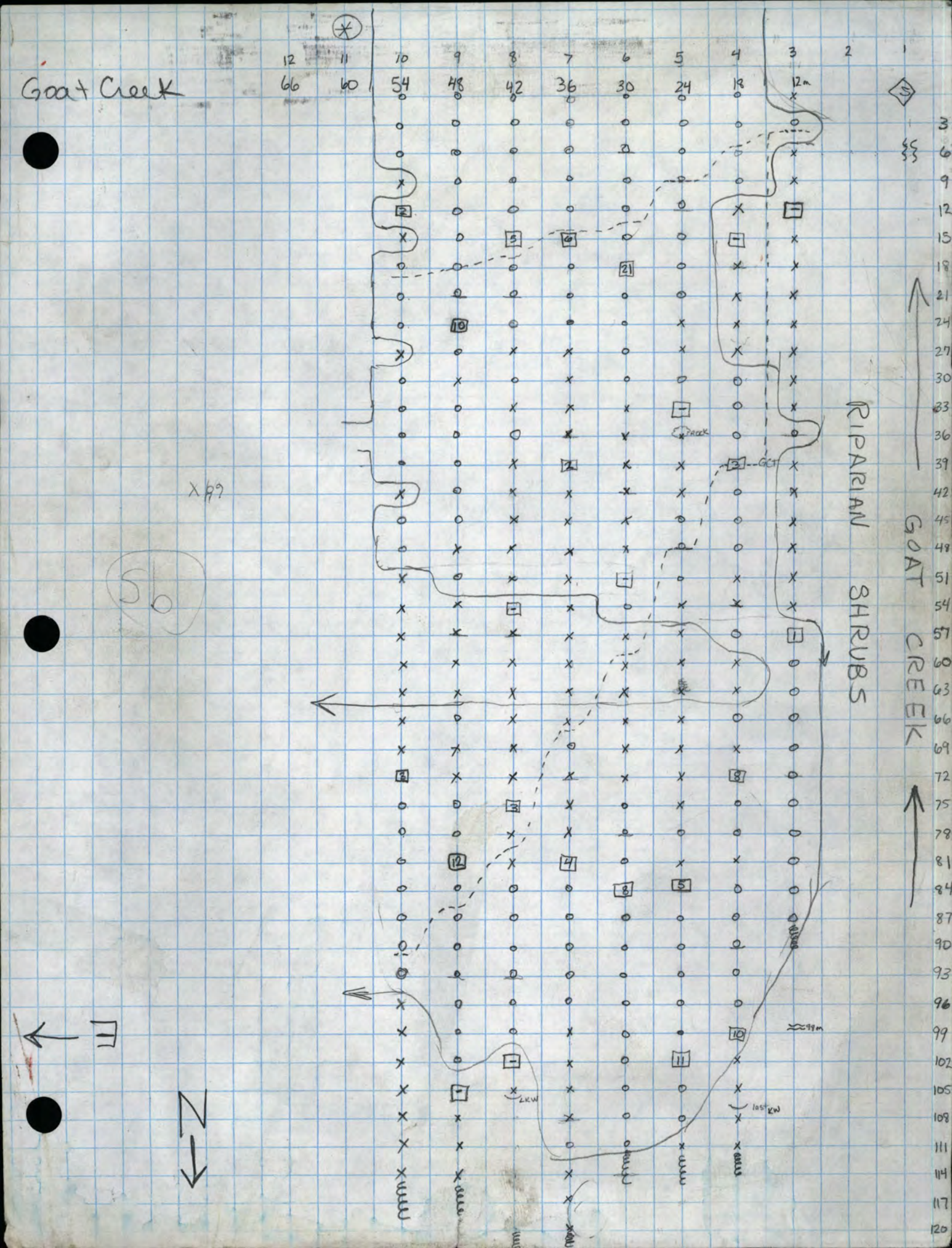
Knapweed Summary Summer 2005

On July 25, 2005 Sara Jones, Melissa Lamb and Holly Akenson went on a quest to pull knapweed; the local carcinogenic weed of the Big Creek Area. This mission required the best of the best, equipped with gloves and paper feed bags the three troopers pulled a total of 296 plants. The site location is across from the Rush Creek confluence with Big Creek and its coordinates are 11T 0668445, UTM 4996643. Of the plants pulled 11 were of last year's crop and had a total of 153 seed heads. This total was greater than that of 2004 when 176 plants were pulled but still considerably lower than the previous years; 2003 yielded 750 plants and before then 1100 were pulled each year.

Nature Conservancy research has shown that it takes seven years to effectively remove Knapweed from an area by pulling it by hand. This was the eighth year of the study at Taylor Ranch Field Station so we hope to continue seeing a decline in knapweed plants in the future.

New site locations for future knapweed counts:
Gravel bar along airstrip: 11T 0668817 UTM 4996525 (40 plants 2005)
Windsock end of airstrip: 11T 0668441 UTM 4996605 (94 plants 2005)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RIPARIAN SHRUBS
GOAT CREEK
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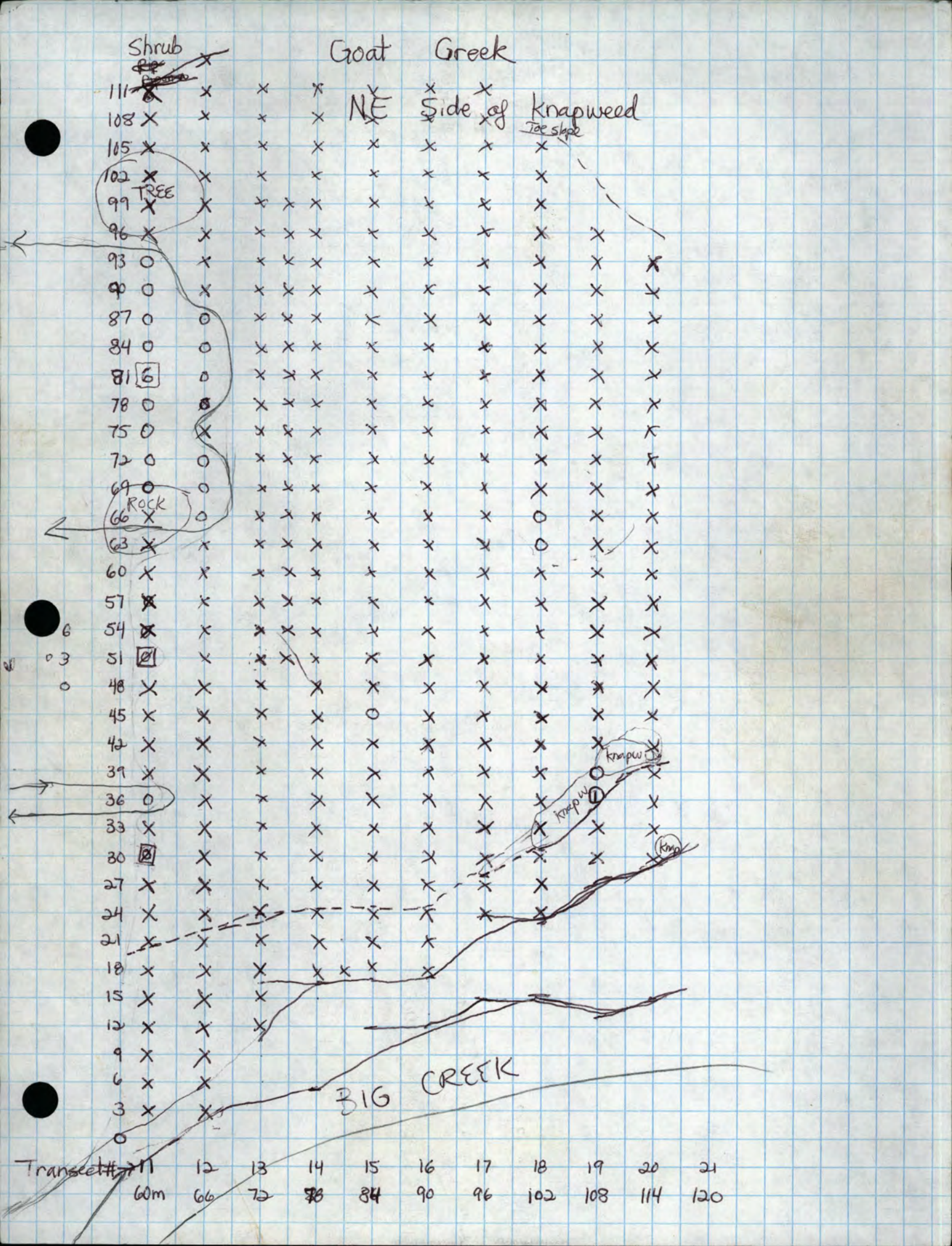
99m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NE Side of knapweed
Toe slope
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Rock
knapw
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BIG CREEK
Transect #
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60m 66 72 78 84 90 96 102 108 114 120

SE side of knapweed
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GOAT CREEK
Goat Creek
SHRUB
Big CREEK
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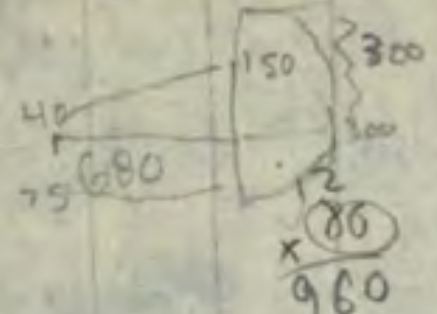


1000' X 300' = 300000 1/2 = 7.5ac

187,000 = 4.7ac

every 10' = 100 rows x 30 col. = 3000 plots

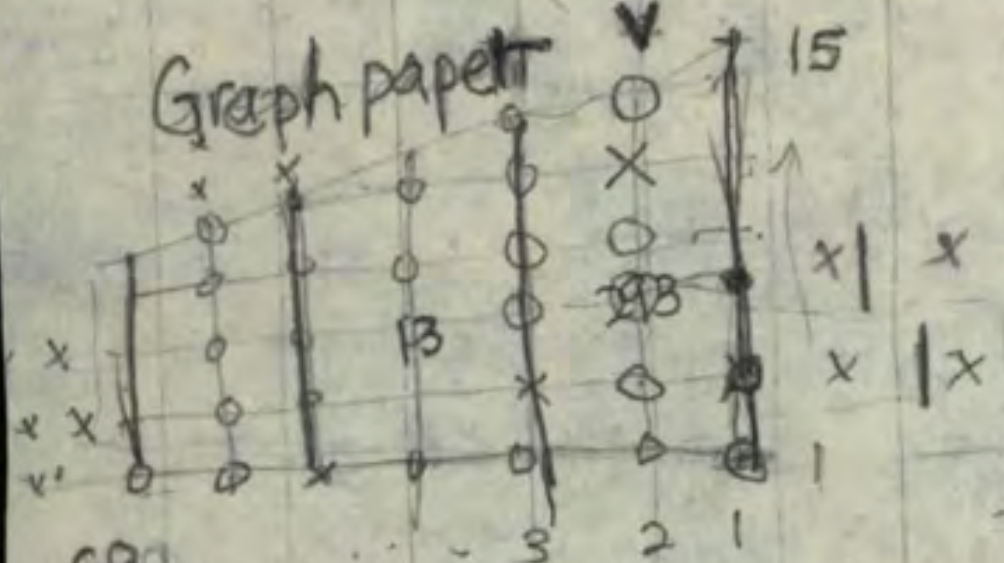
yes/no presence of knapw.

105K 350 x 300 = 1050 plots

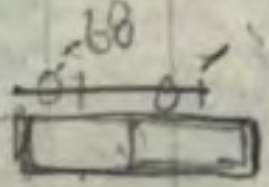
82K 68 x 13 = 900 plots

(or Transects)

Graph paper



34 transects



≈ 2000 plots

1-20 1000 plots

80 Random

Area border = topog or veg Δ or

30 220 M

Legend: O = knapw X = no knapw

V = veg Δ T = Top Δ

Knapweed extent

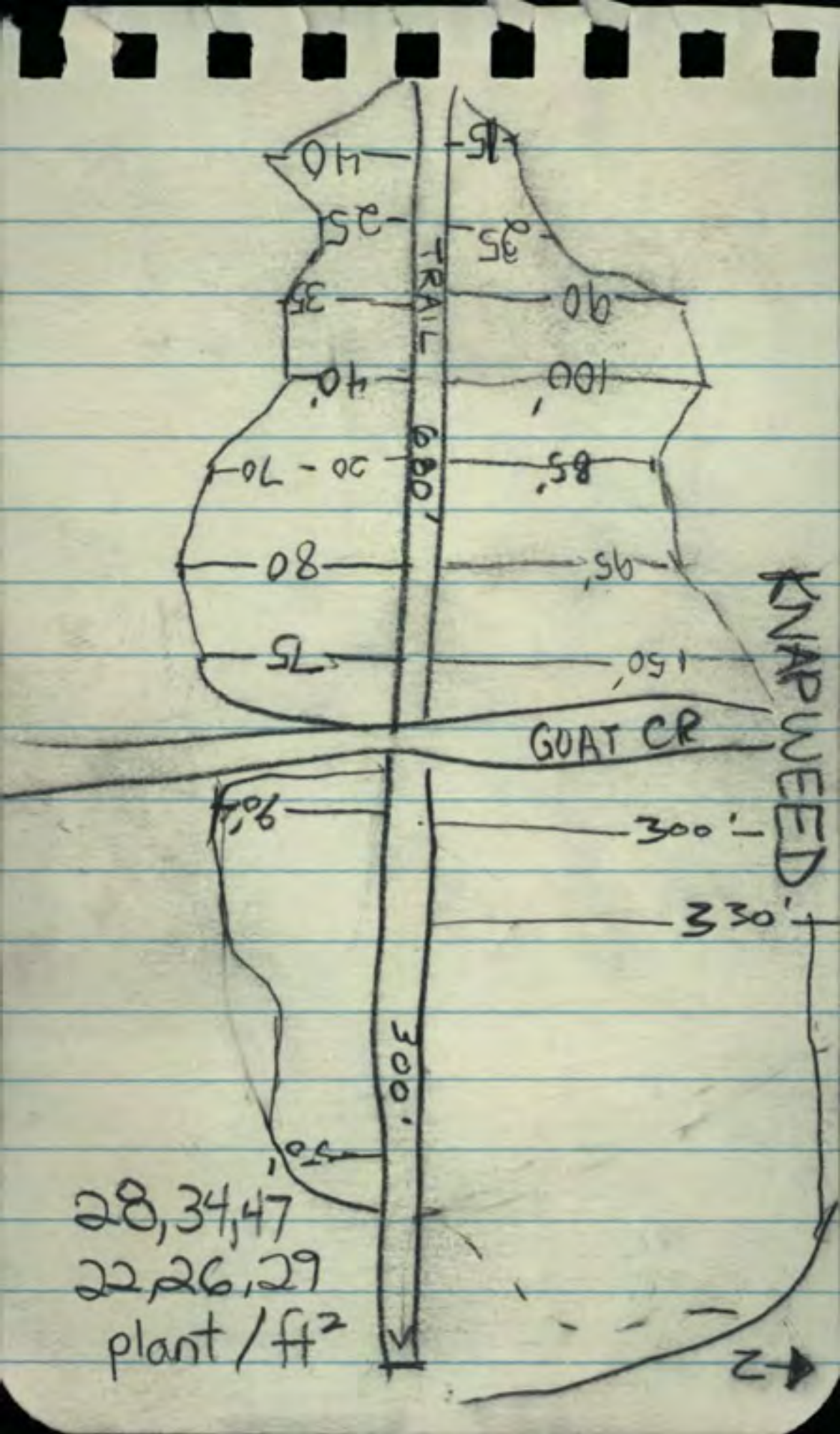
1) Map ~~transects~~ transects 6m (18') apart w/ Daubenmeir .2m x .5m plots every 3M (9'); Stop transect Length when meet topographic △ or 2 plots w/ no knapw.

2) Mark on map addl. extent of knapweed seedheads with in 3m dist from transect line.

Map. Veg △.

Min density = ~~3 plants/m²~~ = 10 plants/m²

Area = # plots w/ in boundary × 3M × 6M


TRAIL
600'
KNAPWEED
GOAT CR
300'
330'
300'
28, 34, 47
22, 26, 29
plant / ft²

Density of Knapweed

1) 80-100 random plots (Daubenmeir); plants / plot counted. Random plot selected for each set of 12 plots by watch read. count written on map & data forms

2) Density = $\bar{x}$ # plants ± SE per plot ÷ 0.1 m^2 per plot = # plants / m^2

Airphoto, GPS, 2 mirror compasses

Patti —
* equipment
* disposal of knapw.

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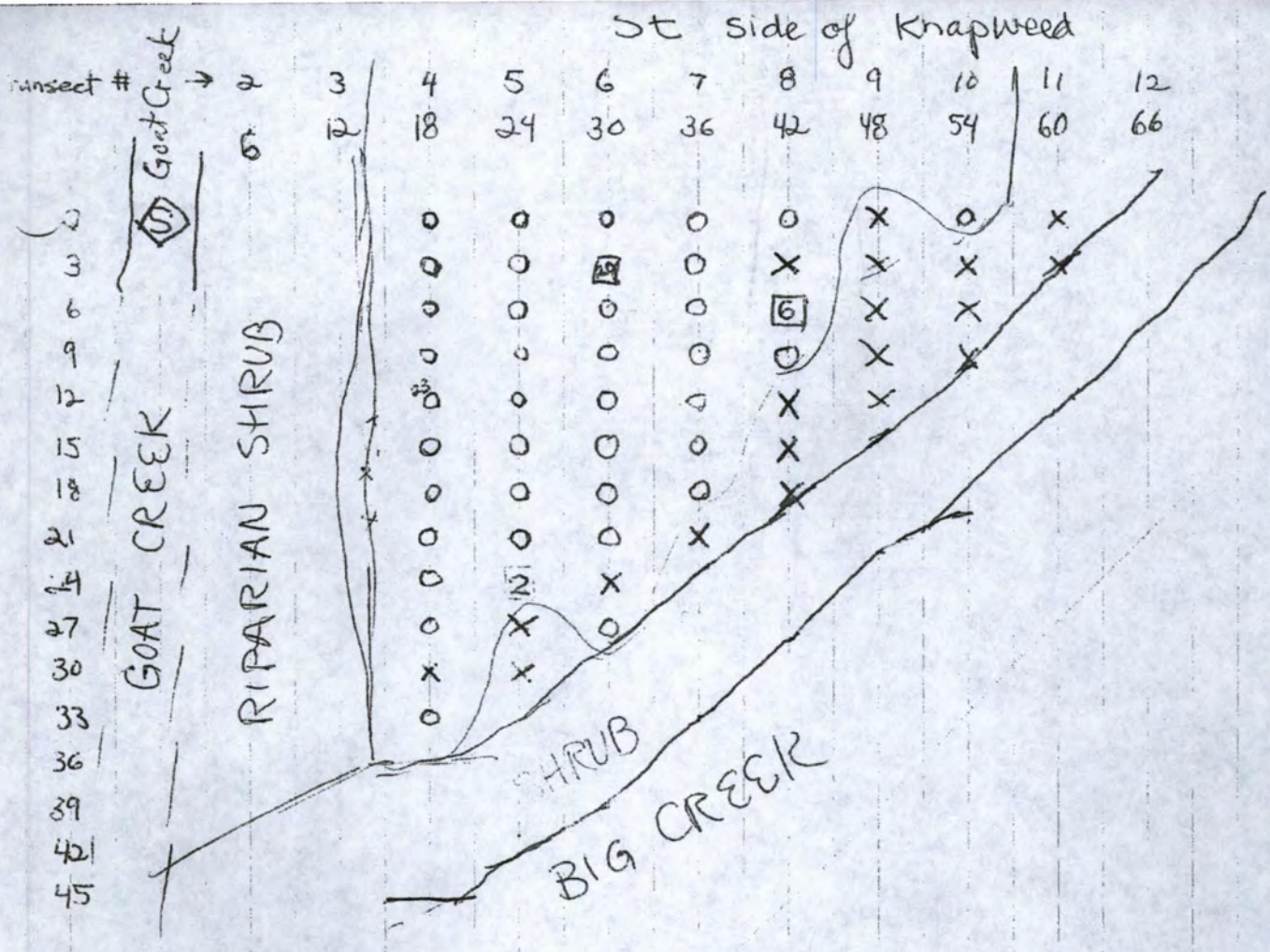
Winger — Knapweed
How Size of area?

Pull - all seedlings?,
scrape? Use dool digger?
What use for Whipping?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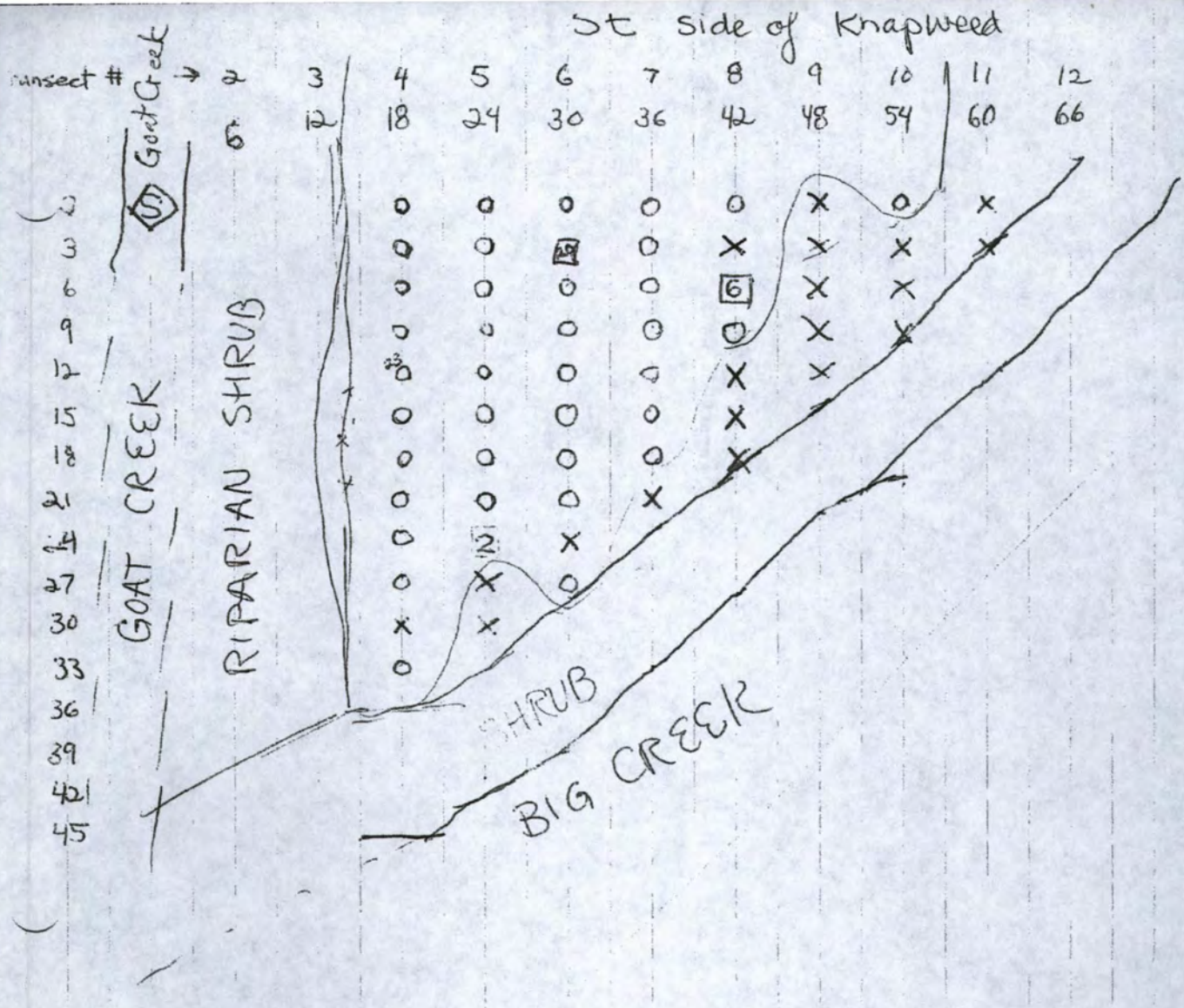
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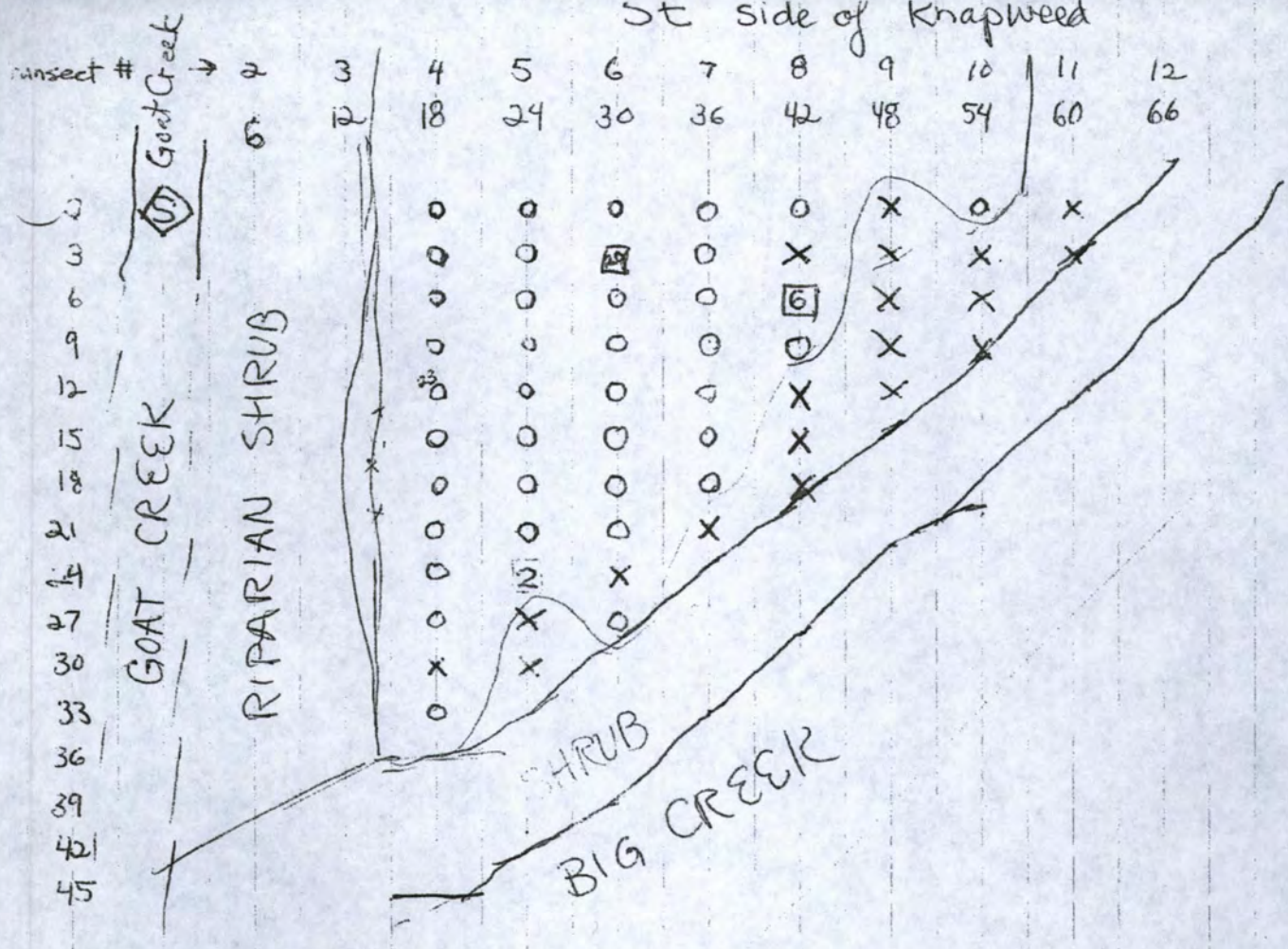
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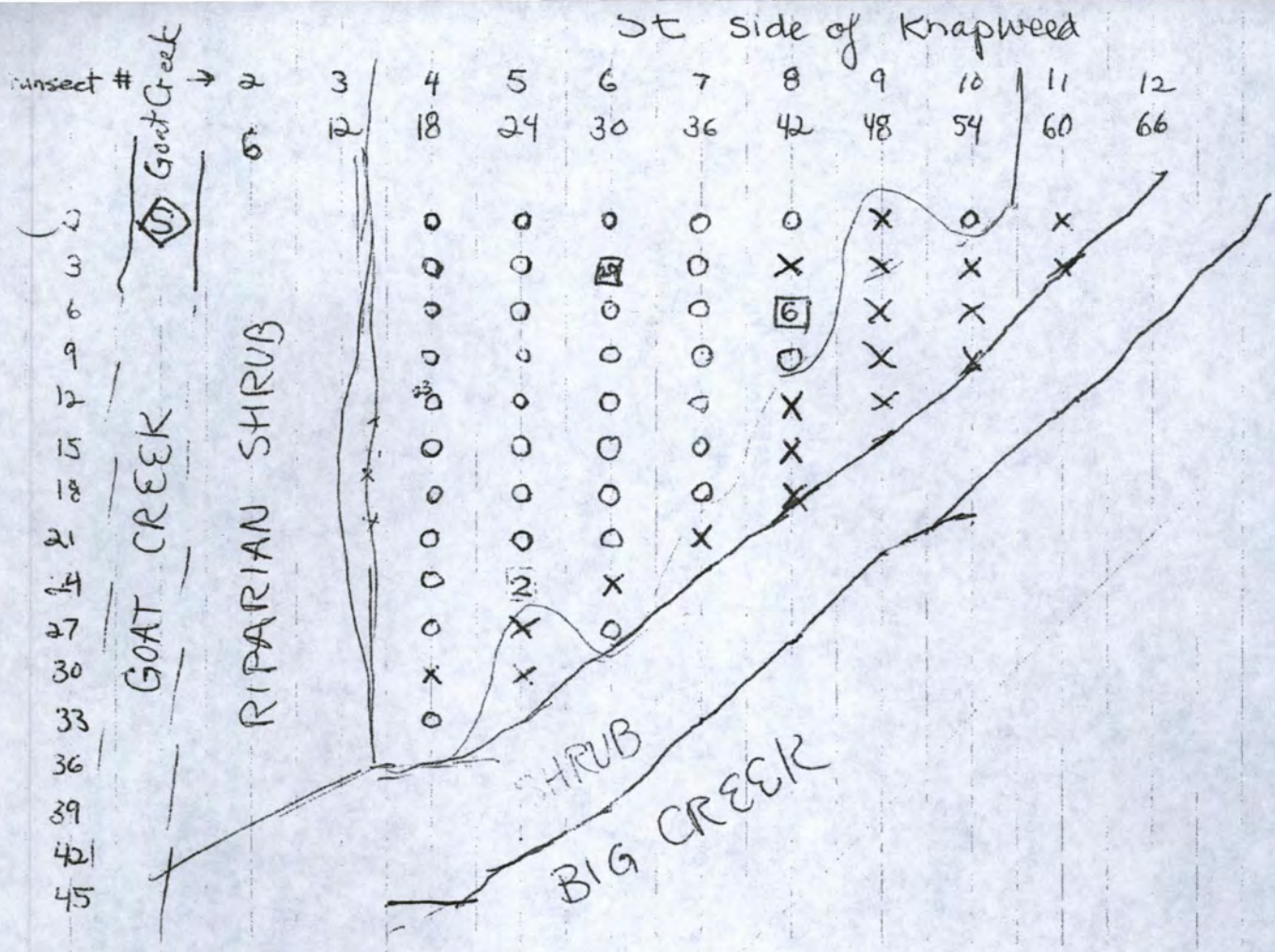
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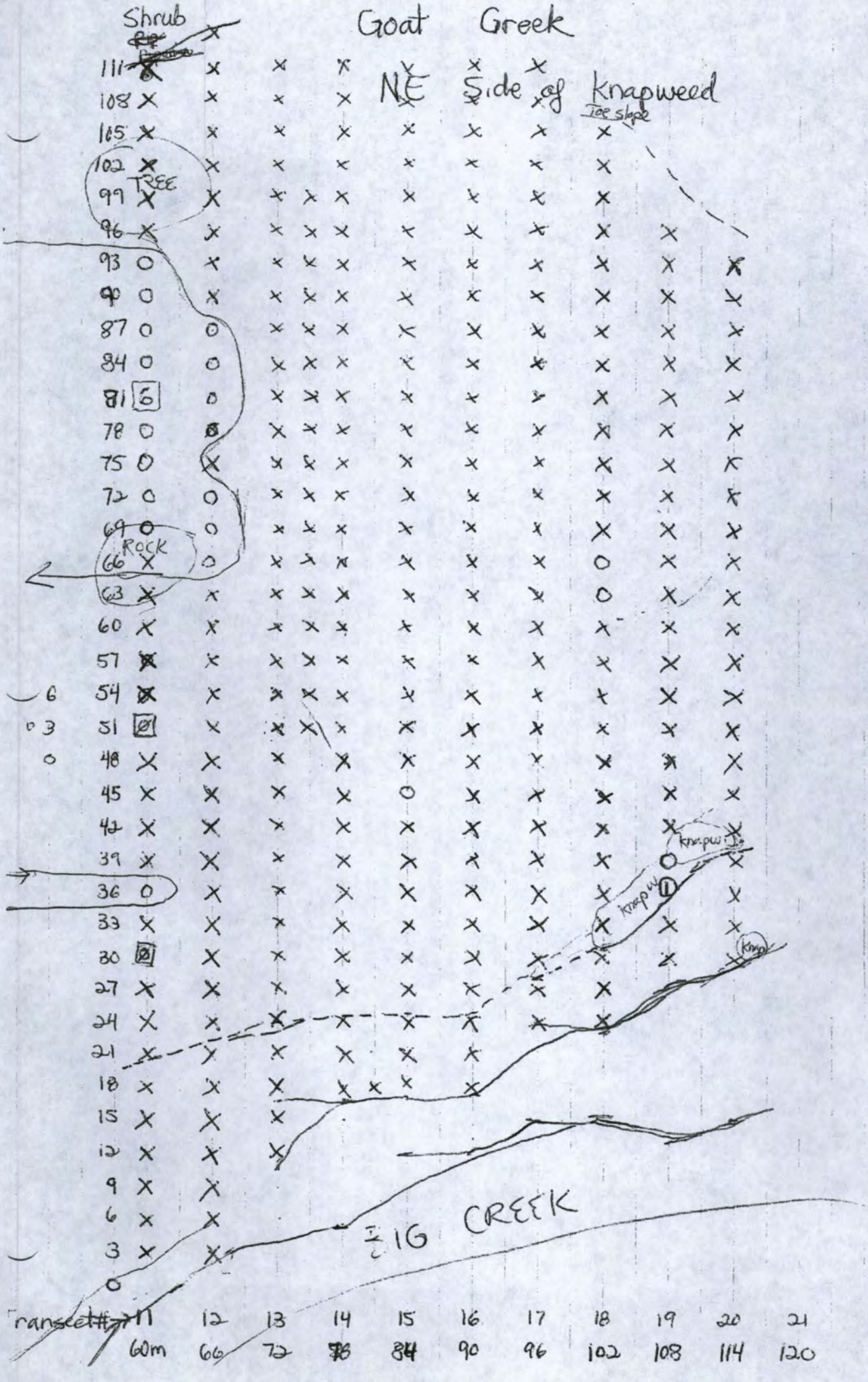
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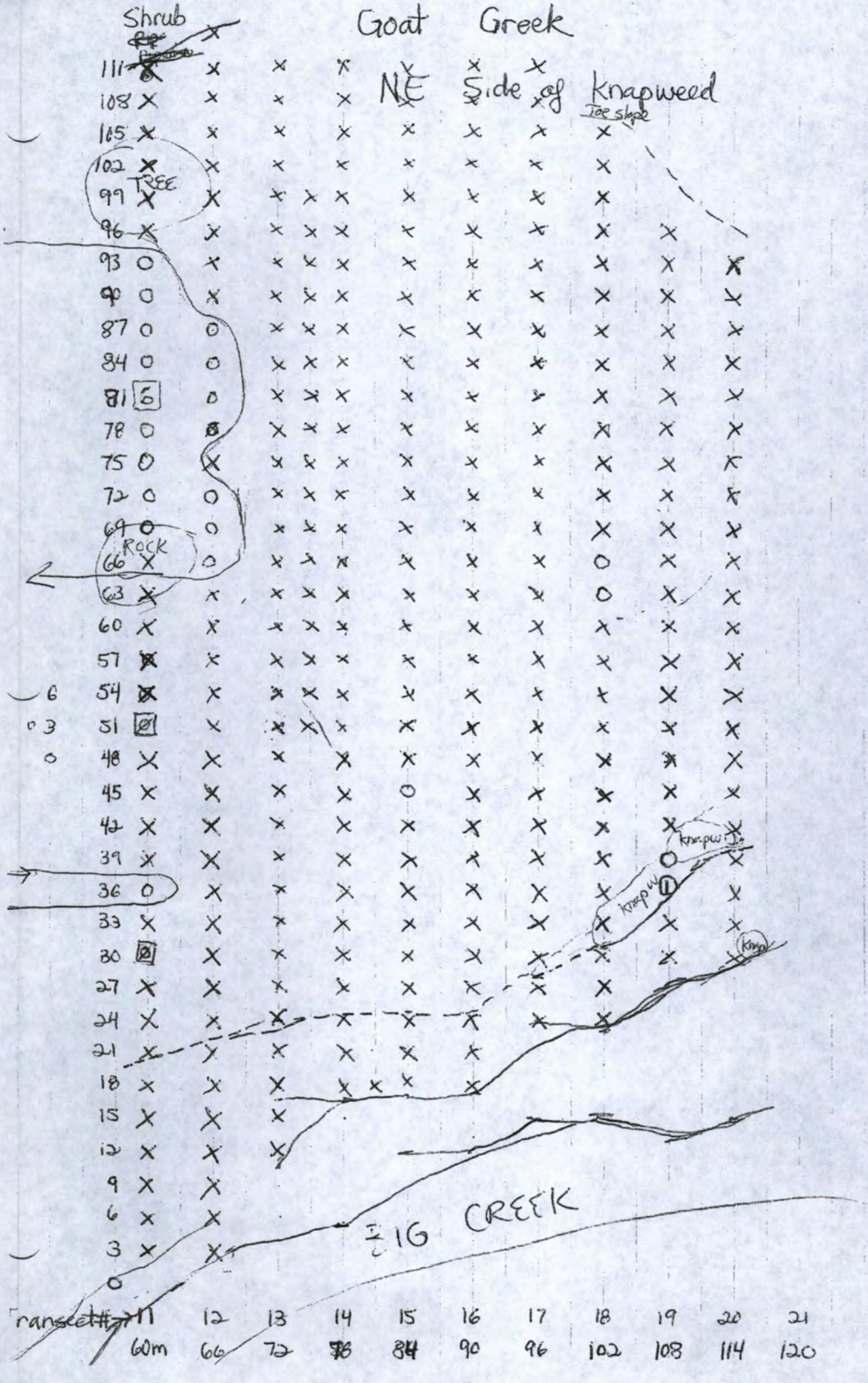
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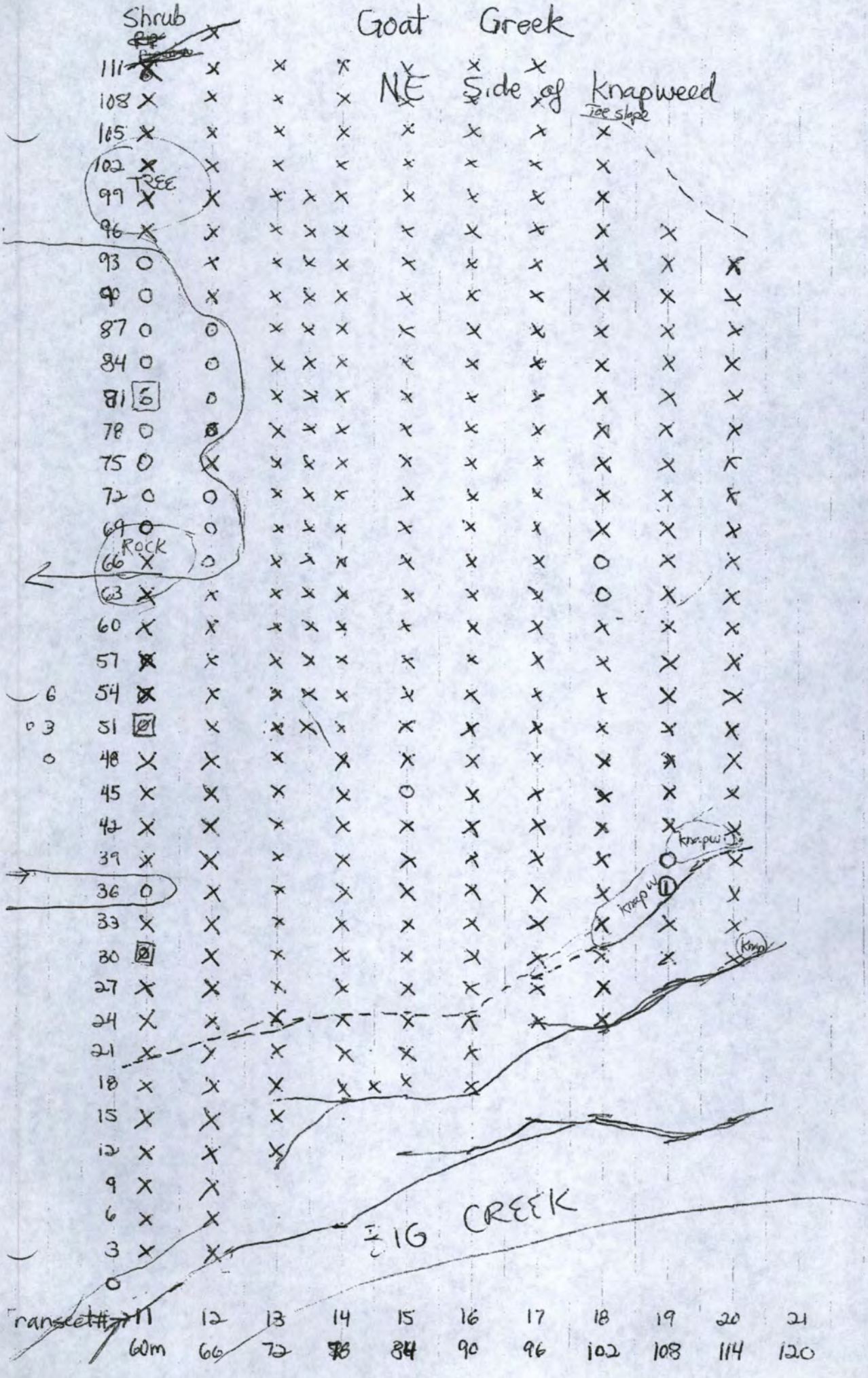
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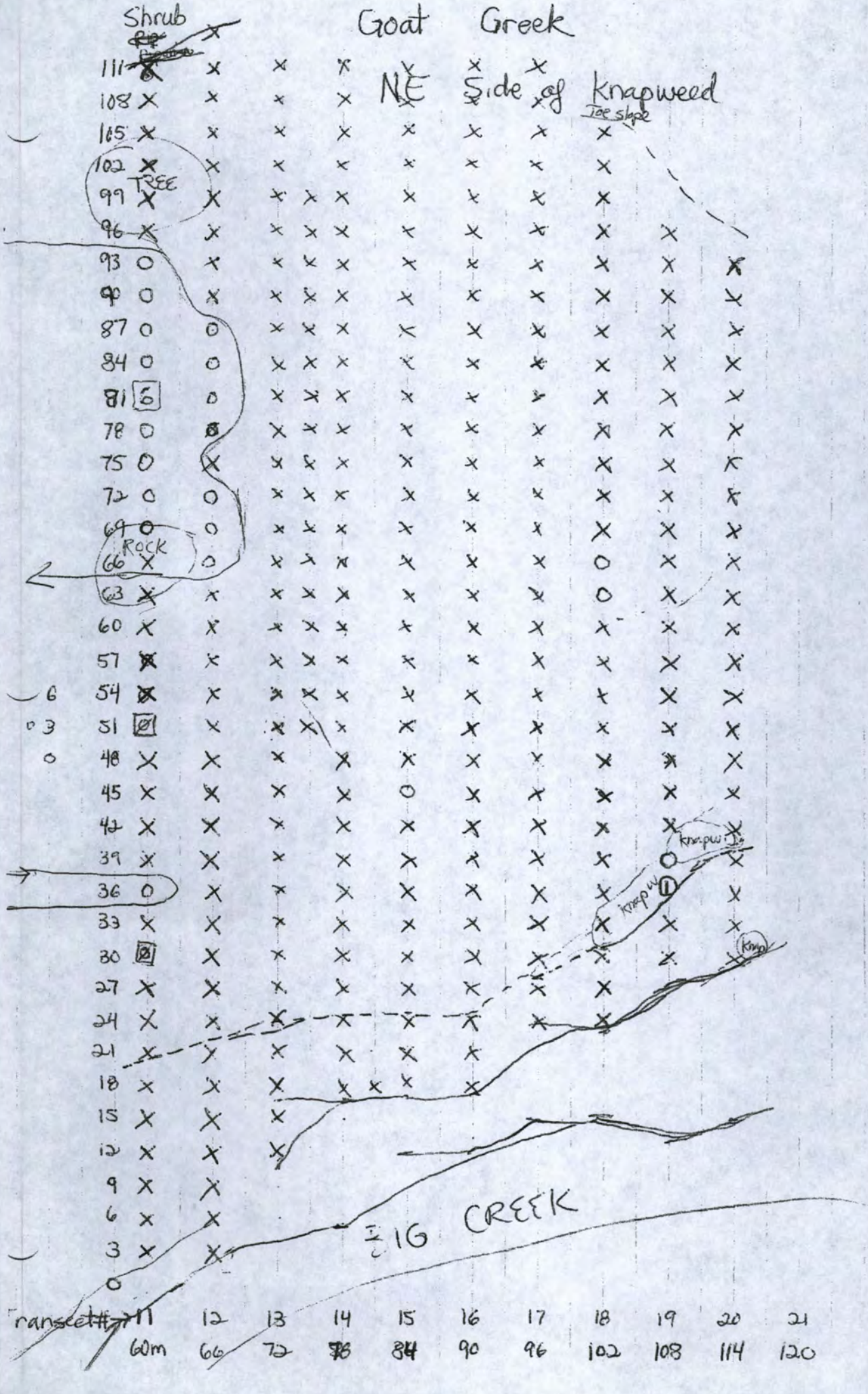
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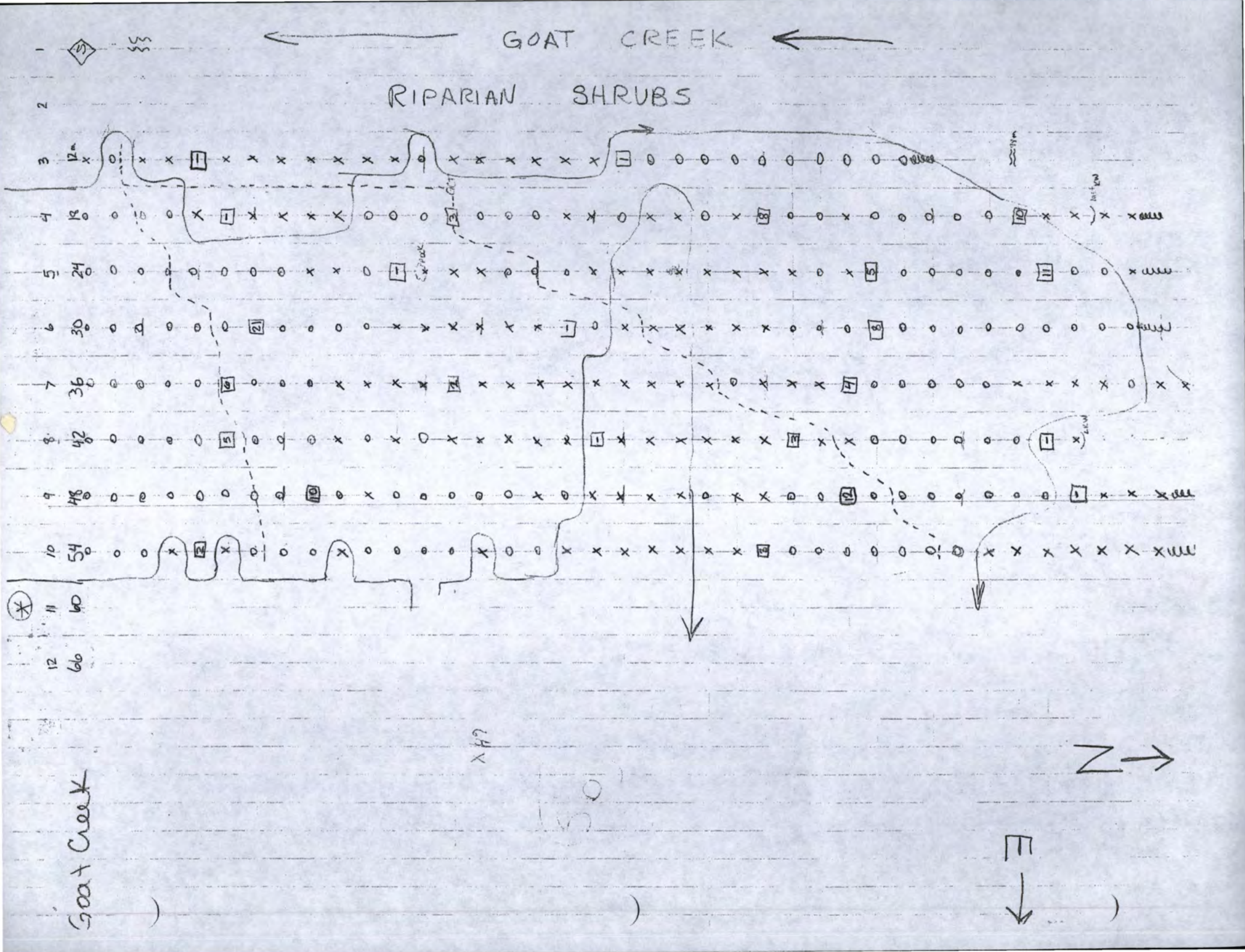
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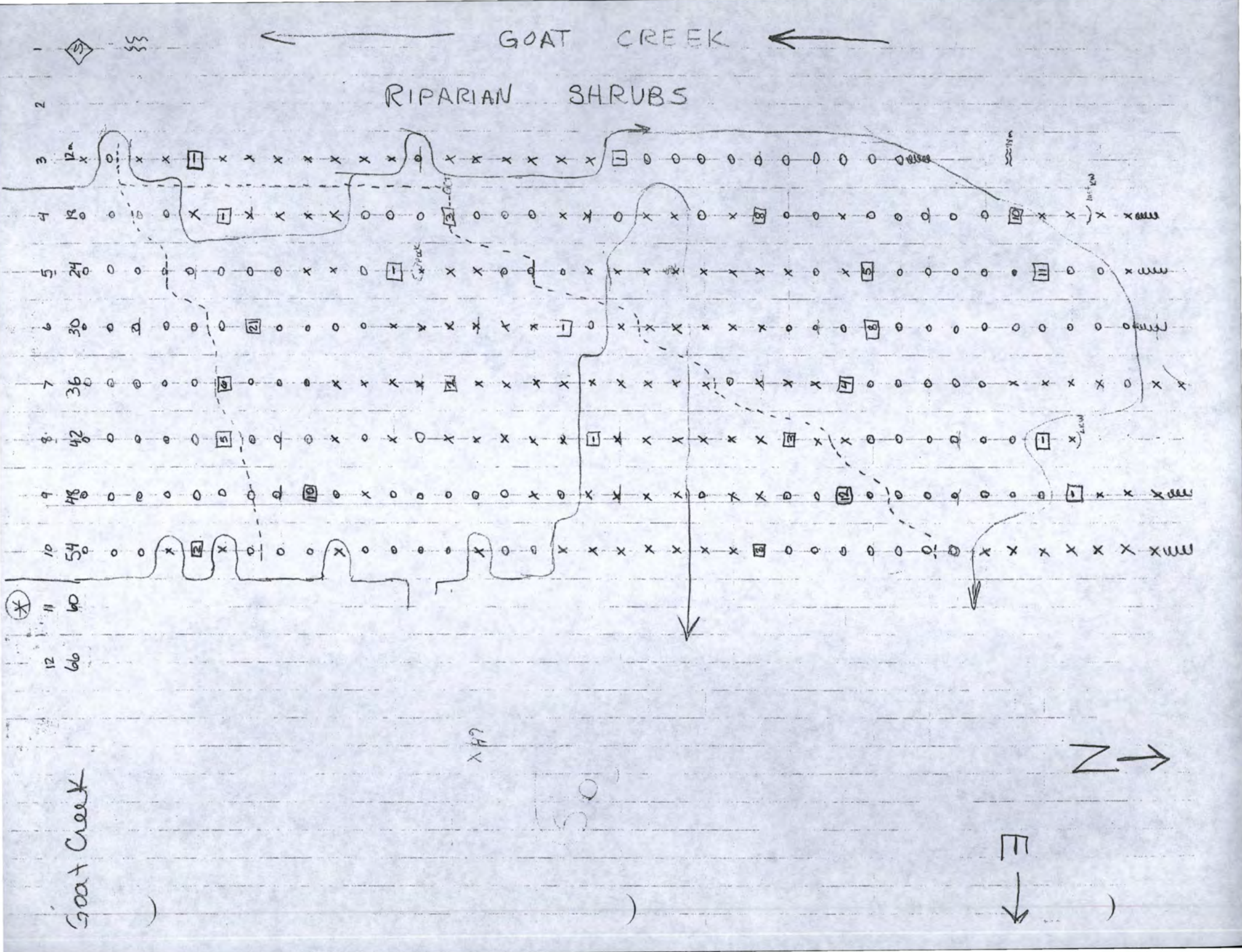
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TAYLOR RANCH KNAPWEED PROJECT
STUDENT INTERNS 1999

Objectives

- Students will learn to set up and conduct sampling methods to monitor status of vegetation and the effects of vegetation manipulation.
- Students will gain hands-on experience in field techniques: assessing vegetation density and distribution and conducting manual control of weeds.
- Taylor Ranch will establish a cooperative relationship with the Payette National Forest to accomplish a mutual resource management goal.

Knapweed Project Activities

- Map location and extent of knapweed infestations on lower Big Creek.
- Set up a sampling design for annual monitoring of the extent and density of knapweed at 2-3 sites.
- Control knapweed at 1 site by hand pulling, with assistance from a Forest Service crew. Knapweed control will be done 2-3 times during summer. Knapweed will be removed from the edges of the infestation to control rate of spread, but eradication will not be done.
- Set up a sampling design for annual monitoring of the effects of knapweed control.

Funding will be provided for student intern participation from the Payette National Forest. Funds will go toward student internship stipends ($2,300 total).