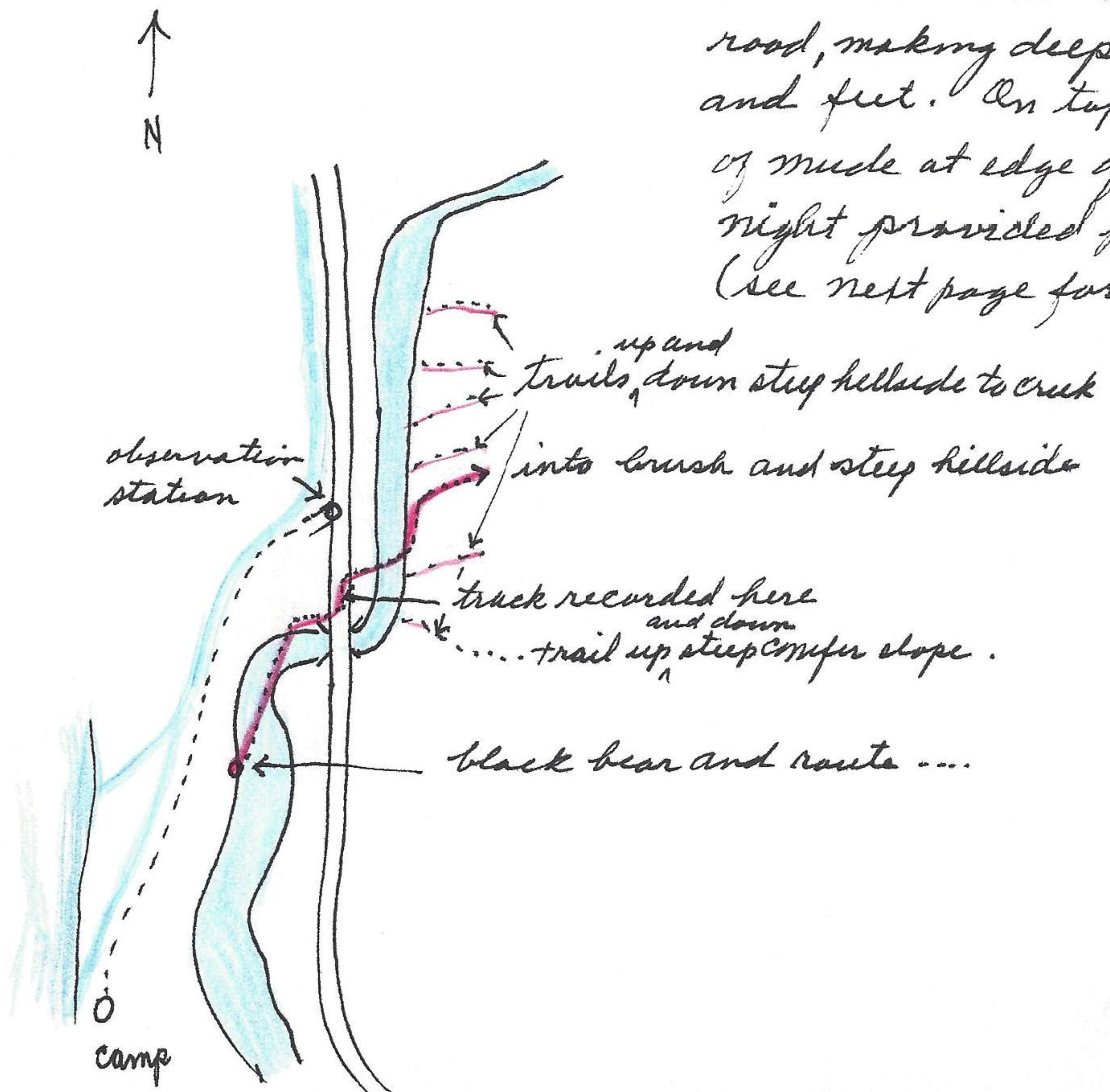


The time of photo was 4:15 P.M. just as shadows from mountain to the west advanced to the E. across the Creek. Photo 830930-18, 830930-19, 830930-20 of spawning salmon (chub?) 110 Bonaparte gulls, 11 glaucous winged gulls and 2 mew gulls feeding on creek. at 5:35 sun off creek. at 6:05 20 gulls left, at 6:45 10 more left and at 6:50 P.M. all gulls had left the area, down canyon. Camped along side of Salmon River. This river, ^{bed} is approx 1/10 mile wide of a braided system of boulders and logs + root systems of conifers. The present river is approx. 90 feet wide and meanders in the river bed. At flood the entire river is used. Fish Creek empties into the Salmon Creek lower down in the canyon. 99+ salmon are in Fish Creek but some are in one of the small channels of Salmon Creek. Watched river bed of Salmon until dark but did not see mammals of any kind. 6 rovers moved down river bed and investigated sands and debris.

Fish Creek Bridge Camp, ^{n Hyder,} mile past 24, Alaska.
Oct 1, 1983

Before 7:30 AM check Salmon River beds for mammal activity but no signs. At 7:30 AM left camp and took our position on road approx 100' n of bridge over Fish Creek. Enroute noted a large black bear along edge of creek as indicated on map. It was fishing for salmon and when it saw us it ran into the shallow water and ran to edge of creek, then gained road, making deep excavations from claws and feet. On top of road the thin surface of mud at edge of road from ^{gentle} rain of last night provided perfect imprints to measure. (see next page for measurements of the right front and hind feet, which for instance are larger than the maximum recorded measurement of black bears in Kansas.) This bear was extremely fat and ^{deep} imprints in gravel indicate so. Pelage of this bear was coal black and in perfect condition. When on E side of Fish Creek it walked slowly along gravel edge of creek and then turned into the bush.



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