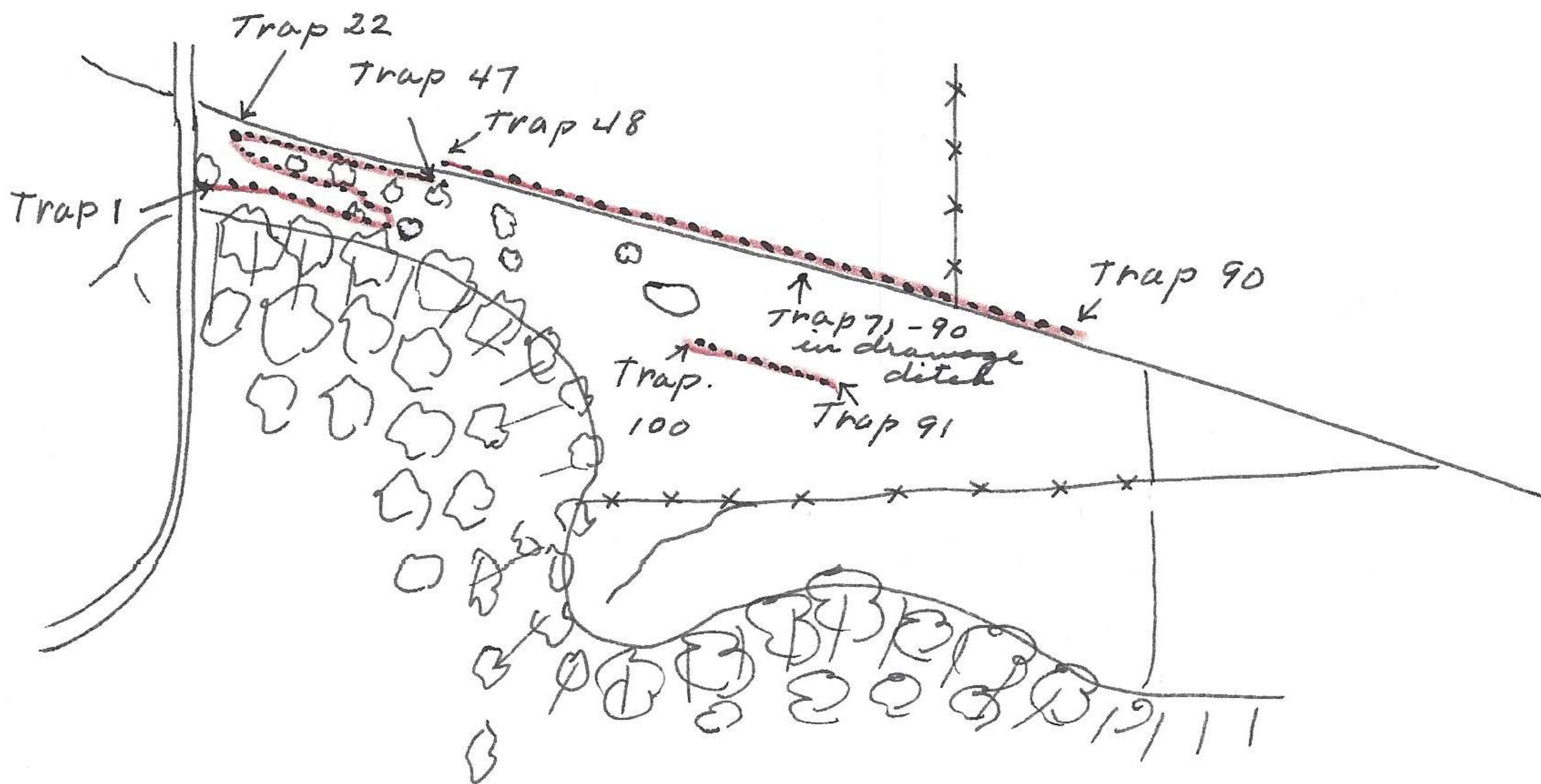
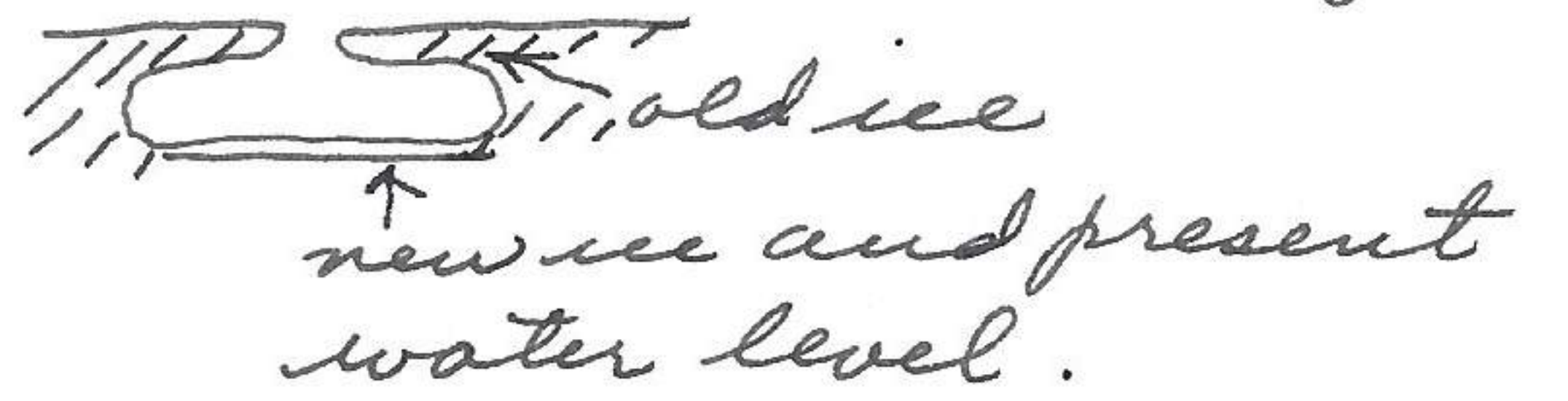


The best runways for *M. ochrogaster* were on slope of hill in grasses & sedges above the flat marsh at base of slope. The lowlands are presumably too wet in winter & spring, at least water now stands in trails previously occupied. Later in season with more rainfall, there will be even more water. Ice level had dropped since a week or so ago and now is an elevated bridge.

A trail of an opossum on ice channel. It apparently walked up creek yesterday after it snowed because the tracks were frozen in slush. A few tree sparrows were feeding in burned area. Muskrat burrows were in area bordering the road. Examined one tree stump, cut 1 foot above ground, that was 32 inches in diameter. After leaving the area, the two crows first noted on arrival, returned to the burnt area. I did not see dead animals but apparently there were a few killed by the fire. I can never understand why there ^{is} not ~~been~~ more evidence of dead animals after a fire. or why the peripheral edges do not support more live mammals.



The metal stakes that were used to secure traps, wherever they could be forced into ground were frozen in and difficult to pull out of ground. Mammals captured were frozen solid (these will need to be measured when prepared). It is unusual that *Synaptomys* was not taken in this line as the area is near the permanent loop to west and on a previous trap line in same area, one was captured. On return to car, the two crows were still in burned area. I could not determine what they had been feeding on. On return to N end of dam along valley rd. did not make significant ^{observations}