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On June 15 of this year I received \$25,000 from the  
Government of the Yukon to help me with  
my prospecting activities which was a great help.  
I went back of Carmacks one hundred kilometers  
to a creek called Mechanic creek on the right  
limit there is what I call a pup that's  
another small creek running into Mechanic  
Creek its frozen ground but when the moss  
is moved off it thaws two inches at  
a time depends on how deep the black  
muck is sometimes its four feet thick  
if it is I use a wood fired boiler  
with two steam points which after the  
steam is up to eighty pounds I can  
work them down into the frozen black  
muck when they are sunk in I fill the store  
with wood & let it work for me  
It will thaw not to good in black  
muck because its an insulator after  
I get down through the black muck  
I find gravel and rocks when I do I  
start to pan the gravel looking for  
yellow rocks called gold ore I'm down  
in the hole six feet in a three foot wide  
by five feet long I have to set up a  
windlass that's a contraption with a  
crank on it with a cable which wraps around  
a shaft & I fill a five gallon pail with  
dirt climb up a ladder made of poles &  
dump the pail & send it back down again  
go down the ladder & fill it up again  
& repeat the performance again day in &  
day out get tired stop & pan for awhile can  
find real fine gold but its hard

after I get a good pile of gravel pulled out the water comes in & I have to pump it out when I get down to bedrock can't go any farther I have to go one way or another to find the centre of the channel which goes sometimes under the existing creek sometimes the opposite way until you find the rim of the channel coming up sometimes its ten or twelve feet I tell you sometimes you wish for a backhoe but they wont dig frozen earth anyway I have an eight foot box with expanded metal in it for riffles & I use the pump & hose to pump water into the box if I can't get it to gravity feed through a pipe & I shovel the dirt into it slowly it washes through & I go to the end & shovel tailings away now I'm working on three different small creeks in the same area all within two miles when I have to haul wood I use an A.T.V. on tracks. I tried to do three holes at once dig what thaus from the sun through the day but its a slow old process & getting to be hard work now there is gold on these three little creeks but its awful fine like flour with what money I get I'm going to see if I can find a backhoe on the back of a cat so I can move the top soil off & push up as it thaus & run it through a box I'm pretty sure if I can save the fine gold I can do alright the diamond drill was up on the mountain between these two creeks & they said it was rich in their holes gold is where you find it.

I had no trouble with black bears  
this summer I seen one & then I see  
markings from a grizzly so that's  
why there no black bears they don't  
live together too well.

now next summer if I can't find  
a cat or hoe to do my digging I'll  
have to settle for the panning the  
thawed gravel in the creek. It rained  
so much this summer. then I have to  
contend with the stuff that falls into  
the hole from the sides, thawing  
but all in all I had a pretty good  
summer

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Now to get to my property go along the river road at Carmacs across a small bridge to a cross road one to mt nansen one to the river one to Fregold road take the Fregold road sixty miles or 100 K. just before you cross the bridge on big creek turn left go in approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile cross mechanic creek caray on along the side of the mountain for about 4 miles come down to the creek again cross it start up the mountain again see a small road on the right down there 100 ft my camp

Now theres a hole close by the camp I went through black muck & into broken bedrock that had washed off the road earlier at that point it wasn't very thick then into gravel I could pan until I was blue in the face nothing! but set up my hat & shovel into it & get fine gold. about a gram in an hour's shoveling. this hole kept flipping in as it thamed its about 14 ft deep & ten ft across the top where the volcanic ash washed away I try to keep my holes five ft long & three ft wide so I can work in them & set the pail on one side to shovel in

the broken bedrock if you wash it off good I can get seven or eight colors in a pan.

So much black sand I wish it was gold  
panning up the creek from hole #3 I got a few colors awful fine stuff

now for next year there's no sense in digging there anymore by hand I know there is enough gold there to warrant a hole & hot.

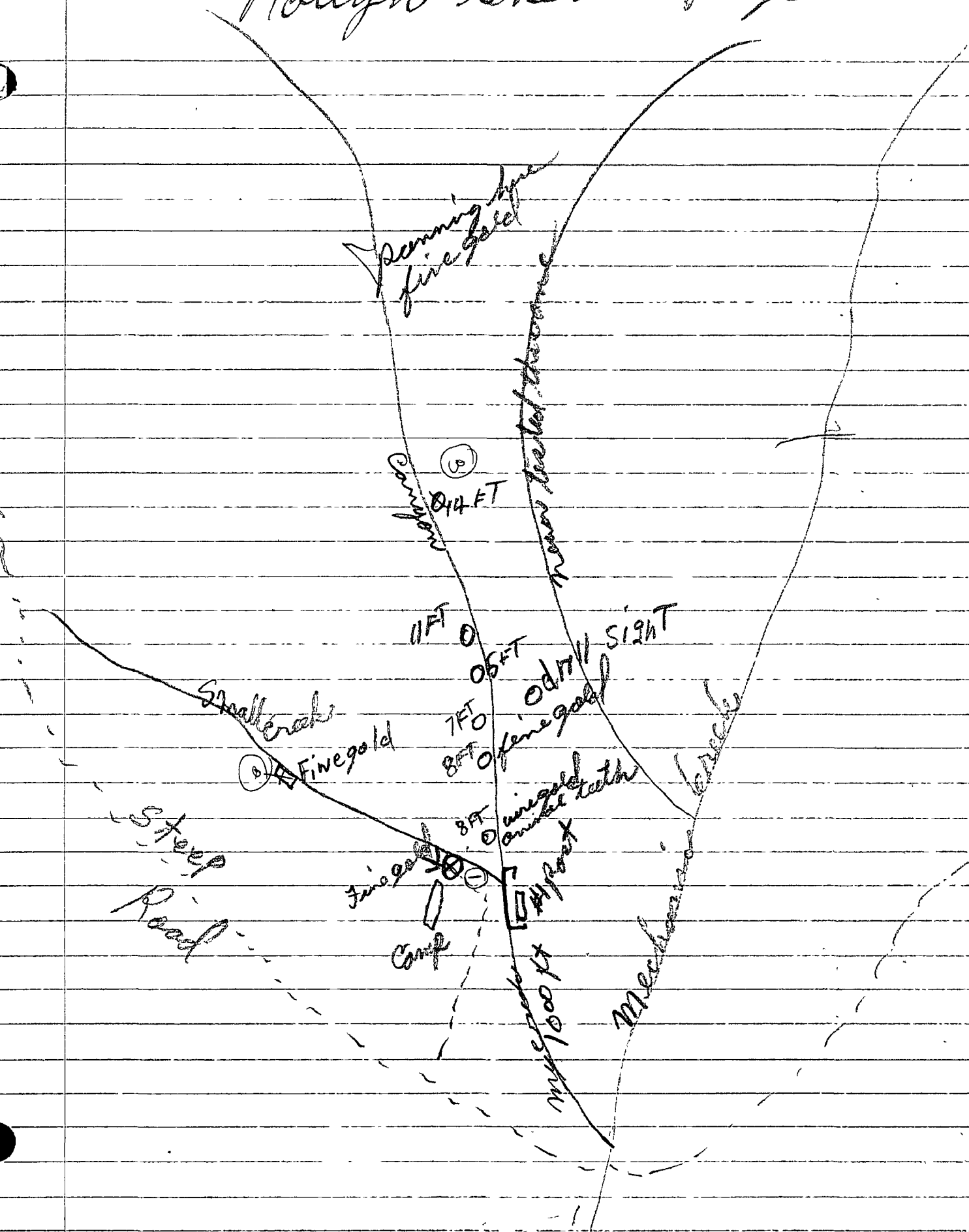
I've been thinking about the Lappee river I know there is gold up there but I don't know how much.

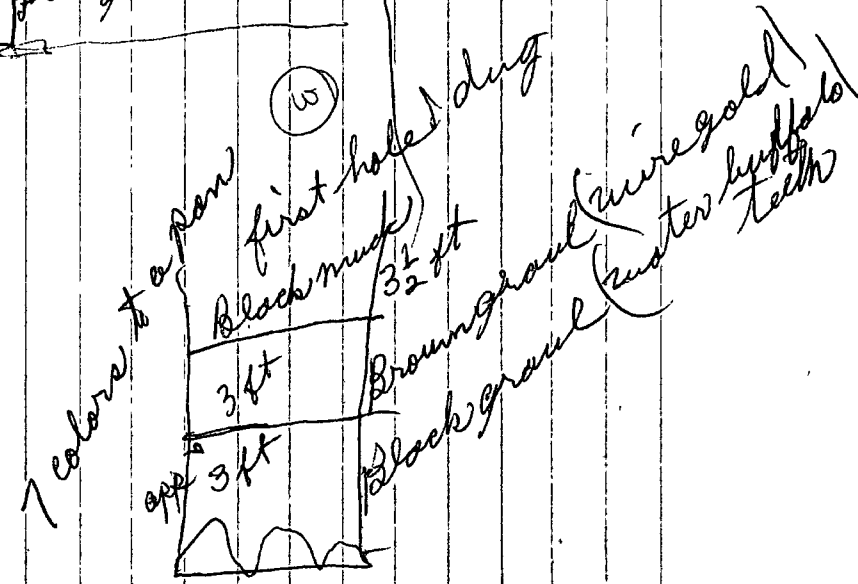
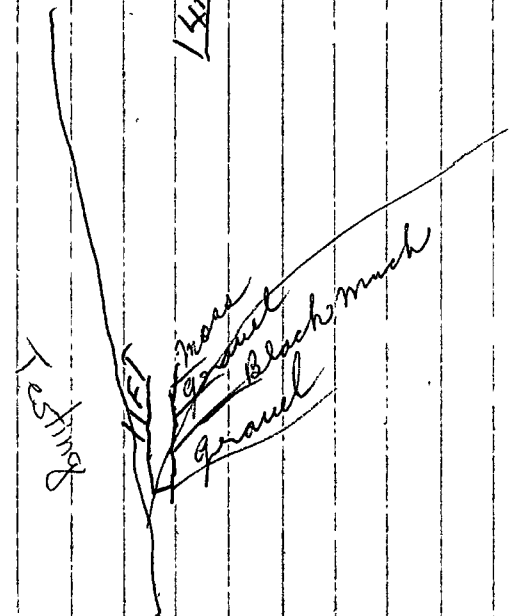
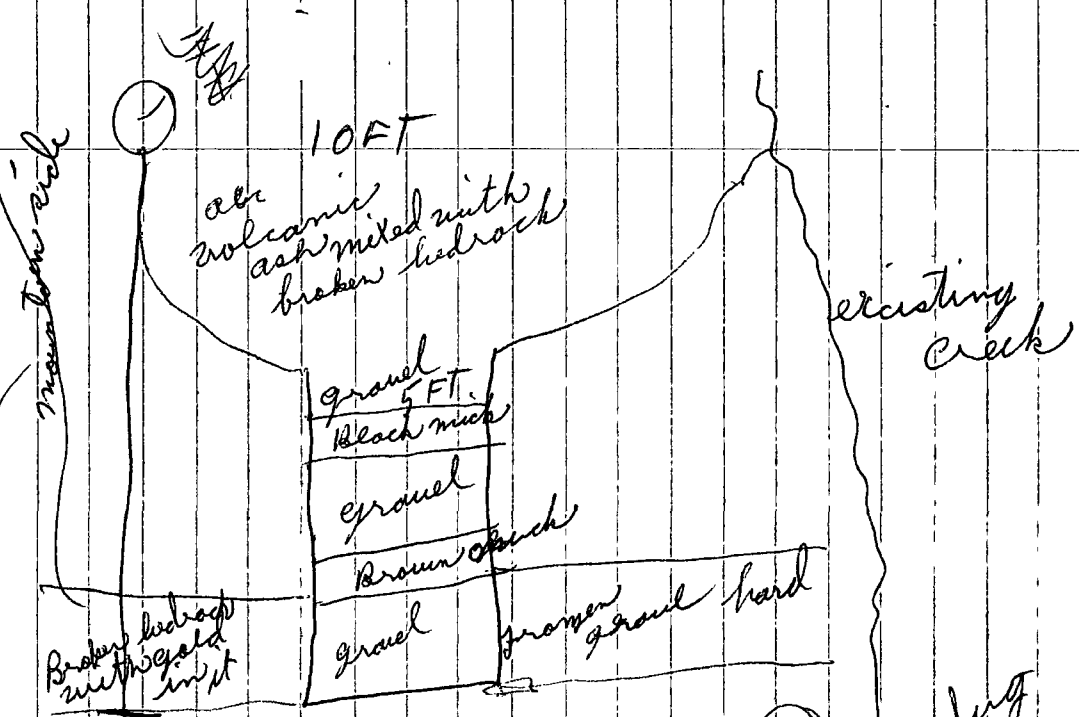
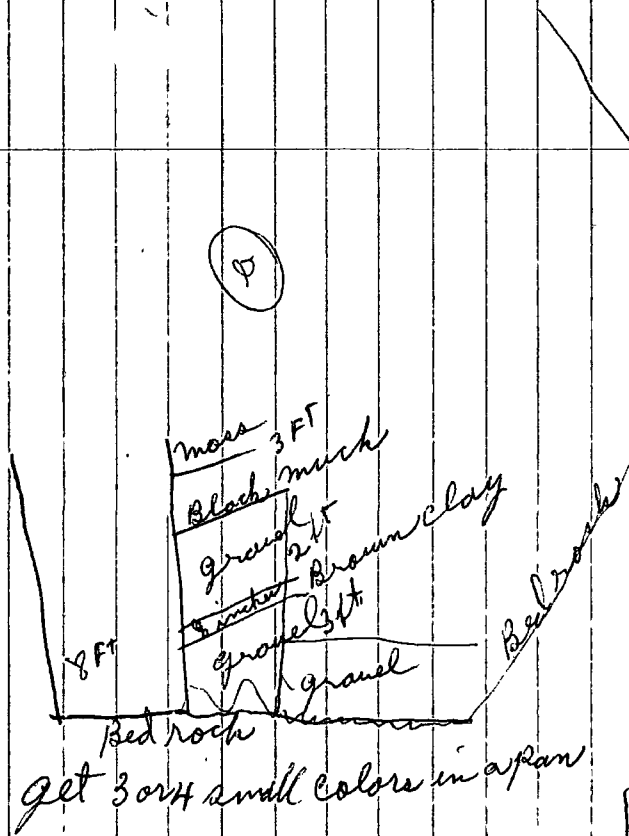
In between the Teslin river & the Yukon river, there should be some mineral showing I will have to go talk to old Slim Foster to find out where he was.

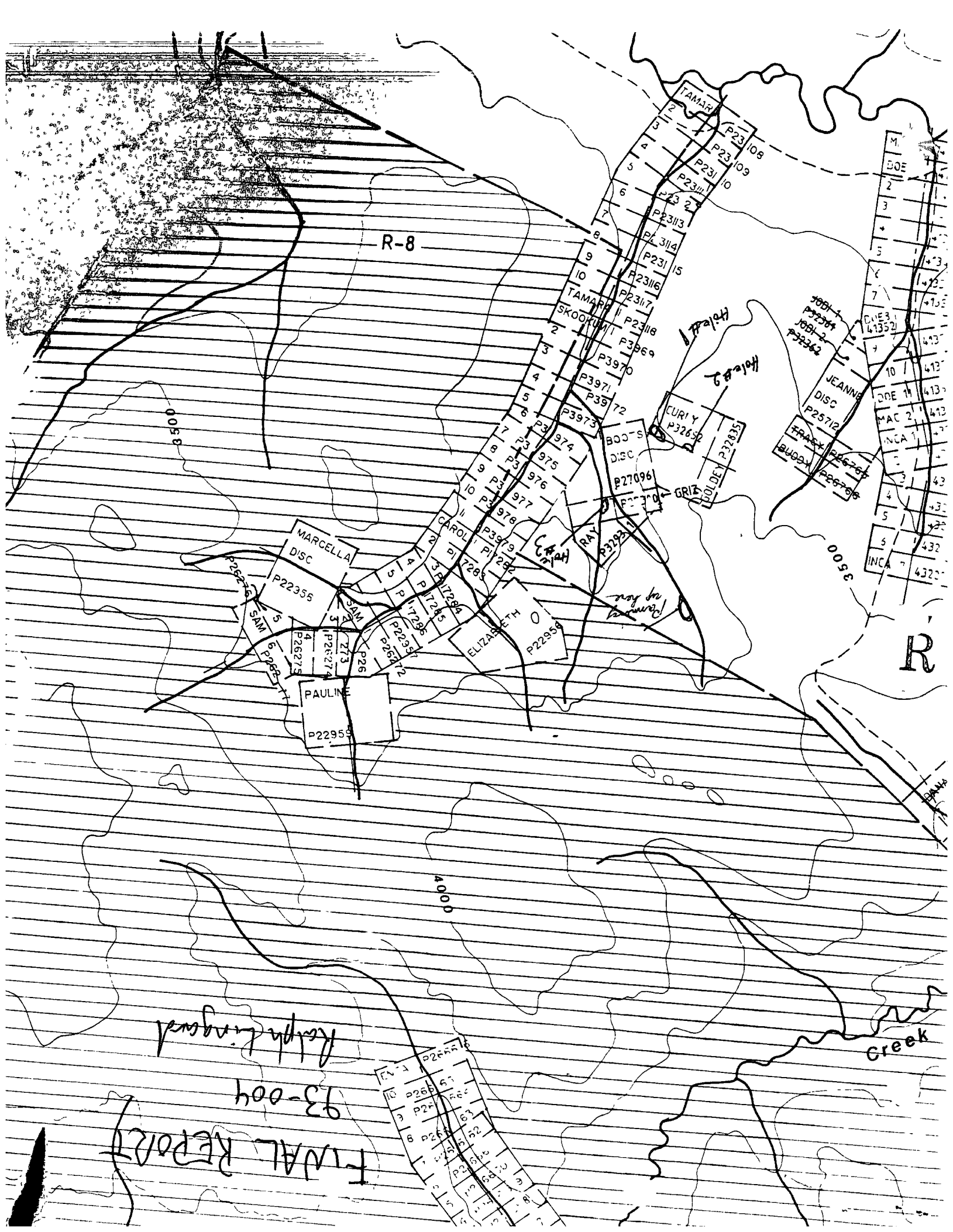
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It would sure be nice to know about the list of prices that was sent to me about the wages it said \$150.00 a day for a prospector & \$100.00 for a helper if I go next summer I will have to take a helper

# Rough sketch of my creek







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