area. It is surrounded by Juniper piñon forest. The riparian area has overstory that mostly includes sycamores, cottonwoods, and willows. The overstory reached to about 70 feet tall. The percent coverage was about 80%. The understory included grasses, sagebrush and other small shrubs I'm not sure of. These reached from the ground to about 5 feet and covered about 50% of the ground. The rest of the ground was sand mostly. The overstory in the piñon juniper forest included mesquite, juniper, and piñon. These reached to about 15 feet tall and covered about 60%. The understory was again small bushes & wildflowers such as sage. It reached from about 0-3 feet and the percent coverage was about 20%. The stream ran straight straight near the campsite.

Official locality:

USA: New Mexico; Grant county; Gila National Forest, Mogollon mountains 8km N 10km E of Cuff.
Lat/Long: 33.03422, -108.50227 elev. 1789 m

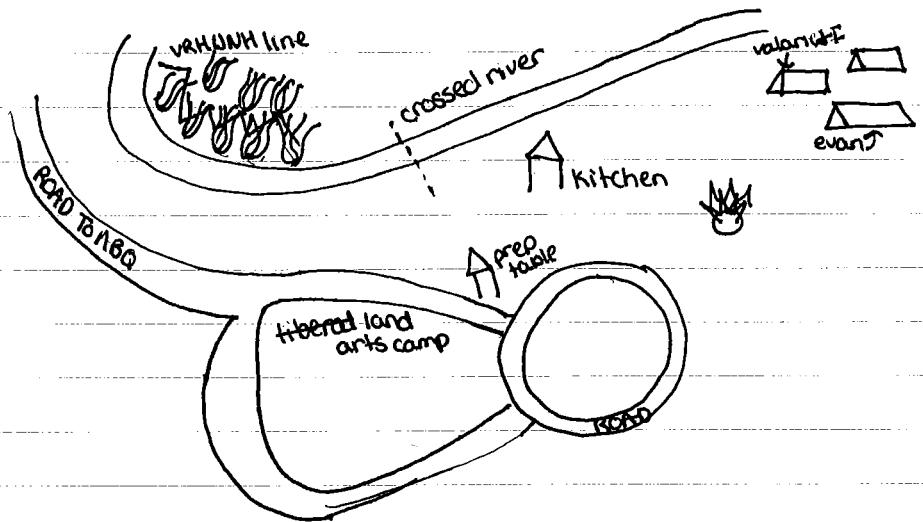
Weather:

12 October 2012: windy; partly cloudy. The weather during the day was about 70-80°F and at night about 45-55°F
13 October 2012: clear sky with a slight breeze. It was about 40°F in the morning & mid 70's in the afternoon.

Trapline: The name of our line was VRH/JNH 1. This line was set by Valerie and myself. We crossed the river and placed our traps in the willow grove on the opposite side of the river. The willow grove was located right next to the river. The willow trees were about

about 10 feet tall. They were placed in about 100% coverage. All the traps except the last two were placed deep inside the will. The last two were placed right outside the willow grove in the grass right next to the river. We set 60 sherman traps w/ two shermens at each site. There was a total of 30 different sites. These sites were about 10 feet apart from each other. There were also lots of willows that had ~~fallen~~ fallen down in this grove where the traps were set. There was no understory except in the last two there was grass and pussy willows. This was about 1 to 3 feet tall. The traps were embedded in the grass.

map:



Captures:

13 October 2012: We caught 5 mammals this morning out of the 60 sherman traps we set. This is a 8% success rate. We caught 5 Peromyscus and two of these 5 were caught at the last site that was placed outside the willow in the grass. The GPS markings for these are

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 W 108.50014

027: N 33.0620 elev. 1444m
 W 108.50011

028: N 33.06148 elev. 1446m
 W 108.50005

029: N 33.06178 elev. 1444m
 W 108.4990

030: N 33.016178 elev. 1444m
 W 108.4990

Total Species caught:

Chaetodapus intermedius, Dipodomys merriami, Dipodomys
ordii, Lasiorycteris noctivagans, Lasiurus cinereus,
Myotis auriculus, Myotis californicus, Myotis volans,
Neotoma albigula, Neotoma stephensi, Onychomys
leucogaster, Perognathus flavus, Peromyscus boylii,
Peromyscus eremicus, Peromyscus leucopus, Peromyscus truei

Journal:

12-October 2012: Valarie and I drove up by ourselves on Friday
we left at about 10:00am. The weather in Albuquerque was
cold, overcast, and windy. We drove all the way through to
Turkey Creek. We didn't see any large animals as we
drove through the mountain overpass. We stopped at the
post office to use the phone to call a number Joe gave
us. The man we were calling knew where the class was.
The man didn't answer so we continued driving until we
saw Joe and Kayle. They were setting ~~up~~ their line. We helped
Bethany and Rosie set their line. They were setting it in
a desert habitat. There were century plants, cactus, yucca

and Joe drove us to the site. He talked to us about the different life zones. We drove through the Juniper piñon forest. He pointed out plants such as the alligator juniper, the century plant, ponderosa pines, and piñon. He stopped for Kaye to shoot a rock squirrel but she wasn't fast enough. It got away. We then talked about the riparian plants such as the cottonwood, sycamores, willow, and sage when we got to that life zone. When we arrived at the campsite everyone was making dinner and finishing their preps. We set up our tent next to Evan's and unpacked. It then began getting dark. We ate burrites for dinner. Jason taught us some games while we sat around the fire. The first game we played was the chip bag game. Kristin won. We then played a game of fitting people in an action pack. Taryn fit inside it. The land arts students then came over to our camp. We played a game with rope and the Sherman cases where you tried to make the other person fall off. After some people went to bed a group of us went to the hot springs. We went with the land arts class. It was about a 10 minute walk. We sat at the hot springs and looked at the stars. It was a clear night so we could see all the stars. We also heard howling in the distance as we sat there. On the way back we stopped in an old mining cave to watch the land arts students take pictures. We found a small miotis in the cave. When we got back close to the camp we saw a javalina. It was hiding in the bushes. We saw it from a distance rustling around. We went to bed at about 12:00pm. The night was

13 October 2012: I woke up at about 7:30 am. It wasn't too cold. We crossed the river with Marie and Amanda to go check and pick up our traps at around 8:30 am. We caught 5 Peromyscus in all sherman traps. We GPSed each site and then went back to camp. While we waited for our specimens to prep we packed up our tents and belongings. We sat by the fire while we waited. At about 12:45 I received a Neotoma stephensi to prep. I rushed through the prep because everyone was packing up and waiting for us. We left camp at about 2:30 pm. We took Kayce's van back up to Valarie's car. We went back a different way than the way we came. It was very pretty. There was lots of wildlife and cool little towns. We stopped a few times for road kill. Jason picked up a fox and Kayce picked up a squirrel. We also drove past a lot more roadkill. We stopped to look at a propaganda sign. The sign was against the reintroduction of the Gray wolf. We also saw an elk and wolf proof fencing. This surrounded a ranch full of cows. Joe said this was important, expensive fencing payed by tax payers. We also stopped to look at a wolf proof bus stop. There were lots of pronghorns seen as we were driving. They were eating on the grassy areas. After it got dark we didn't stop any longer. We just drove the rest of the way. We arrived home at about 8:45 pm.

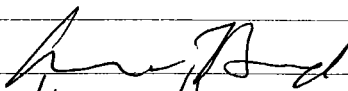



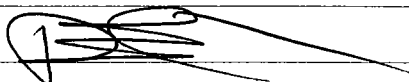
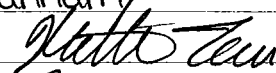
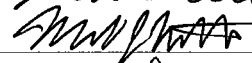
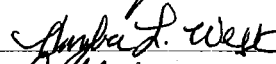
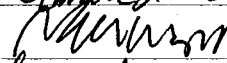
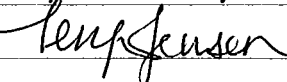
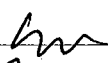
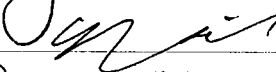
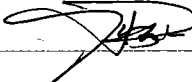
Road Log (Trip 3)

- Left UNM at 12:08 on 26 October 2012
- Left Albuquerque on I-25 South.
- Got off in Socorro at exit 150 at 1:10. We went to the gas station & Smith's for supplies.
- Got back on I-25 South.
- Got off on exit 139 and ate at the Owl.
- Got back on I-25 South (88.8 miles)
- Exit at exit 63. Traveled west on highway 152 (162 miles)
- Turn right at Ladder Ranch entrance (172.3 miles)
- Took dirt road came down into valley (176.4 miles)
- Turn right at 177.7 miles
- Cross river at 178.5 miles
- Arrived at campsite at 3:41 pm (178.9 miles)

Return Trip

- Left campsite at 10:52 am. Mileage 21522
- Turn left when we came to a fork in the road.
- Turn left off Ladder Ranch onto highway 152 (11:03)
- From highway 152 we got back onto I-25 north towards Albuquerque. (21536 mileage)
- Took Socorro exit 56 and got off to get gas.
- Got back on I-25 North (21624 miles)
- Arrived back at UNM at 1:33 pm (21700 miles)

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Vanessa Casias	Vanessa Casias	VRG
Rosemary Steinberg		RKS
Jason Mullaney		
Kayce C. Bell		KCB
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Marjorie McConnel		
Robert McChessey		
Bryan McLean		
John Quelton Jon L. Dunning		JLD
Heather Toman		HMT
Michael J Smith		MJS
Amber West		ALW
Marie Westover		MLW
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EVAN FAH		EFF
Amarda Jones	Amarda Jones	AJCS
Schuyler Lipman	SWL 	
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General site Description: Our campsite is located in a Riparian forest. Some students placed their traps in surrounding desert areas. The overstory includes cottonwoods, sycamores, and willows mostly. The cottonwoods were giant in diameter. The overstory was up to 80 feet tall. The ^{percent} understory coverage of the overstory was about 70%. The understory was very thick grass and small cottonwoods and other shrubs I'm unsure of what they were. The grass was as deep as about a foot and the shrubs were up to about 4 feet. The percent coverage of the understory was 100%. The grass covered the entire campsite. There was a river located around the campsite. It was not very wide and not flowing very fast.

Official Location:

USA: New Mexico; Sierra County; Ladder Ranch, 1 km N, 10 km W of Caballo.

lat/long: 33.06246, -107.4614167 elev. 1455.19 m

Weather:

26 October 2012 - Sunny and warm, not cloudy. It 60-65°F during the day and about 30-40°F at night.

27 October 2012 - It was slightly breezy and partly cloudy. It was about 50-60°F during the day and 30-40°F at night.

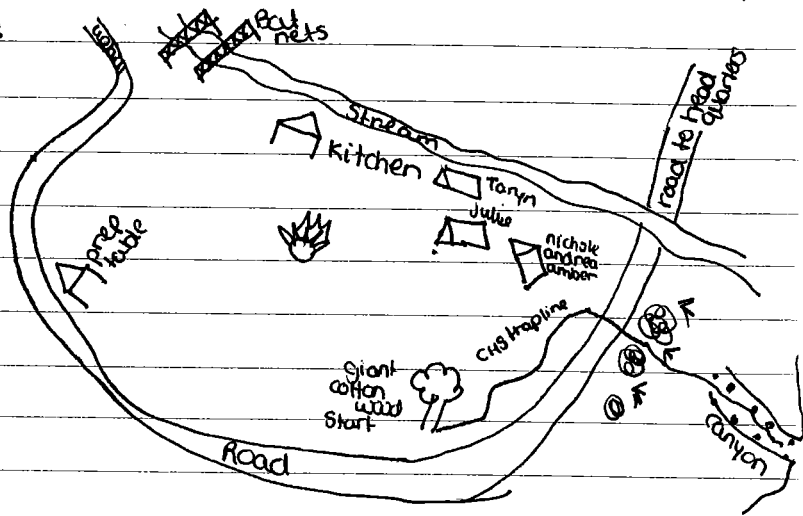
28 October 2012 - It was partly cloudy with no wind. It was about 40-50°F when we left at about 11:00 am.

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Trapline: My partners for the trapline were Vanessa Casias and Michael Smith. Our line was called CSH. We set 37 sites each had 1 sherman and 1 snaptrap. We set a total of 77 traps, 37 sherman + 37 snaptraps. Our trapline was in a number of different environments. It began in a riparian area with lots of cottonwoods and sycamore trees. There was lots of grass, fallen logs and small bushes on the ground. They were placed in closed and open canopy. The understory for this part of the trapline was a 100% coverage. The coverage for the overstory was about 70% for most of these traps. The sites 1-13 were in this environment. We then crossed the road and set 1 set of traps in the open desert. There was no overstory and understory consisted of sage, tumble weeds, and other desert plants. The coverage of this was about 60%. The next four traps were placed in thick brush and trees. I'm not sure what the trees were called a few were mesquite. They had about 95-100% coverage. The last 19 sets of traps were set in an arroyo type canyon. There was lots of mesquite at the bottom of the canyon. It was about 40% coverage. As we increased up the canyon the mesquite became less ~~and~~ (about 20% coverage and cactus and yucca numbers increased. The canyon had many medium sized rocks in it. It seemed like it was a dried up stream

bed. The rocks were very unstable and it got steeper the higher we went. The last set of traps were close to the top of the canyon. All of our trap sets were about 10 paces apart from each other and ^{began 500ft} from camp.

map:



Captures:

27 October 2012: we caught 11 mammals this morning out of the 77 traps we set. This is a 14% success rate. We caught 10 in snaptraps and only one in a sherman. We caught 2 *Neotoma* both in snaptraps, and 9 mice that were probably *peromyscus*. All but one of these 9 were caught in snap traps. We also caught one tail and had 7 trap missing.

28 October 2012: we caught 5 mammals in our 77 traps today. This is a 6.4% success rate. 3 of the mammals we caught sherman traps and 2 were caught in snaptraps. We caught 5 *Peromyscus* and 1 bird in a sherman. We left the bird though I didn't bring it back.

Total species caught: Bassariscus astutus,
Chaetodipus intermedius, Dipodomys merriami,
Eutamias dorsalis, Mephitis mephitis (not caught here)
Neotoma albigula, Onychomys leucogaster, Perognathus
flavus, Peromyscus boylii, Peromyscus leucopus,
Peromyscus maniculatus, Thomomys bottae.

Journal:

26 October 2012: we arrived at the campsite at 3:41pm and began setting up camp. The gass at the campsite was extremely long and thick. I stayed in a tent by myself it was in between Taryn's tent and Nichole, Amber, and Andrea's tent. We began setting out line at about 4:30pm. Our first trap was about 500 yards away from the last tent. It was located next to a giant cottonwood tree so it could be easily found. The whole time we were setting traps we could smell a musky smell. We then saw an heard a group of deer. We think this smell may have been coming from them. ~~After the~~ after all the traps were set & baited we returned to camp. The snap traps were baited w/ peanut butter covered birdseed and the shermans were covered with just bird seed. we ate spaghetti for dinner. I preped two specimens. ~~then~~ I sat around the fire and preped a chaetodipus intermedius with NK 215861 and a Dipodomys merriami with NK 215879. At 8:00pm two biologist came to speak with us. Their names were Chris and Scott. They talked about the conservation efforts that are taking place on the Turner Ranches

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They told us about the wolf reintroduction program and asked us to help out with the pens the following days. Scott talked about the efforts being done to save the Boulders in desert tortoise. He brought one along with him. They also talked about the black footed ferret and the frog conservation efforts. After they left I sat by the fire till about 11:00pm then went to bed.

27 October 2012: I woke up at about 8:00am, we went out to check our traps at about 8:30. When checking the traps we also replaced and rebaited. We caught 2 *Neotoma*, and 9 mice we thought were *Peromyscus*. We had a few traps with just tails in them. There was also 1 snaptrap that had disappeared. We checked the exact spot it was placed and the area around it couldn't find it. The two *Neotomas* we found both had a giant bot fly in them. When we returned to the campsite people were already prepping. We turned in our captures and got a specimen to prep. I prepped a *Dipodomys merriami* with NK 215897. I worked on my field journal until my next prep specimen was ready. The next prep I did was *Mephitis mephitis* with NK 215915. When I did this I ended up hitting one of the scent glands. It was a smelly mess. At 6:00 we all got in the car to drive to the headquarters. We drove around and looked at the wildlife. We saw elk, ~~fox~~ wild turkey, mule deer, we also saw hawks and other birds flying.

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We then went onto the Headquarter library. We looked around there for a while. We got back in the car and went back to camp. Marie, Michale, Kevin and I all sat away from the fire in the dark and finished preping. I just got my skunk skinned before I gave up and stopped for the night. For dinner we had stew and critters. We ate gopher, chipmunk, kangaroo rat and pocket mouse. We then sat around the fire the rest of the night roasted marshmallows and talked. I went to bed at around midnight.

28 October 2012: I woke up at about 8:00am. We had to wait about an hour for the gps to go check our line. In the meantime I ate a breakfast burrito and packed up my tent & belongings. When we finally checked our traps we started from the top and worked down. ~~There~~ We caught 5 Peromyscus. We again had 1 trap missing. It was again a snap trap. We rushed through all the traps because we were the last group to check our line. We picked up all our traps and captured mammals. When we got back everyone was ready to go. We gave them our captures and loaded up the cars. We left the campsite at 10:52am. I fell asleep the whole ride home. We got back to UNM at 1:33pm.