

# Comments on Wilderness Proposals - E.D. ables

## 1. Watershed Project

Seems well planned, field activities are plausible + within reason for one person. The procedures do require aerial surveillance once per week.

## 2. Rattlesnake Project

This would make a good master's project. Again, the project seems well designed and feasible. The student recognizes that part of the field activities are chancy (finding dens) but has made alternative plans (to emphasize habitat). I would carry the habitat part a step further and try to answer the question of what features of habitat are important. Are snakes attracted to an area because of food? Or is there something else?

## 3. Beaver Study -- Keith Haley

This study is too ambitious. The intensity of sampling and repetition of observations (5-day intervals) along with 25 miles of Big Creeks and 8 km up each "major" tributary are not realistic. Some sampling designs

will not work on creeks with narrow bottoms. Good project design but it will require modification.

Beaver Study -- Ken Utterbach

This is essentially an identical project to that of Haley. Of the two beaver projects I feel that Haley has a clearer idea of how he is going to proceed.

Weasel Study

The 1978-79 Forestry Suppliers catalog lists the following prices:

3x3" Sherman live trap -- 4.95 / each  
4x4" " " " -- 8.50 / each  
Museum specials -- 2.95 / each  
#1 steel trap 4.00 / each

These traps will cost:

①	20 x 4.95	=	\$99.00
②	20 x 8.50	=	170.00
③	200 x 2.95	=	590.00
④	10 x 4.00	=	40.00
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