

2022

Native American Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum

Native American Fish and Wildlife Society





Acknowledgment

The Summer Youth Practicum occurred at the Colorado State University Mountain and Main Campus in the Fort Collins region, Rocky Mountain National Park and the YMCA of the Rockies near Estes Park. These lands were the home of the Arapaho, Apache, Cheyenne, Ute, Pawnee, Shoshone Nations and many other Native Tribes. They were the stewards of the lands before they were forced to relocate by government policies and western migration by European settlers.



Gratitude

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Native American Fish & Wildlife Society Summer Youth Practicum

The Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (NAFWS) is a national nonprofit Tribal organization incorporated in 1983 to assist Native American and Alaska Native Tribes with the conservation, protection, and enhancement of their fish, wildlife, habitat and cultural resources.



The 574 federally-recognized Native American and Alaska Native Tribes within the United States own or influence the management of nearly 140 million acres, far exceeding that of the National Park Service. This land includes more than 730,000 acres of lakes and reservoirs, 10,000 miles of streams and rivers, and 18 million acres of forests that provide habitat for fish and wildlife, including more than 500 species listed as threatened or endangered. To Native Americans this land also serves cultural, spiritual, economic, and subsistence purposes.

Native Americans have been successful managers of species and habits for thousands of years. However, in today's changing world, Tribes are faced with a complexity of conservation and management issues such as climate change, habitat degradation, and the loss of biodiversity. Despite underfunding and a lack of Native representation in natural resource professions, Tribes are leaders in tackling these issues. Integrating traditional management practices and western science, Tribes conserve, protect, and restore fish and wildlife on their lands.

The Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (NAFWS) strives to provide assistance to Tribes in support of their self-determined march towards a secure natural resource future for generations to come.

Consequently, the purpose of the NAFWS are charitable, educational, scientific and cultural as well as the following:

- To assist in the facilitation and coordination of inter-Tribal communication in regards to fish and wildlife matters, including treaty rights issues, court cases related to fish and wildlife, hunting, or fishing regulations
- To protect, preserve and conserve the wise use and management of
 Tribal fish, wildlife and recreational resources
- To education Native Americans involved in fish and wildlife management, policy, decision-makers, community members and others similarly dedicated to tribal natural resource management of the best natural resource management practices
- To provide administrative support, expertise and advice to Tribal governments, relating to Tribal fish, wildlife enhancement activities
- To improve the general welfare of Tribal people through educational,
 charitable, as we as fish and wildlife enhancement activities
- To provide professional publications and promotional activities for disseminating pertinent information regarding Native American fish and wildlife resources to Society members, Indian and non-Indian organizations, public officials and the general public

Native American Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum (SYP)



A fundamental goal of the NAFWS is to facilitate the education of Native Americans and Alaskan Natives about Tribal fish, wildlife and natural resource stewardship. Although the NAFWS conducted periodic regional training and workshops on various aspects of natural resource management, these training opportunities were for individuals working as professional natural resource managers. Thinking of the future, the NAFWS developed the Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum (SYP) with the goal of empowering and educating Native Youth about the preservation, conservation, and protection of Mother Earth.

As our future conservation practitioners, decision-makers and stewards, the NAFWS SYP is designed to introduce Native students to Tribal natural resource management and career opportunities available in natural resource professions. The first SYP was held at Ranch A Education Center in Beulah, Wyoming in 1991. With few exceptions, the SYP has become an annual event with both national and regional practicums hosted at sites across the country including the University of

Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Mt. Evans Outdoor Lab School in Greenwood, CO, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Reservation, Camp Chapparal in Yakama Nation, and YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO.



2003 SYP Mt Evans, Colorado

The SYP is a unique and vital program that incorporates the cultural and historical aspects of natural resource management as well as Traditional Ecological Knowledge. A strong emphasis is placed on the involvement of Tribal elders and professionals who share their wisdom and knowledge of environmental stewardship. The staff provides a safe, caring, and inclusive atmosphere which creates an optimum environment for learning.

The 2022 National Summer Youth Practicum (SYP) occurred from Saturday, July 9 – Saturday, July 16, 2022. This week-long program was held at the beautiful Colorado State University (CSU) Mountain Campus, CSU Main Campus (Fort Collins, CO), YMCA of the Rockies (Estes Park, (CO)), and the Rocky Mountain National Park. Ten students from 6 Tribes attended the practicum and heard presentations from 23 speakers and participated in workshops on field-sketching, fisheries, forestry, wildlife corridors, and Tribal conservation law enforcement. They tackled the CSU Mountain Campus ropes course, developed trust through team building exercises, learned to flyfish, and competed in a Tribal wildlife management challenge. The SYP concluded with the students presenting their wildlife management plans to an audience of their peers, instructors, parents, and NAFWS board and staff members.

How to participate:

The NAFWS National SYP is an annual program open to incoming 10-12 grade Native students. The organization covers students' travel (airfare, round trip mileage to their closest airport, luggage fees), food and lodging.

Typically, the National SYP is held in July and application period is announced between February and March. Tribal students are encouraged to apply for future SYPs at: www.nafws.org/youth-pre-professional/ www.nafws.org/youth-pre-professional/

Follow us on social media for updates, announcements, and Tribal natural resources highlights at

- Facebook: @nativeamericanfishandwildlifesociety
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- Twitter: <u>@native_wildlife</u>
- in LinkedIn: Native American Fish & Wildlife Society

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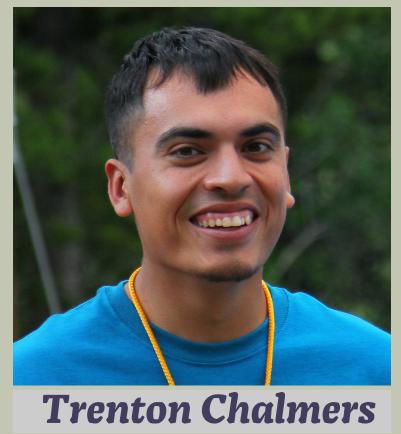
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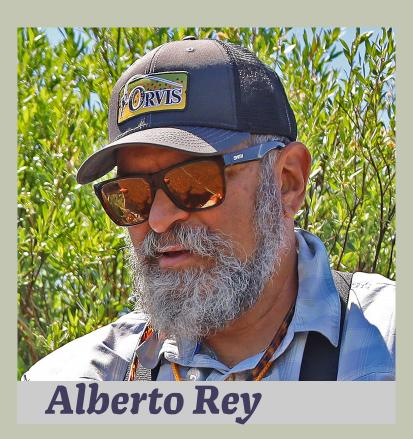


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Invited Artists and Workshop Leaders



State University of New York at Fredonia Distinguished Professor Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide



State University of New York at Fredonia
Associate Professor

States of 2022 Students and Staff

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Nations and Tribes of Staff and Students

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Village of Kotlik

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation of Idaho

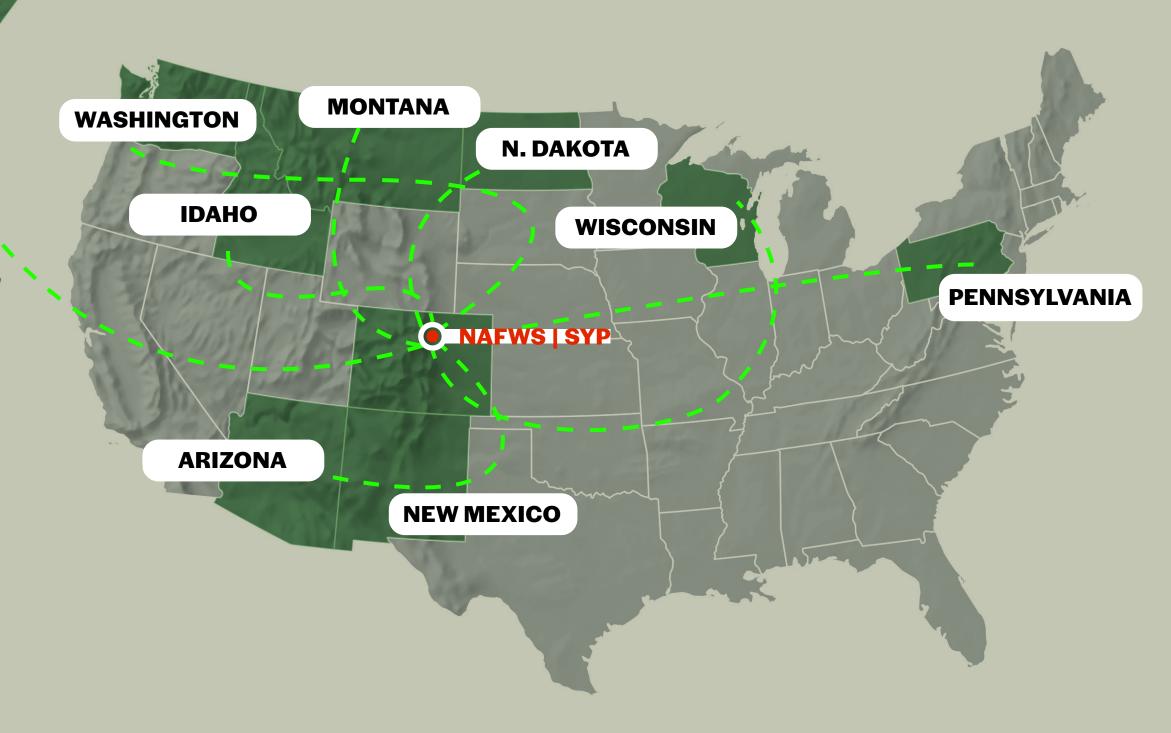
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Navajo Nation

Standing Rock Sioux

Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

Cherokee Nation

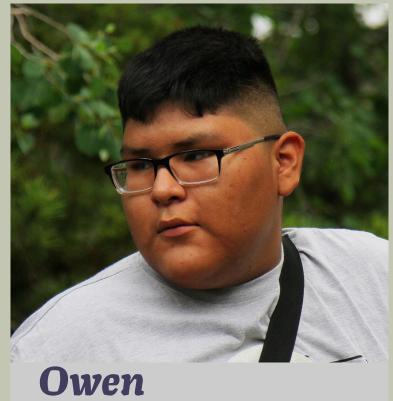


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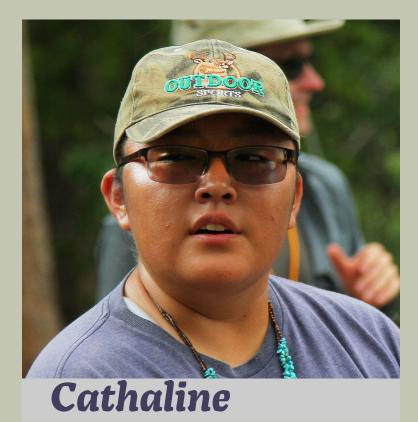


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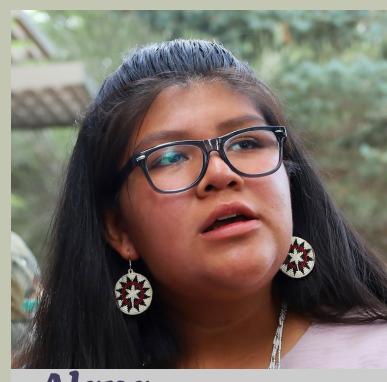
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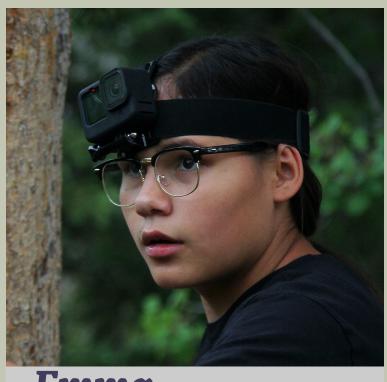
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Navajo Nation

New Mexico



Emma

Menominee Indian

Tribe of Wisconsin

Wisconsin

Students



Navajo Nation

Arizona



Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation of Idaho



Cherokee Nation
Pennsylvania

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF 2022 NATIONAL SUMMER YOUTH PRACTICUM AGENDA

JULY 9, 2022 - SATURDAY

Students arrive at Denver International Airport, Denver, CO

Depart DIA & Drive to Colorado State University Mountain Campus

Staff & Student Meet & Greet

Student Orientation & Introduction to Wildlife Management Challenge
Ashley Carlisle, NAFWS
Education Coordinator

JULY 10, 2022 - SUNDAY

CSU MOUNTAIN CAMPUS

NAFWS 101

PAGES

Ashley Carlisle, NAFWS Education Coordinator

Wildlife Management Challenge: Elk Life History and Migration, Land Management and Stakeholders Ashley Carlisle, NAFWS Education Coordinator

In-the-Field Sketchbook Workshop, Alberto Rey, SUNY Fredonia

Mountain Campus Challenge Course

Talking Circle

JULY 11, 2022 - MONDAY

CSU MOUNTAIN CAMPUS

Electrofishing and Biotic Indexing

Christopher Carroll, USFS Alberto Rey, SUNY Fredonia

Fly Fishing

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Alberto Rey, SUNY Fredonia Jason Dilworth, SUNY Fredonia Christopher Carroll, USFS Aaron Altier, USFS

What Do Conservation Law Enforcement Officers Do?

Sean Cross, NAFWS
Fish and Wildlife Biologist
Trenton Chalmers, NAFWS
Conservation Law Enforcement Intern

Tips/Tricks for Your Future

Ashley Carlisle, NAFWS Education Coordinator

Talking Circle & S'mores

JULY 12, 2022 - TUESDAY

CSU MOUNTAIN CAMPUS

Wildlife Corridors

Ashley Carlisle, NAFWS Education Coordinator

College Experience

Trenton Chalmers, NAFWS
Conservation Law Enforcement Intern

Green Jobs

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Ethan Bucholz, Ph.D., CSU Faculty

Leave No Trace & Watershed Science

Steven Fassnacht Ph.D., CSU Faculty, Sunshine Swetnam Ph.D., CSU Faculty

Talking Circle

JULY 13, 2022 - WEDNESDAY

CSU FORT COLLINS CAMPUS

Depart CSU Mountain Campus and travel to Fort Collins, CO

Trees Water People (TWP) James Calabaza, TWP and TWP Staff

CSU Native American Cultural Center (NACC)

Ty Smith, NACC Director and Tiffani Kelly, NACC Assistant Director

Warner College of Natural Resources Tour & Talk

Jake Agletti, CSU Warner College Recruitment and **Engagement Coordinator**

USGS connecting Human Dimensions with Natural Resources Research

Nicholas Cole Ph.D., USGS Research Social Scientist, Social & Economic Analysis

Depart to YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO

YMCA of the Rockies Orientation & **Room Assignments**, Ashley Carlisle, NAFWS Education Coordinator

Talking Circle

JULY 14, 2022 - THURSDAY

YMCA OF THE ROCKIES

Elk Management in Rocky Mountain National Park

Christie Wilkins, Ranger Team RMNP

Presentation Skills Ashley Carlisle, NAFWS **Education Coordinator**

Talking Circle

JULY 15, 2022 - FRIDAY

YMCA OF THE ROCKIES

Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center (GWRC)

Claudia Laprise, GWRC and GWRC Volunteers

Bird Conservancy of the Rockies (BCR) Sherry Nikolaus, BCR Education Director

Elk Management Plan, **Final Student Presentations**

Souvenir Shopping

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What Now? & Awards Ceremony

JULY 16, 2022 - SATURDAY

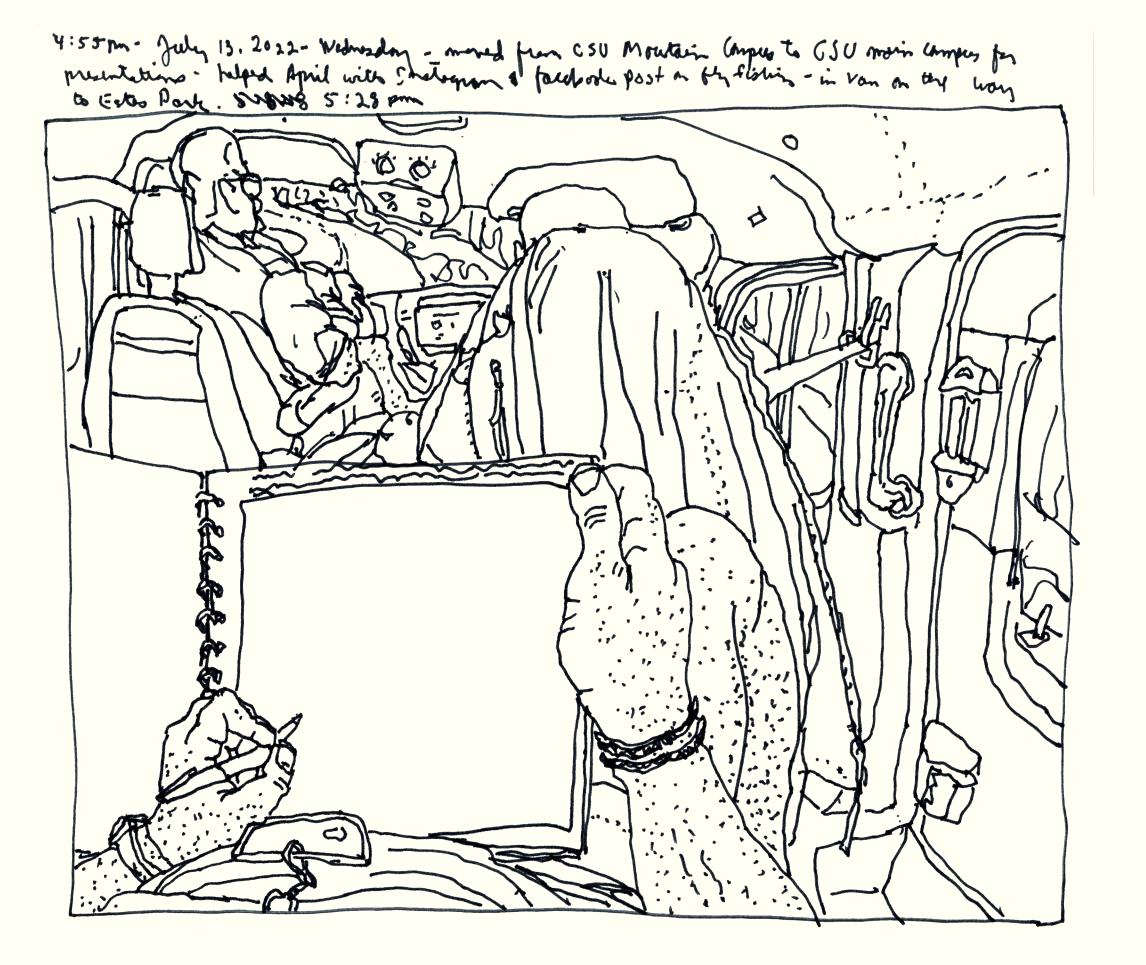
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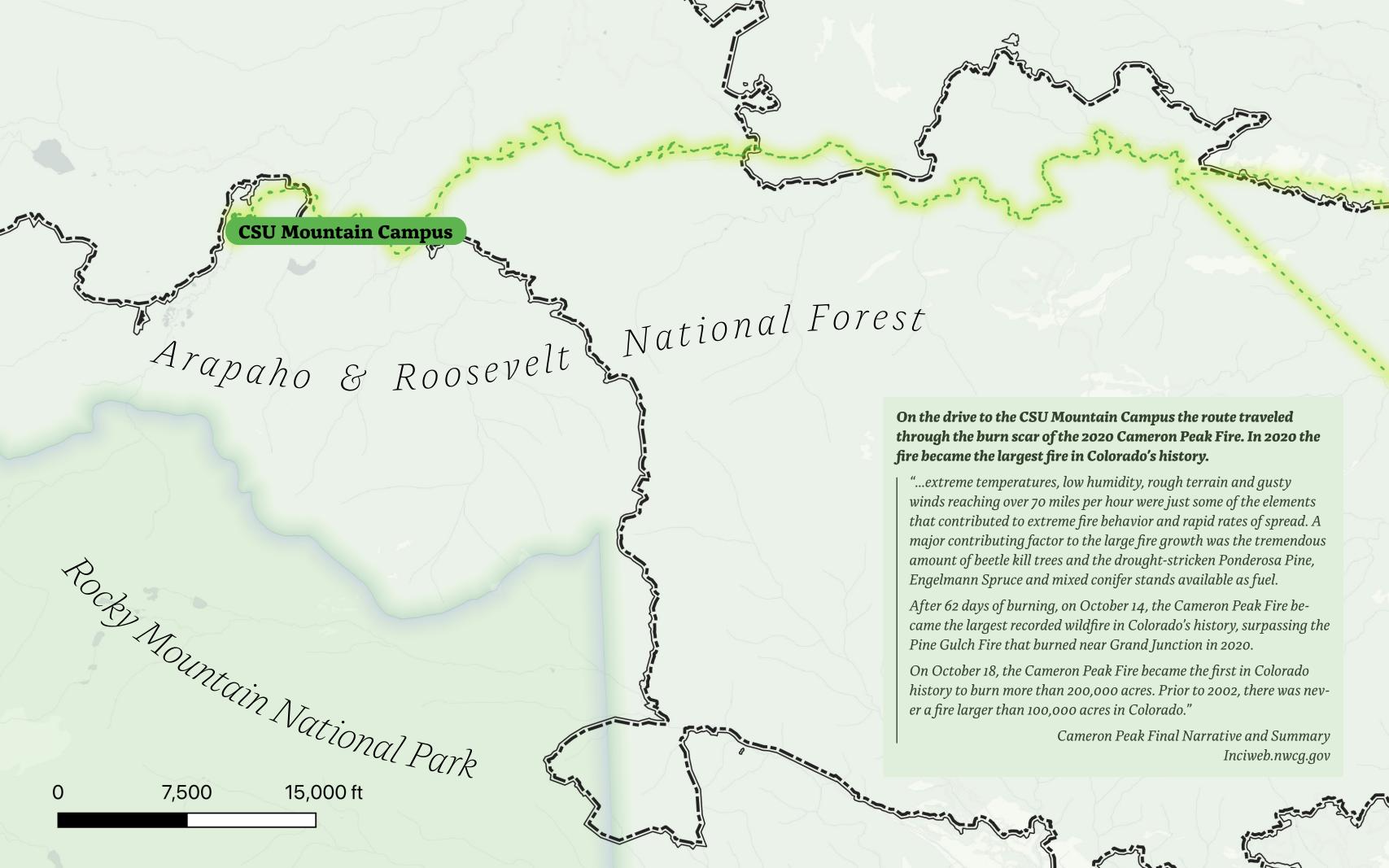




up to the Colorado State University Mountain Campus for the 2022 National Student Youth Practicum. Education Coordinator Ashley Carlisle has a lot of exciting field, educational, and team building activities planned for this week.



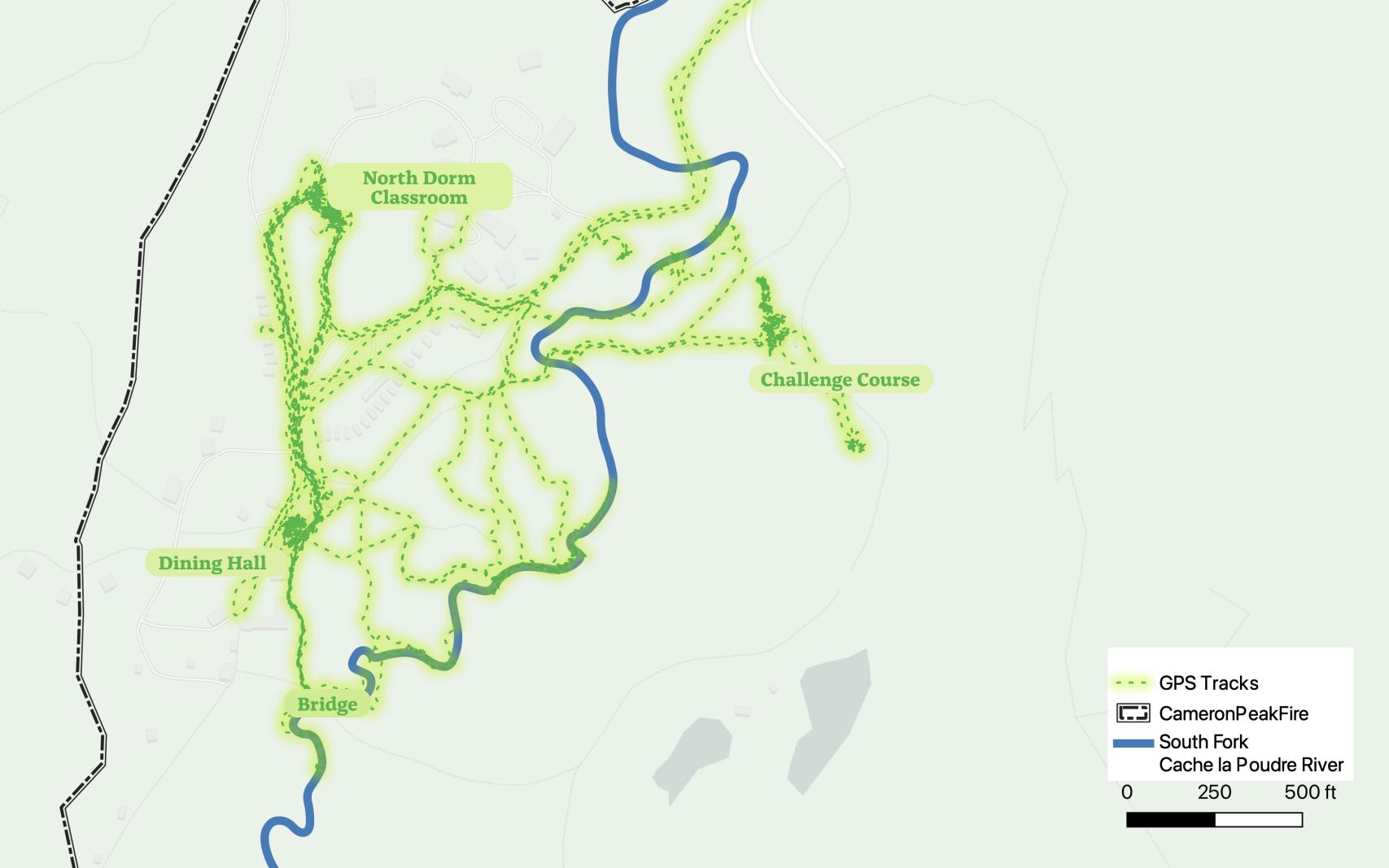








...Students were introduced to NAFWS, the work we do, our National Initiatives, and the NAFWS Wildlife toolkit which was created to assist Tribes in developing their fish and wildlife programs. The toolkit will aid students in a management challenge that they will present at the end of the practicum. The students with the best presentation will have the opportunity to present their management plan at an NAFWS Conference.



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Students tackled the Colorado
State University Mountain
Campus ropes course yesterday.
The low ropes course included
challenges like the mars build,
search & rescue, bear/salmon/
mosquito, and the wire walk.
These activities required team
work, communication, and trust
building that was important when
they moved on to the high ropes
course and throughout the rest of
the practicum.









hotos: April R



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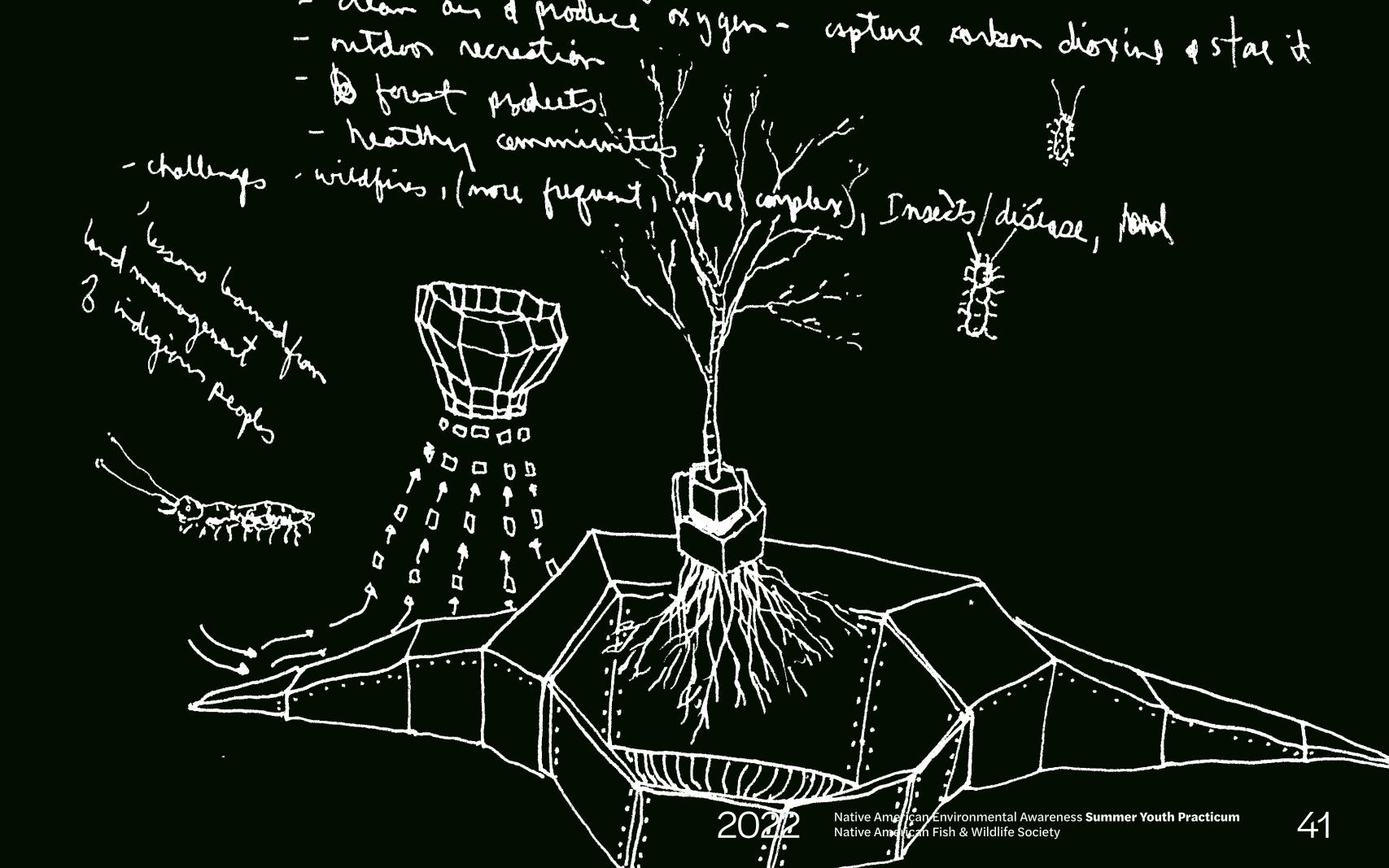












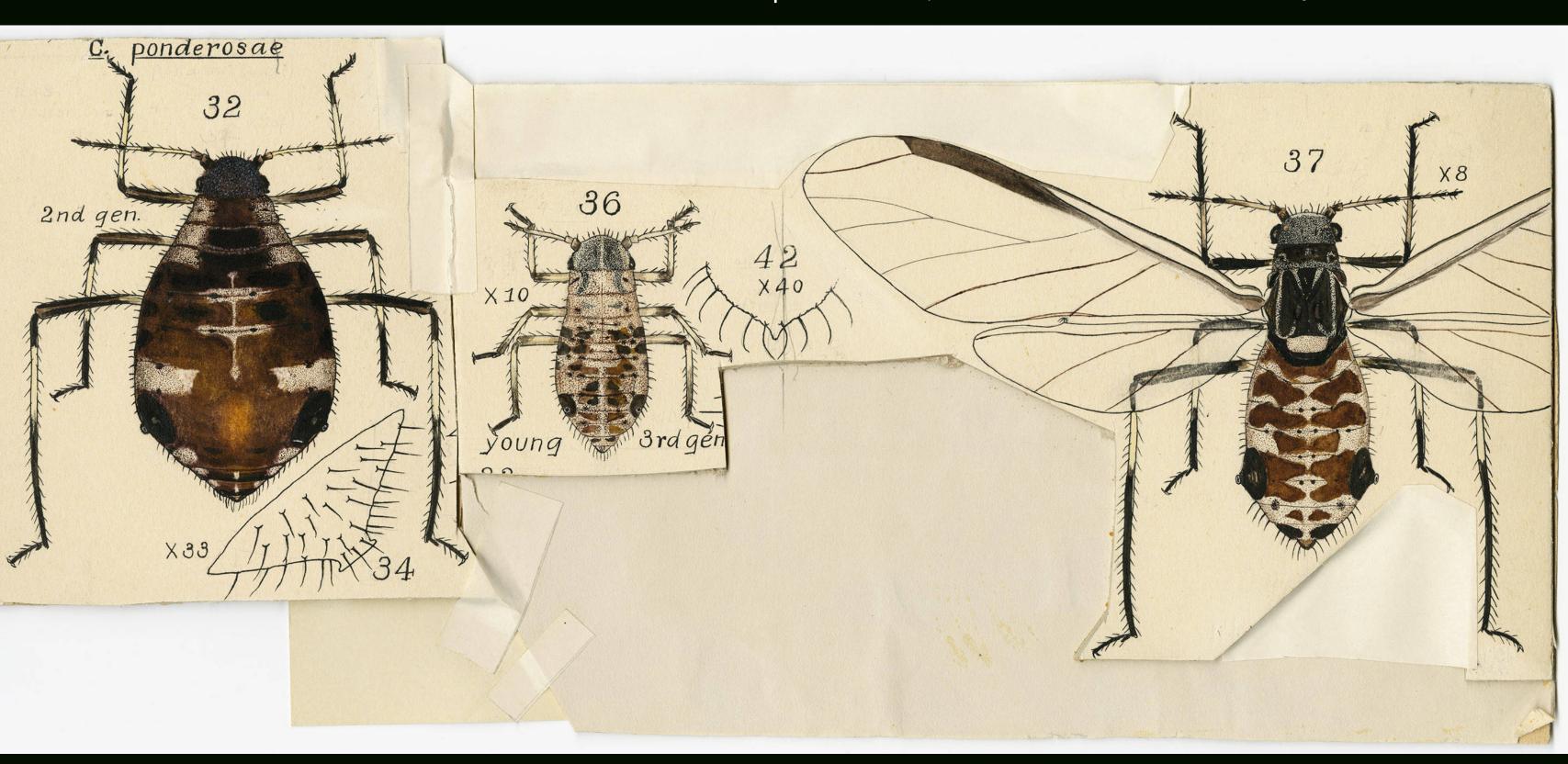
















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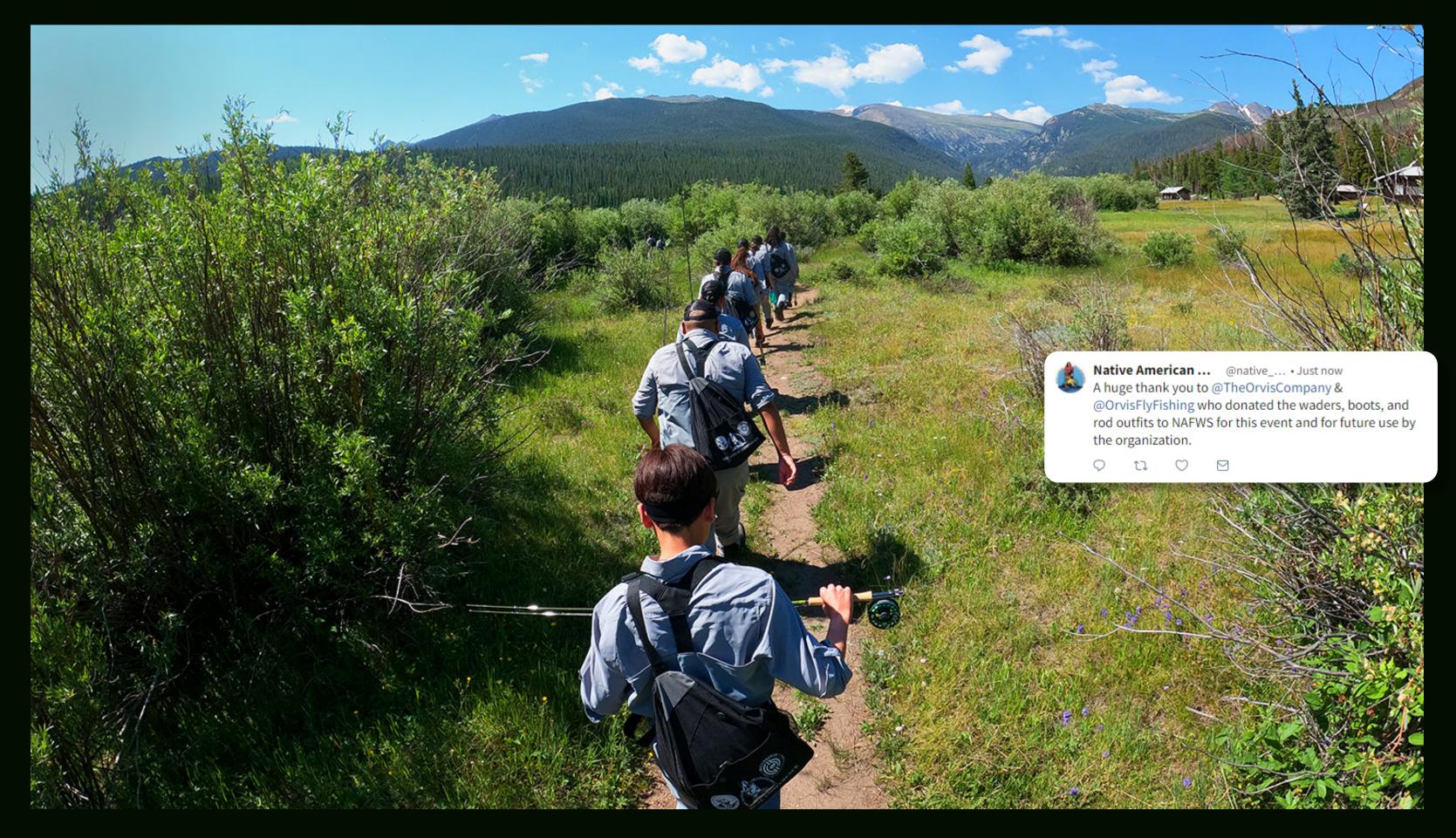
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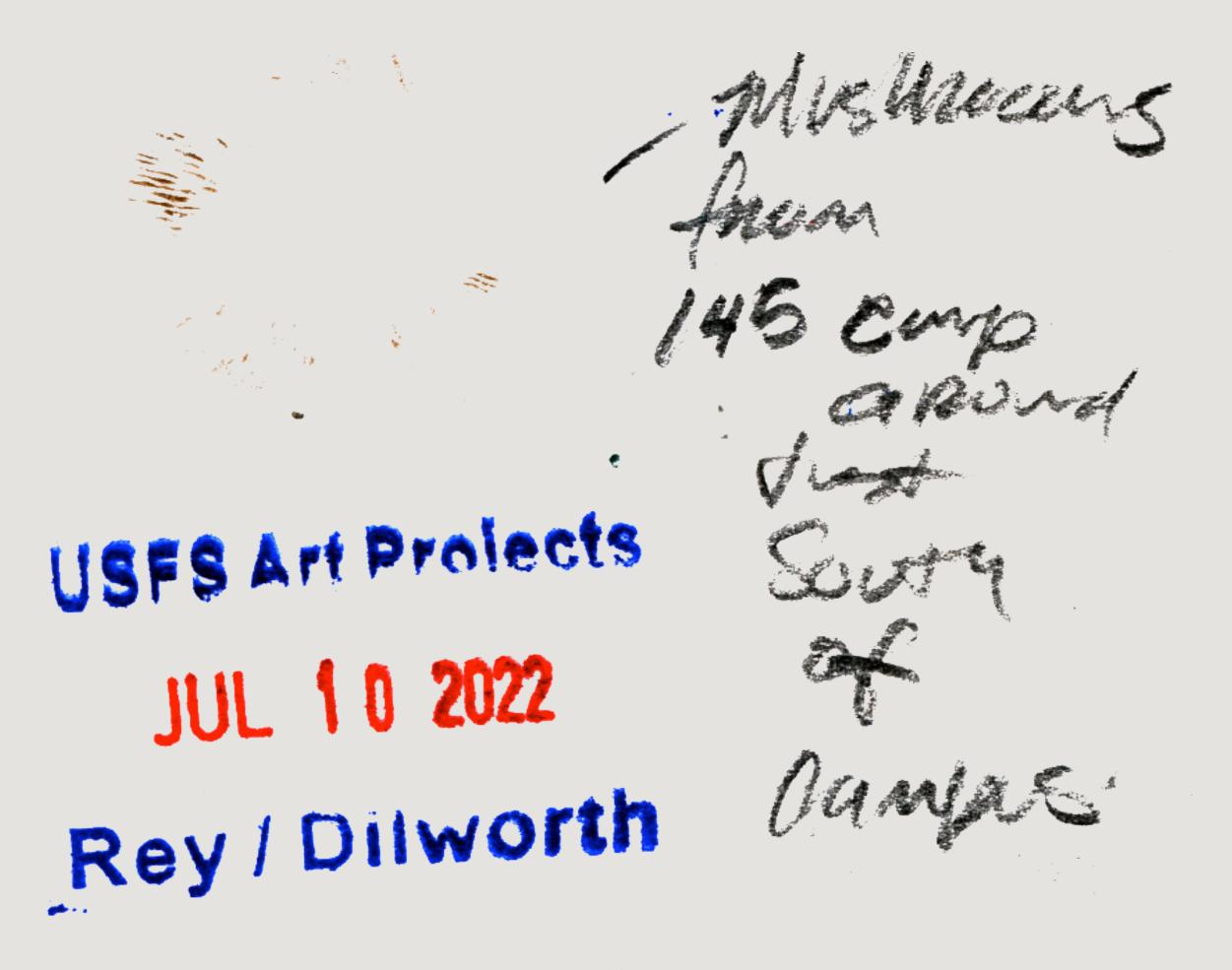






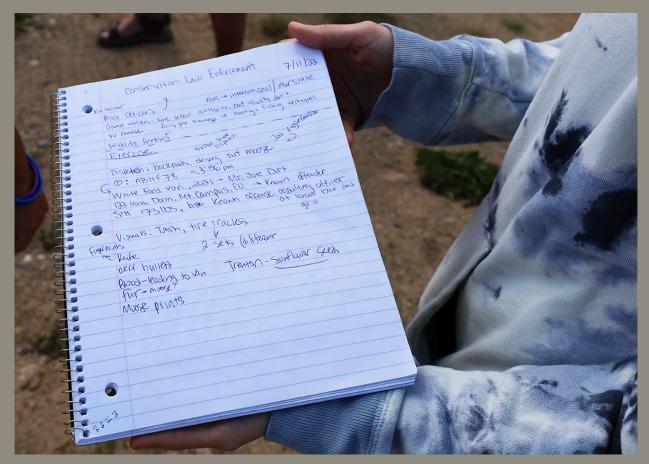




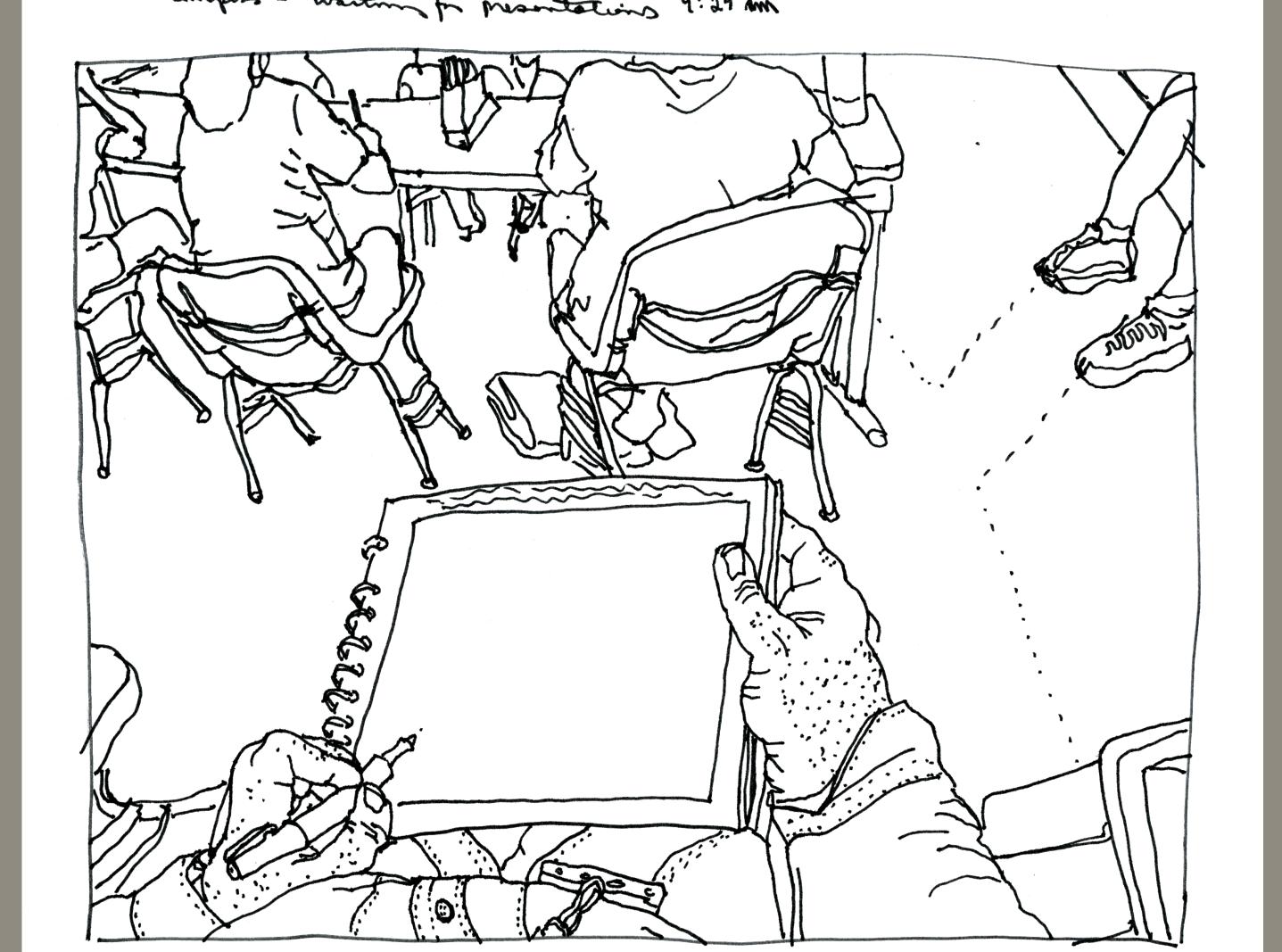




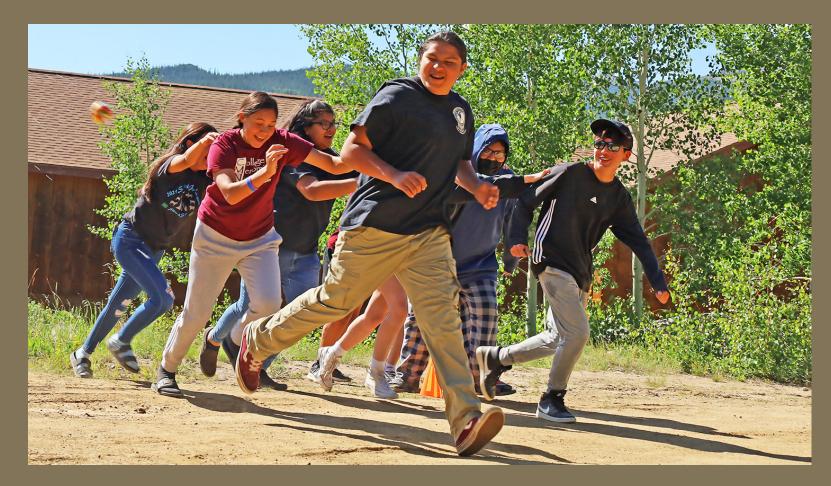








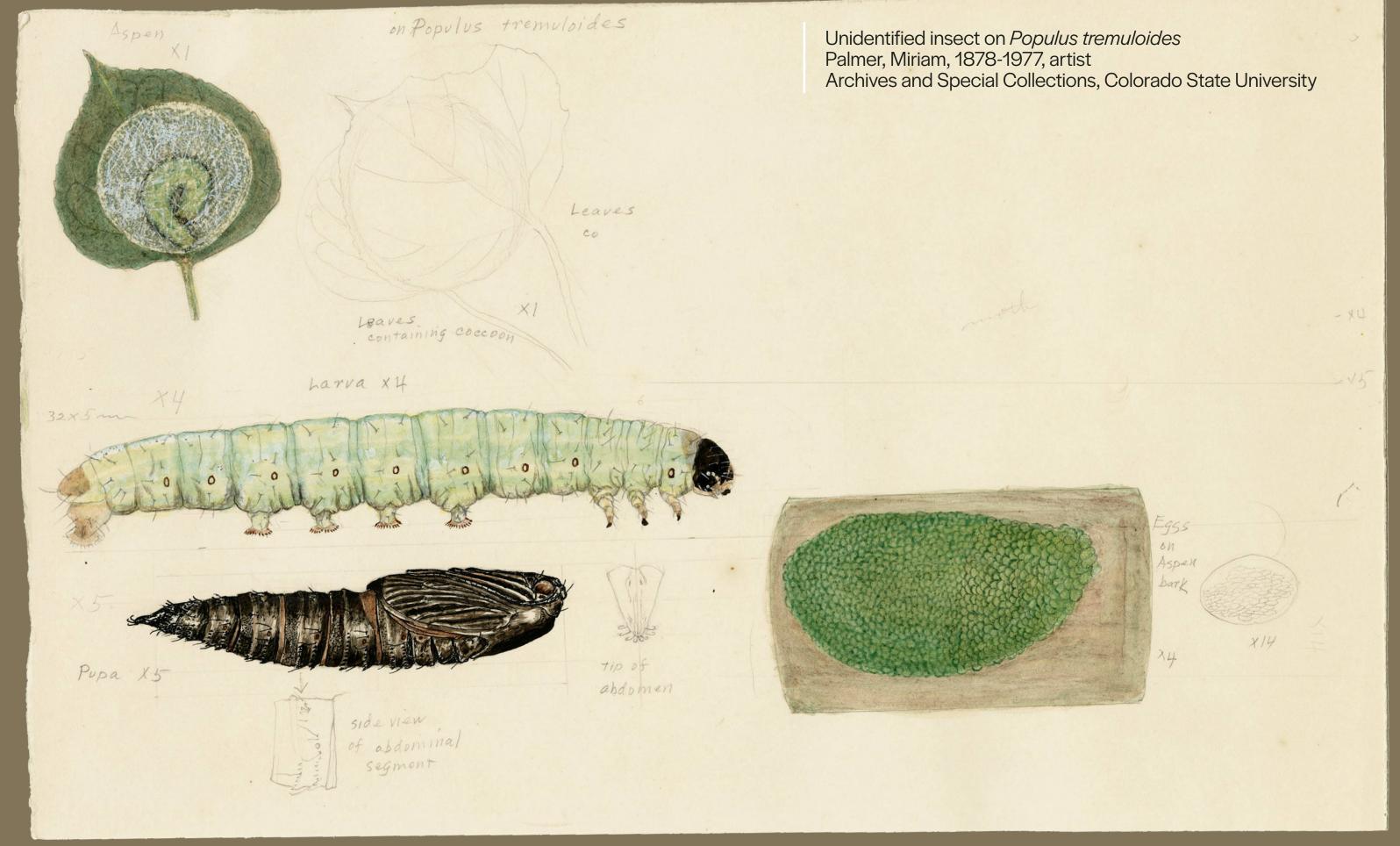






SYP students learned about the difficulty many animals face crossing roads and the importance of wildlife corridors. In this activity, they crossed the road as elk, rabbits, amphibians, and possums while trying to avoid on coming traffic (splash balls).

Throughout the week, students are also working on developing elk management plans with an emphasis on Tribal Wildlife Corridors, an NAFWS Initiative.





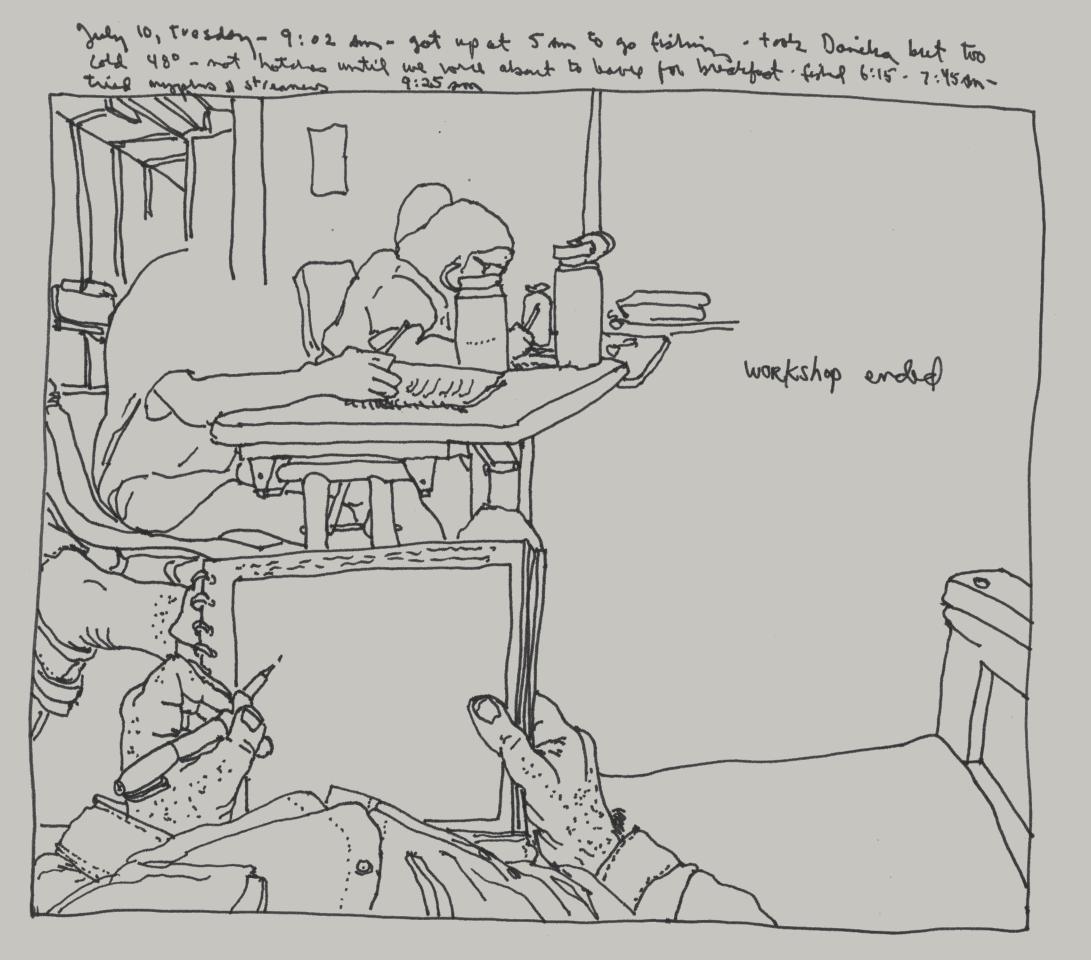
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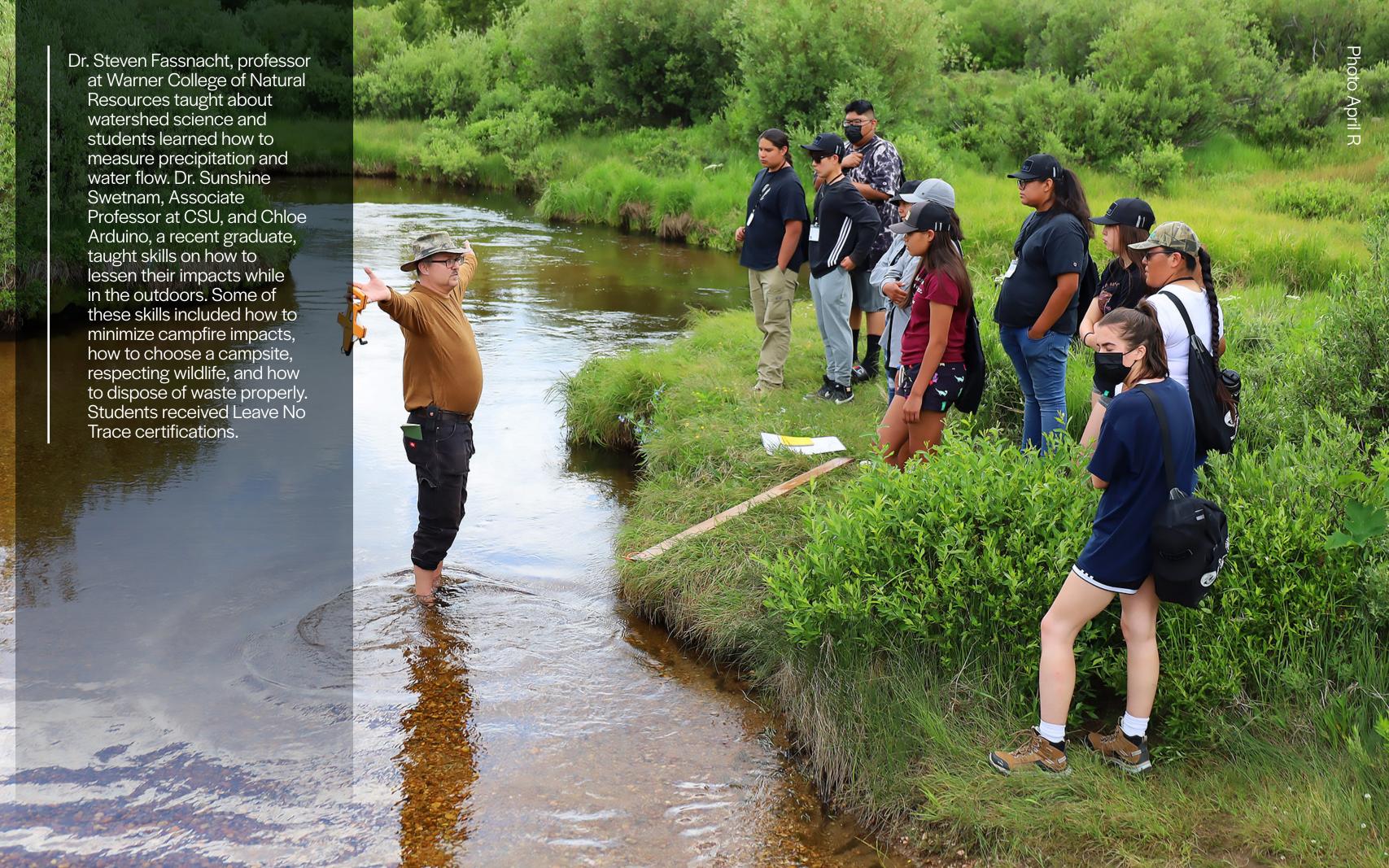
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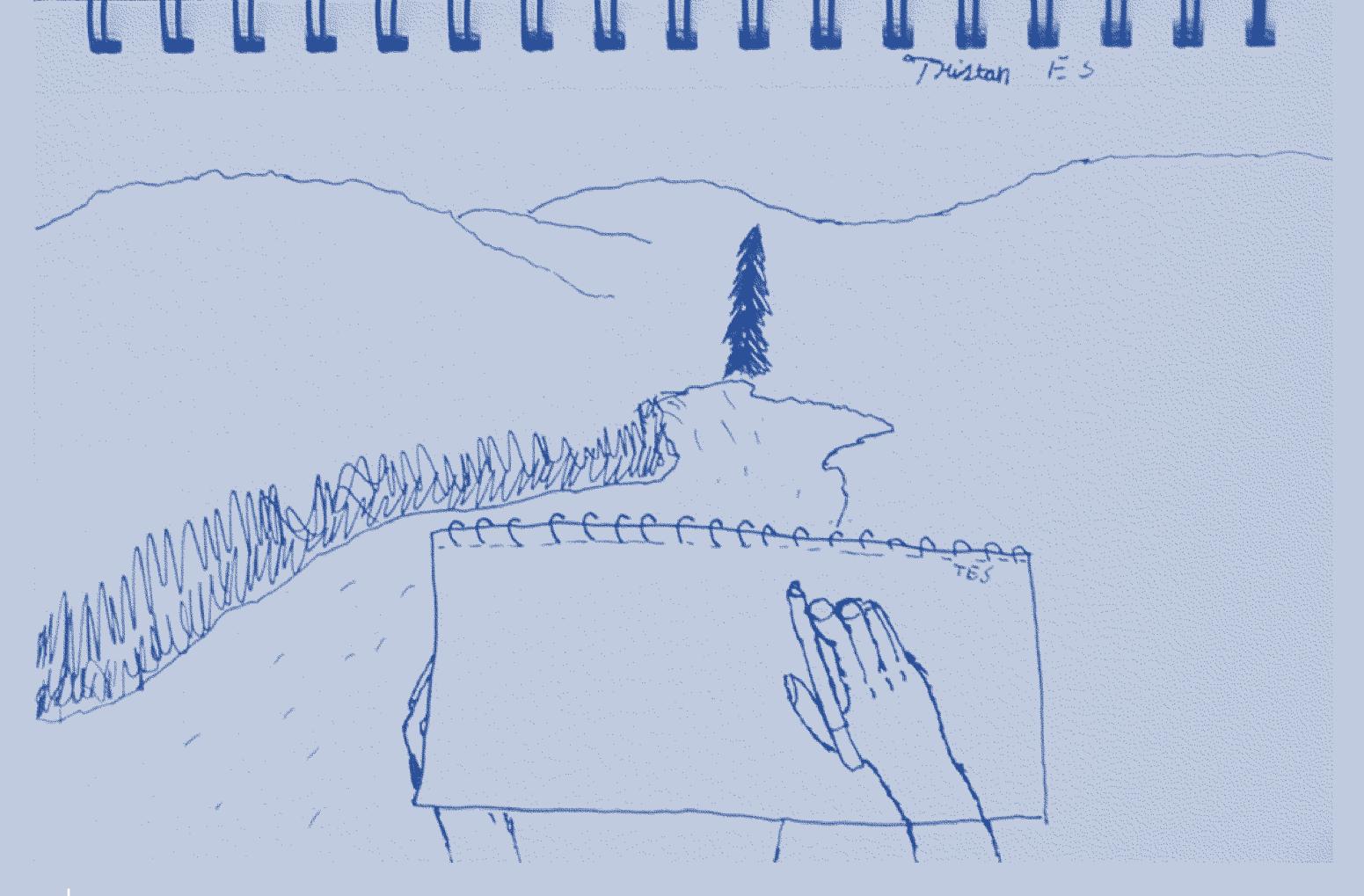




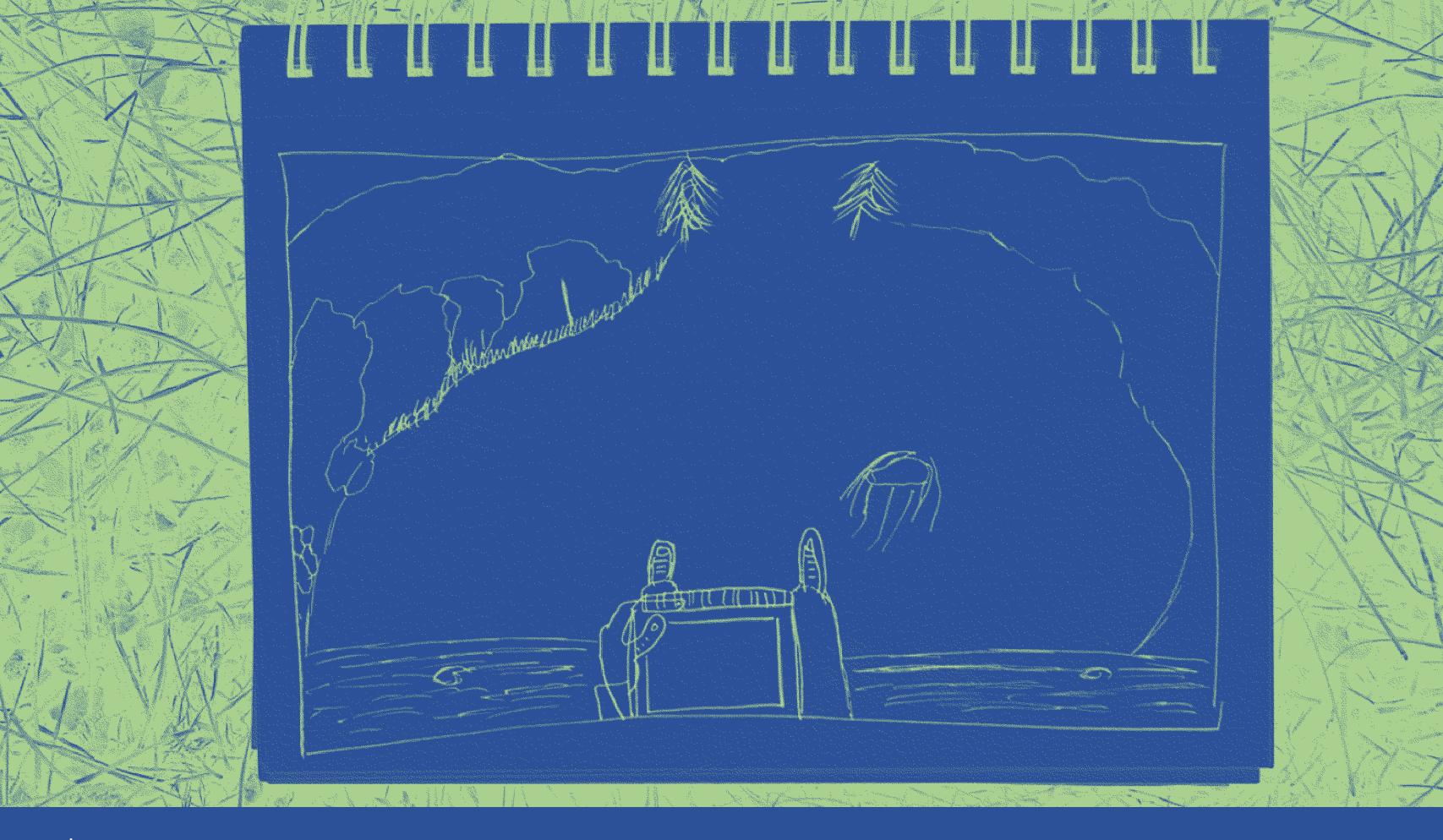


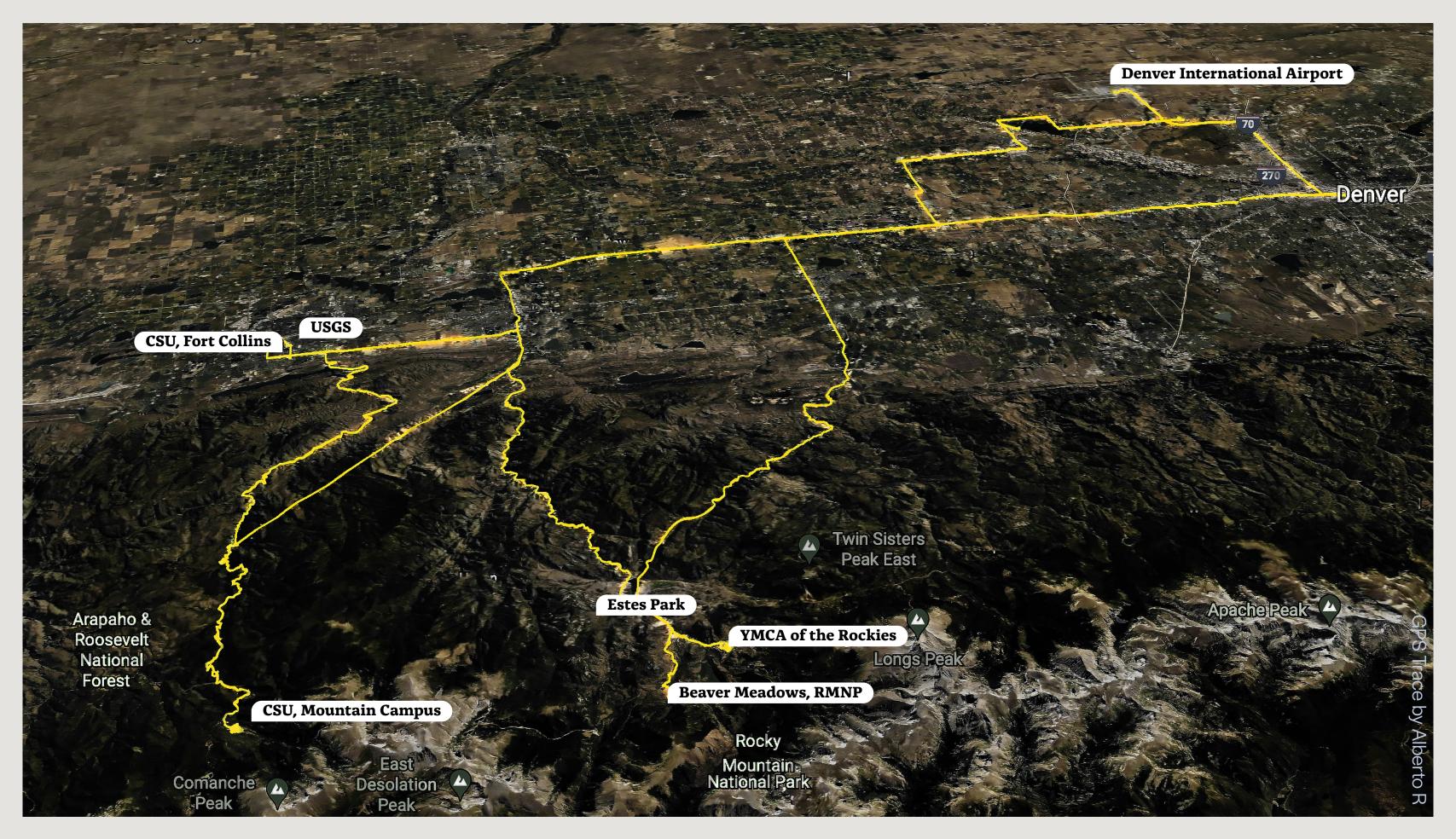






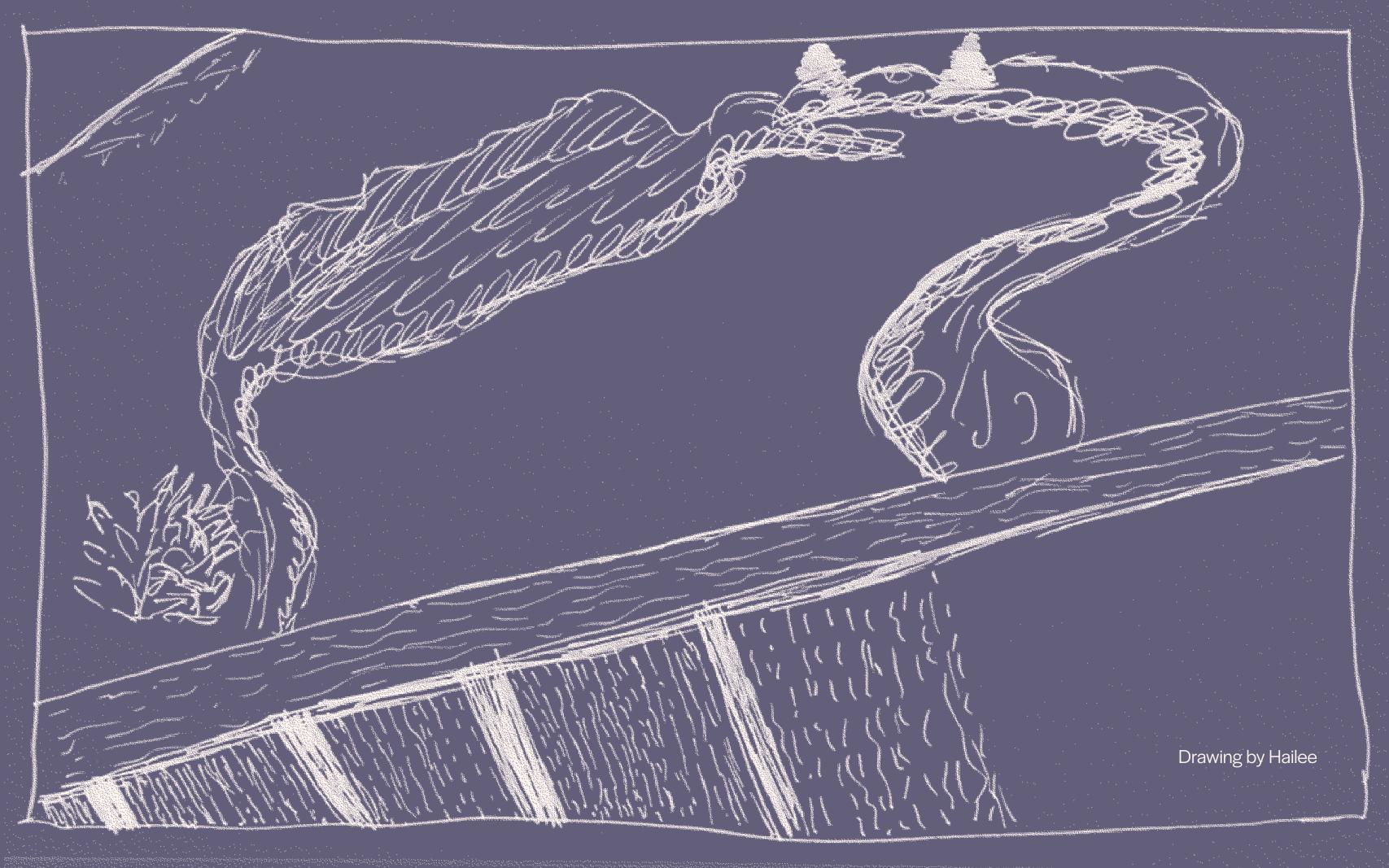












SYP students toured the CSU campus and visited the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
Science Center. They met and had lunch with the Trees, Water & People staff and learned about how they work with Tribes and resources available on campus for Native students. The tour also stopped at the Warner College of Natural Resources.









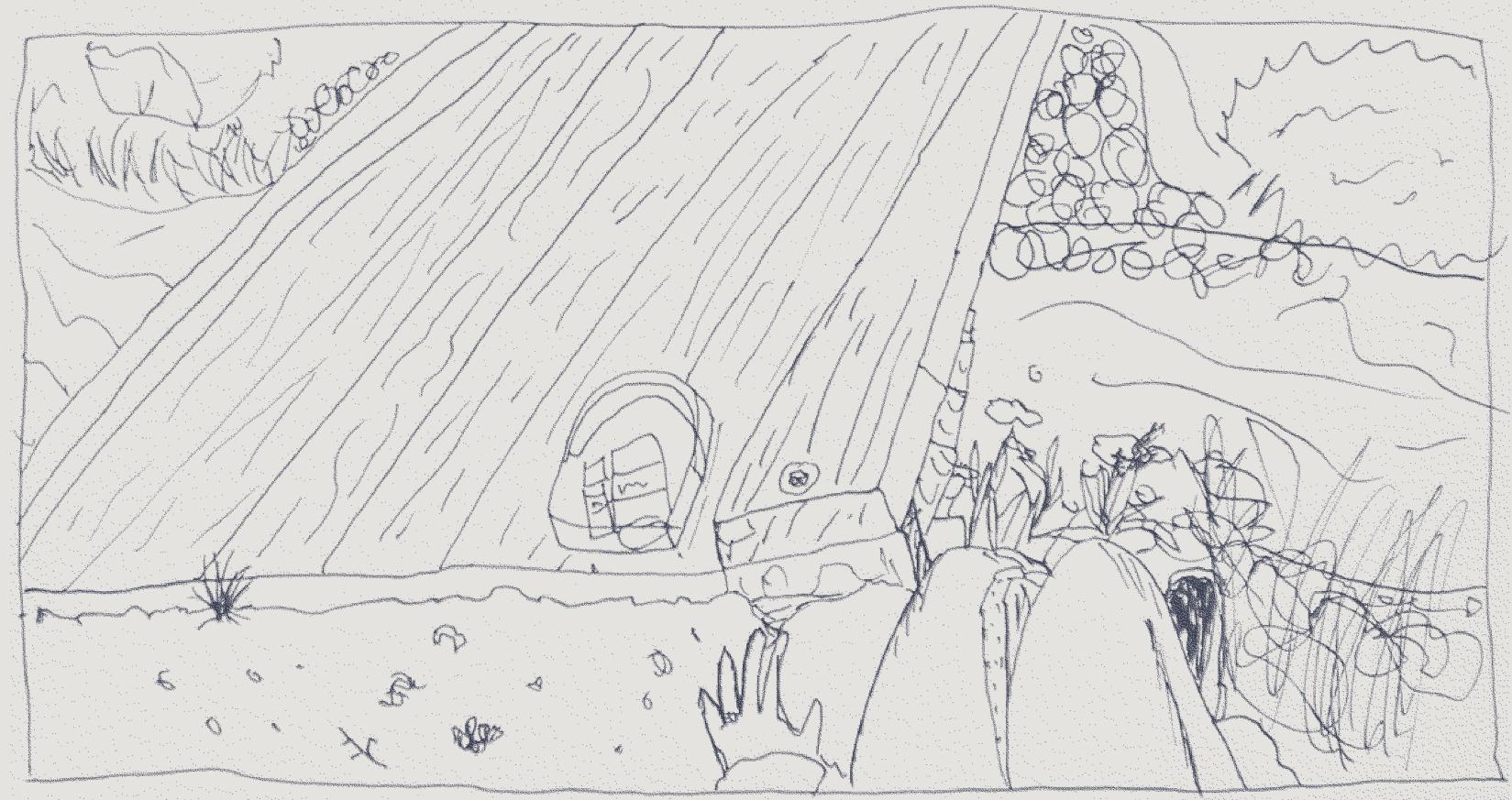




SYP students met @USGS and @USFWS Social Scientists Nicolas Cole & Brad Milley who spoke about the human dimensions of fish & wildlife management. They led a focus group exercise where students played the roles of scientists, hunters, and the public to discuss management strategies for Chronic Wasting Disease.

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Yesterday evening we arrived at the YMCA of the Rockies where we will spend the rest of the 2022 National SYP. Today we visited Beaver Meadows in the Rocky Mountain National Park. Park Rangers Emily, Nicole, and Jan led students through a variety of activities focused on elk management. First, the rangers walked through a history of elk management in the park from the near extinction of regional herds and reintroduction to over population and reduction.

SYP students practiced research methods used by park scientists including creating plots to measure plant communities and estimating elk density using scat. They also examined the possible management options the park considered and role played a town hall meeting.

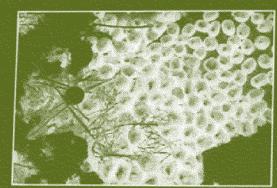
Elk Density Survey

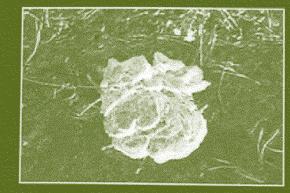
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Date:	Season:	Location: _	Upper Beaver Meadows	Plot #:		
Transect Line Start Longitude	::	Latitude:		Bearing of Transect:		

Research Question: How many elk per square mile live in Upper Beaver Meadows?

Data

Total pellet groups in your plot A	Total pellet groups in your plot B	Total pellet groups in both plots
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winter/spring scat group

summer scat group

summer/fall scat group

Total pellet groups in plots 1 A+B	Total pellet groups in plots 2 A+B	Total pellet groups in plots 3 A+B	Total pellet groups in plots 4 A+B	Total pellet groups in plots 5 A+B	Total pellet groups along the transect line. (Area = 4500 ft²)
	+	+	+	+	= (A)

Average pellets per plot along the transect line = Total pellet groups (A) ÷ 10

(A) ÷ 10 =

(B)

Calculate the number of elk/mile²

Begin by determining how many elk there are per acre. Multiply the average number of pellets per plot along the transect line by 97 plots (450 ft²/plot) to determine how many elk there are per 43,650 ft² (1 acre). Each elk drops an average of 12 pellet groups per day. Divide the total number of pellet groups by 12 to determine the number of 'elk days' per acre. Observable pellets have been dropped within about a 6 month period (180 days). To determine the number of elk per acre, divide the number of elk days by 180 days. Finally, multiply the number of elk per acre by 640 (640 acres/mile²) to estimate the number of elk per mile².

A. Average pellet groups per plot (B) X 97 plots per acre = # Pellet groups per acre (C)

B. Number of nellet groups nor acro (C)

Calculations

A. ____(B) X 97 = ____(C)



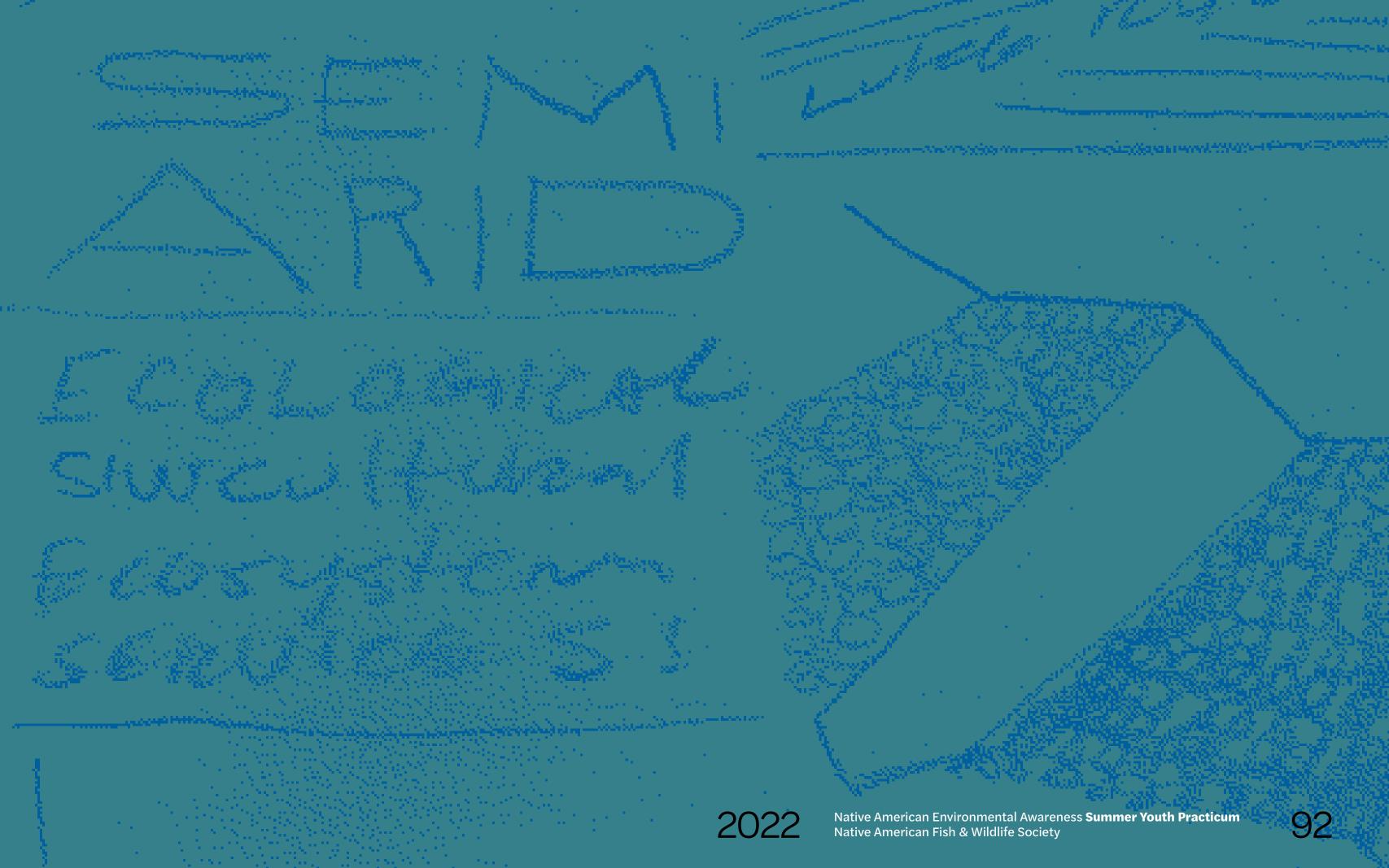




Photos April R



Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Sarah Zimmerman and Lori Neff, introduce students to wildlife rehabilitation and showed model animal skulls.





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throughout the week.
Parents, NAFWS staff, and board
members joined a zoom call to watch
the presentations, ask questions, and
cheer the students on.

incredibly hard on their projects and

that incorporated what they learned

delivered insightful presentations















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