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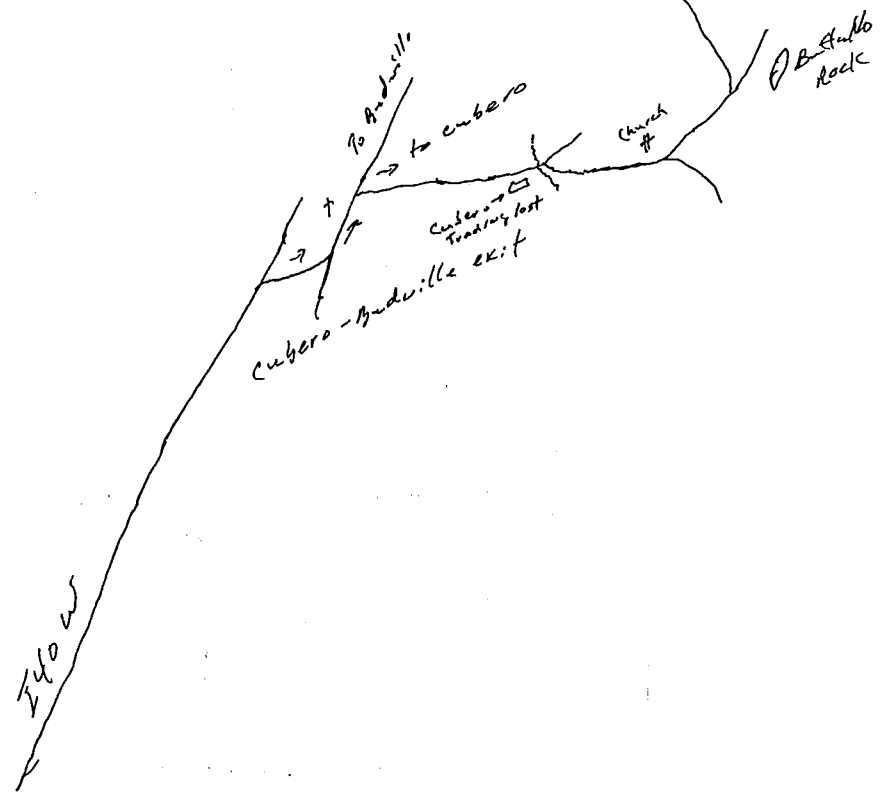
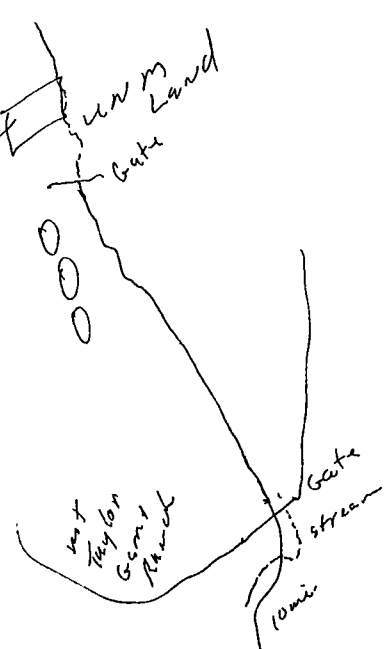
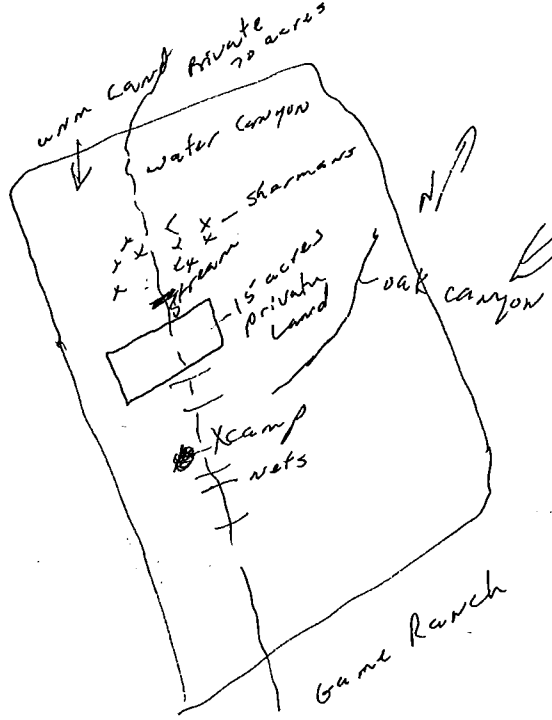
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2 July, 1983, New Mexico: Cibola Co.: Mt. Taylor
6 mi. N, 14 mi. E Grants (T12N, R7W)

Picked up Brian Yates and Chuck Parnell at airport and along with Sara, and John ~~Yates~~, and Kevin Yates and my wife Nancy drove west on I40 to the Budville-Cubero exit (approx. 80 miles). After exiting we turned left toward Budville and then right just past Budville church to Cubero (1 mile). Just past the Cubero trading post (Kurt Godlip proprietor) we turned right past a church where the road forks. We kept to the left and a large igneous intrusion intrusion called Buffalo rock was soon visible on the right. Just before this rock we turned left on a gravel-dirt road which led through game and fish land and to a locked gate which is the entrance to the Mt. Taylor game farm. We unlocked the gate and drove the approx. 15 miles to another locked gate at the game farm headquarters which is the entrance to UNM-Biology land donated by Virgil & Elsie Coughran whose permission is still required to use the land. We then drove approx. 1/2 mile on



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a 4-wheel drive road and camped by a large beaver pond. The whole canyon is called water canyon. (See map on adjacent page) We arrived around 5 PM. The drive is around 2 hours from Albuquerque.

Habitat here is spruce-fir forest interspersed with Aspen, grassy meadows and beaver ponds. Some ponderosa pine is present. The stream contains Brown & Rainbow trout. We set 5 bat nets over the beaver ponds. Temperature reached the mid 40's at night and a strong west wind started around 11:00 pm.

Species taken in nets:

19 lasionycteris noctivagans

2 lasinus cinerius

1 myotis volans

All were released on 4 July.

3 July, 1983. Mt. Taylor

We bunched the nets at 5:30 AM. No additional bats were taken due to the wind which lasted until dawn. Elk & Beaver sign were plentiful. We move two unproductive nets to large

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beaver ponds upstream and set
80 shermans in high grass near
them (see map). The winds dropped
and skies were clear. Temperatures
dropped to 38° that night. Bat
success was good. The total
nights caught included:

13 Lasionycteris noctivagans

2 Myotis volans

1 M. californicus

1 M. evotis

1 M. thysanoides

1 M. auriculatus

2 Lasinus cinereus

1 Eptesicus fuscus

1 Tadarida macrotis

1 Microtus mexicanus

1 M. longicaudus

7 Peromyscus maniculatus

1 tiger salamander

(Numerous larvae of this species

were observed in the stream -

3 were taken as vouchers).

All were released except the

T. macrotis, Lasinus cinereus, 1 M.

thysanoides, 3 L. noctivagans ~~and~~

1 M. evotis and 1 Eptesicus fuscus.

The M. evotis were pregnant
and two gave birth to 1 + 2 young while