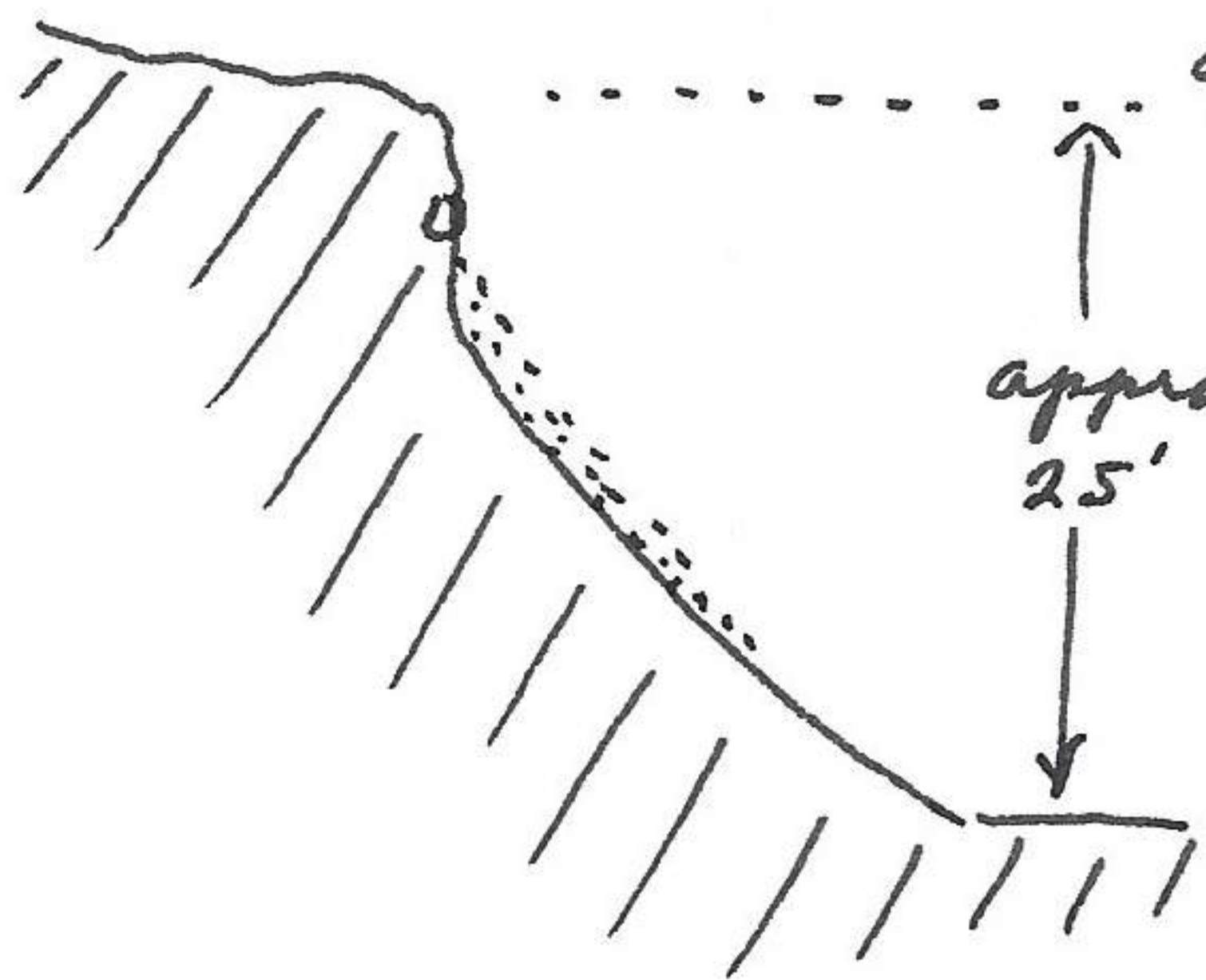


or feeding at edge (on or 1 foot from road macadam) to as far as 250 or so feet from road. The obvious ones were standing on mounds. There were no road kills which was surprising in view of the fast traffic on road. In this same area (see previous census in former years) several years ago there were several dozen road kills and what I would estimate a greater population than than now although now they seem to be less localized and more generally distributed. Beyond Elk Springs the road is on uplands rather than along the side of a valley and although there are more here now than in former years, the numbers are low.

At Steamboat Springs called Evans and were informed that Si and Mil were staying in a trailer camp at Glenwood Springs. Continued E to Berthoud Pass, Colo, where we camped at drainage approx 1 mi. SW of Pass at 11,200 feet elevation (trapping area), mileage 89901. Set 100 traps along creek and in montane forests above camp toward Cirque & high peak beyond. This site is defined by a government weir at camp near road. Birds in area observed are 3 pine grosbeaks, gray-headed junco, Canada jay. A Thomomys started excavating at twilight and continued all night or at least part of the night. At the



beginning there was about a quart of soil as talus below hole on perpendicular face of road cut and next morning the soils had accumulated to some 4 gallons and from 5 different holes separated as far as 30 feet. The gopher did not expose itself to hole but pushed dirt in front with part of the dirt acting as a barrier between the gopher and the outside of the hole.

Traps every 20 feet and mostly along actual edge of creek among sedges or on sand bordered by vegetation, or in dense grasses and other montane plants in boggy or saturated soil slopes. If a log was adjacent to creek, placed trap under protection of log in case of rain from threatening skies. Some traps were placed away from stream in mature coniferous forests, in all cases associated with fallen logs or at base of large standing trees. Last trap in meadow at head of drainage (old logging loading platform on N side of this meadow). Signs of bear digging into old logs. Deer tracks common but did not see or hear them. This is a good area to trap and is unaffected only a days drive from Lawrence. One could trap that night and put animals on dry ice and be back in Lawrence the evening of the second day.