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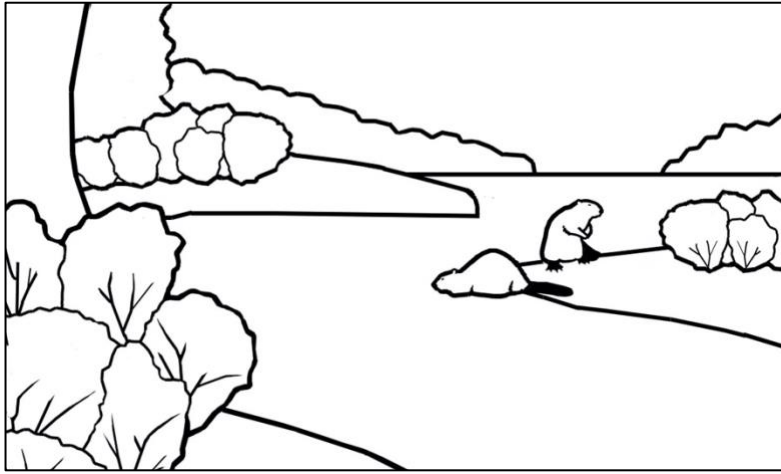
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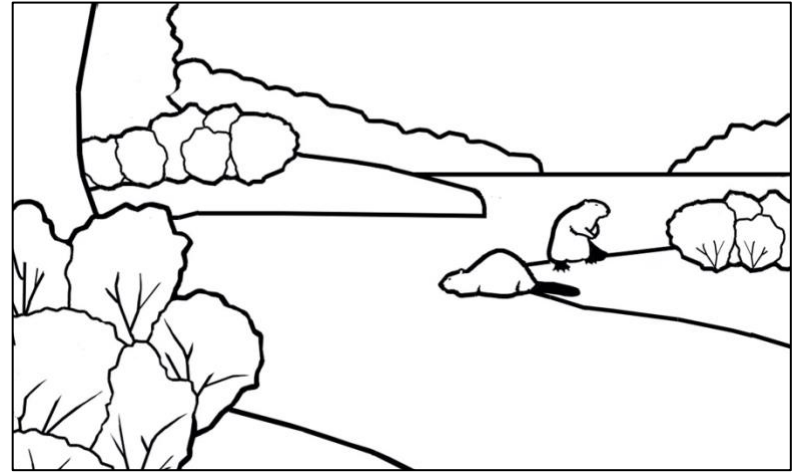
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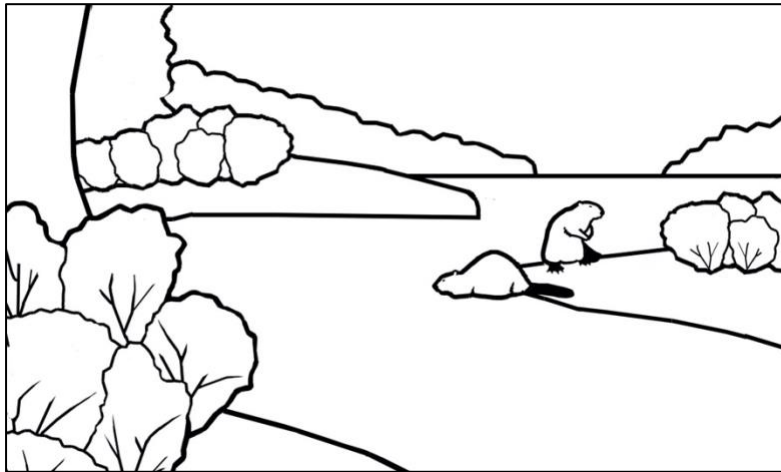
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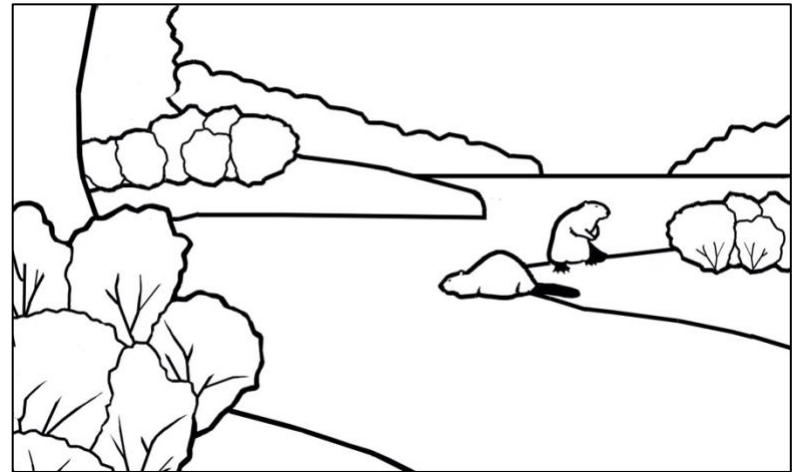
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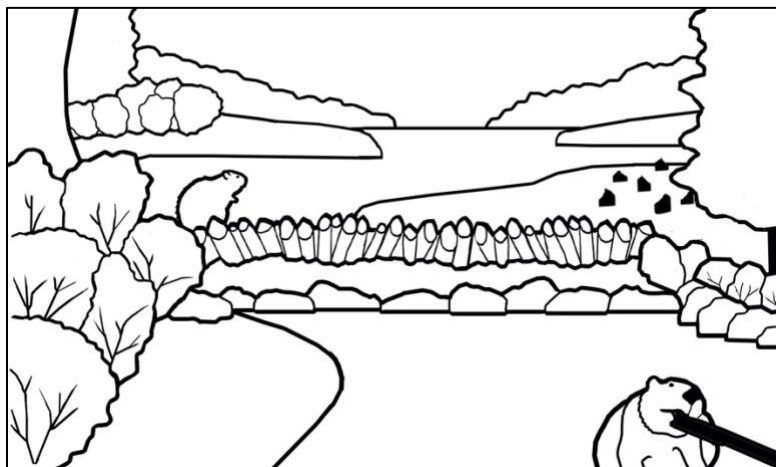
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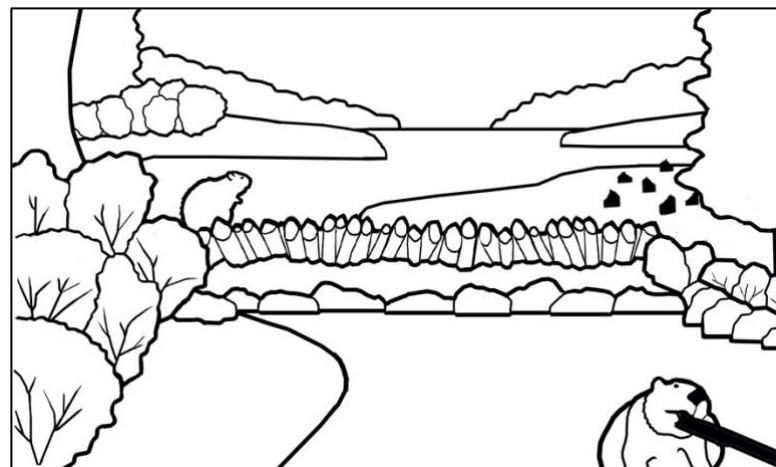
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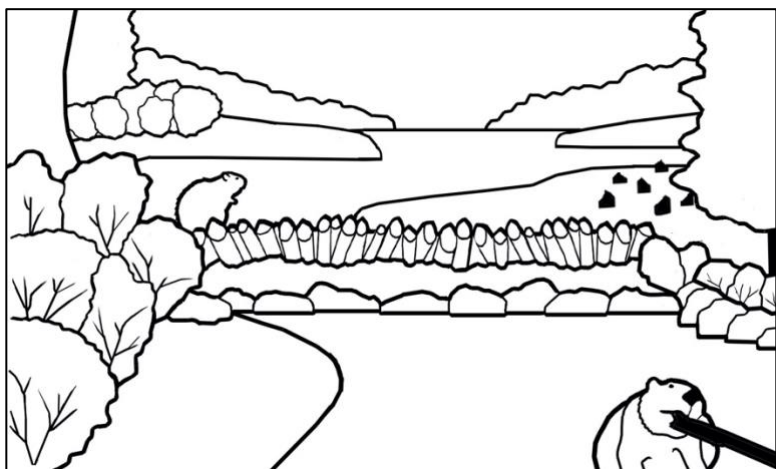
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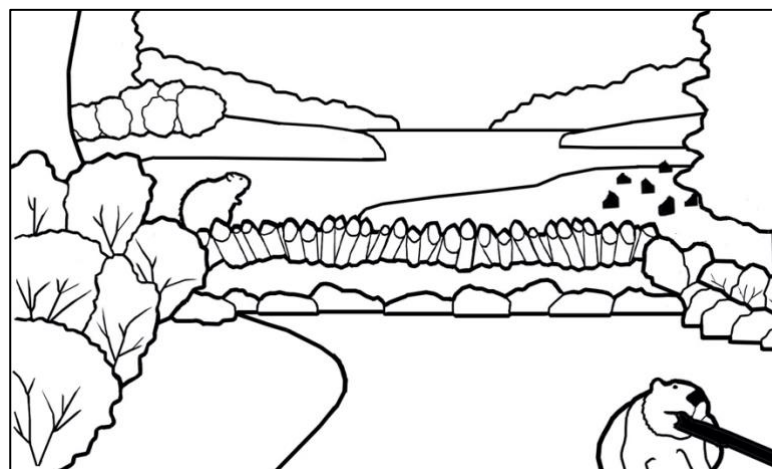
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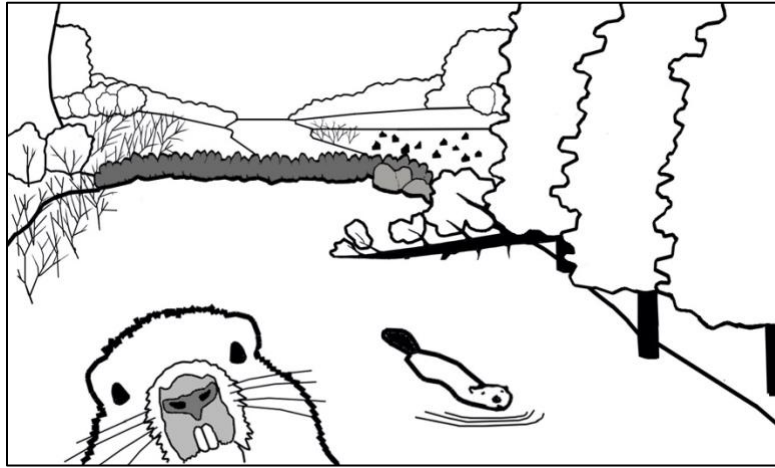
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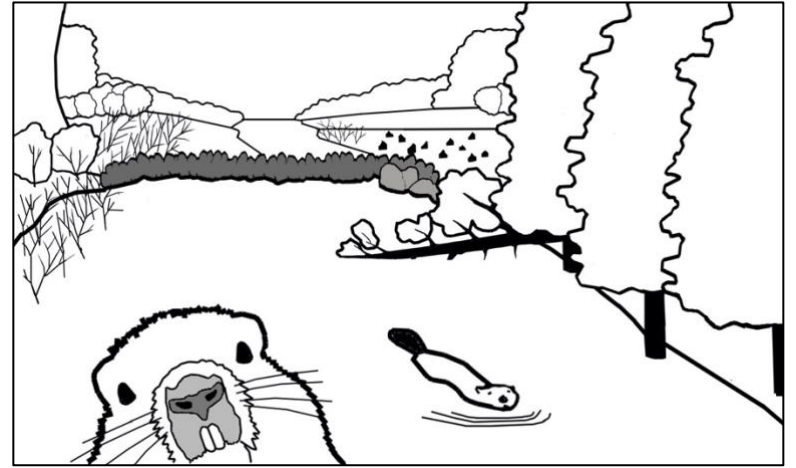
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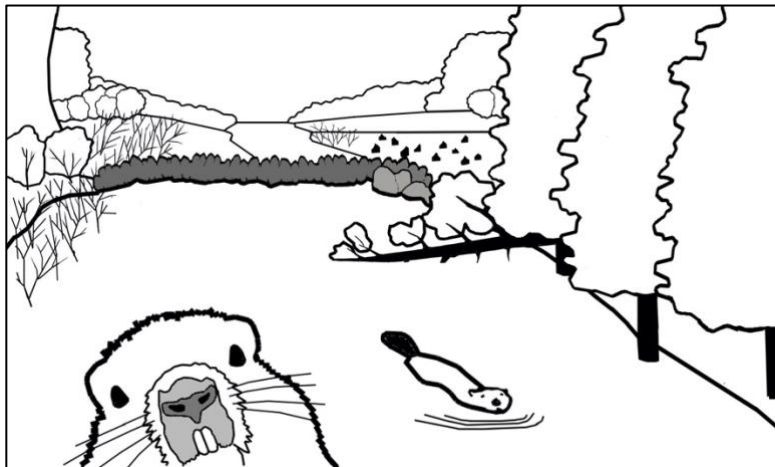
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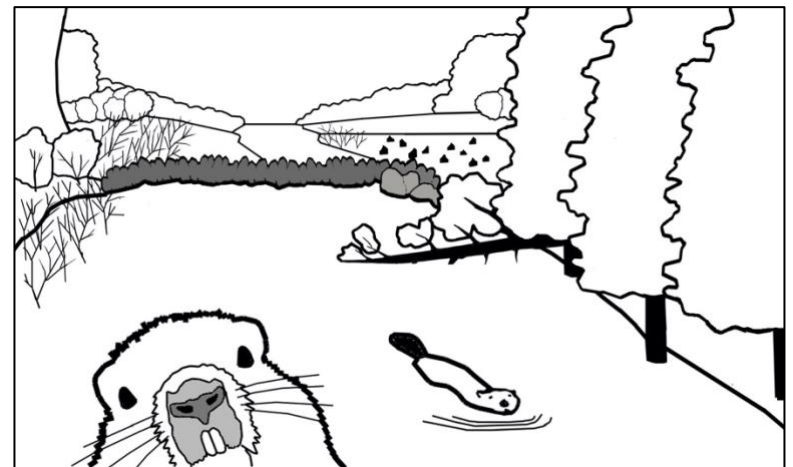
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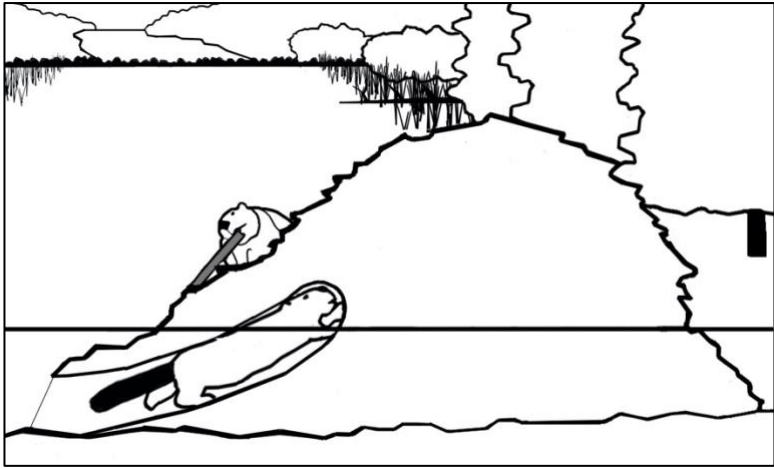
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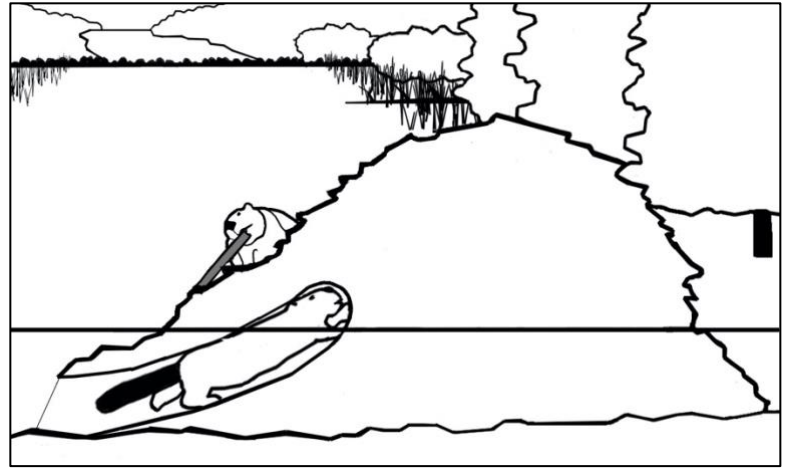
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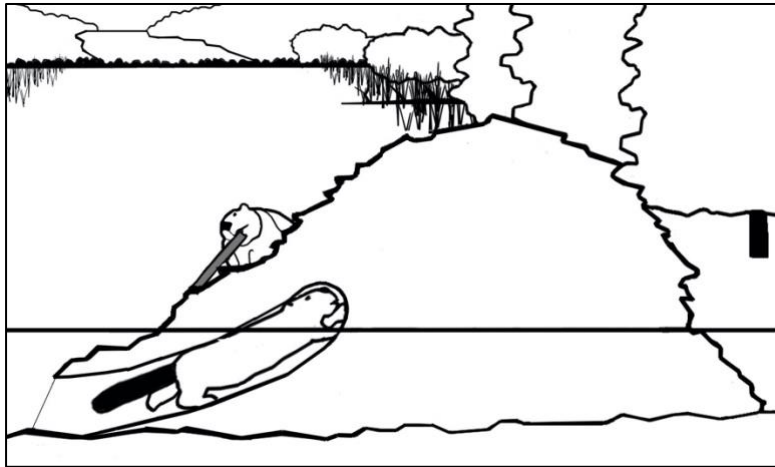
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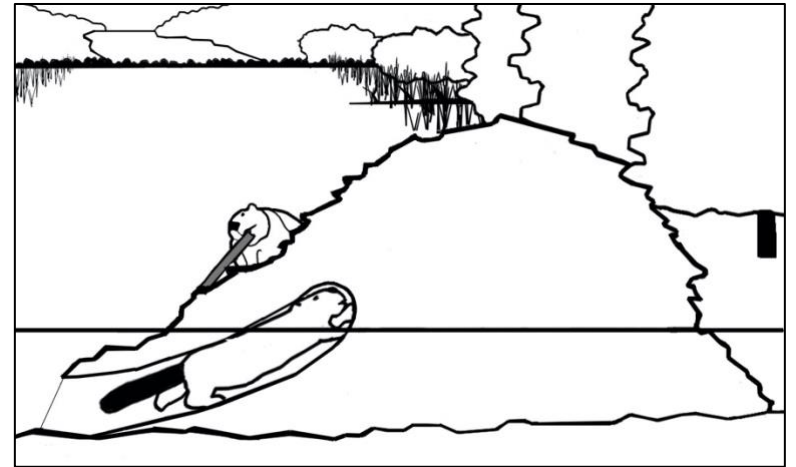
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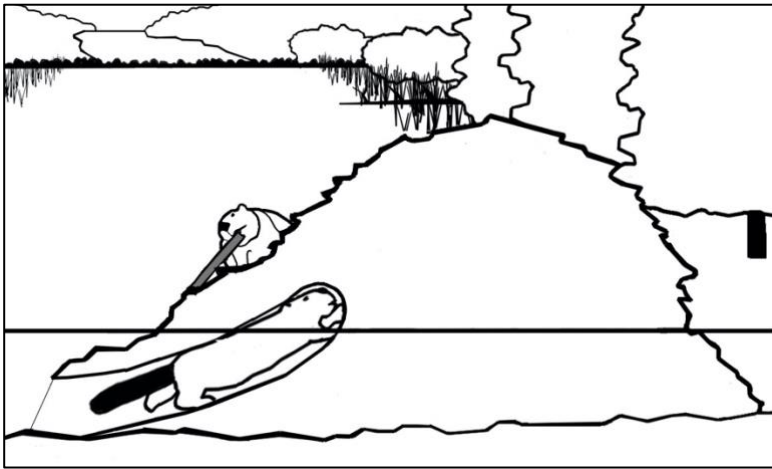
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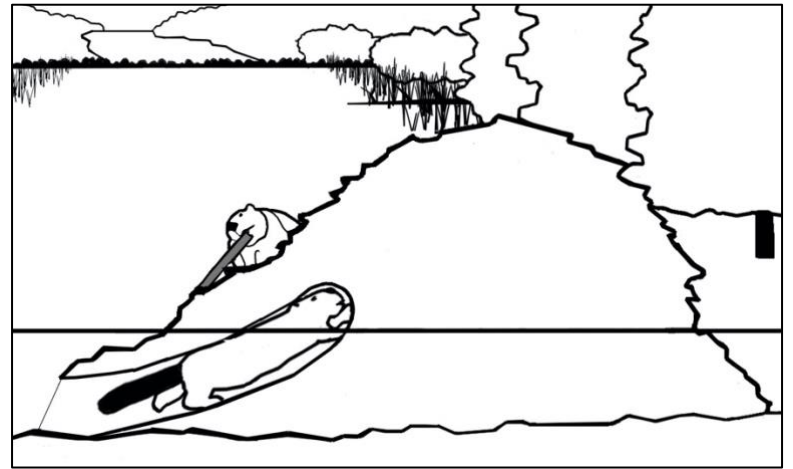
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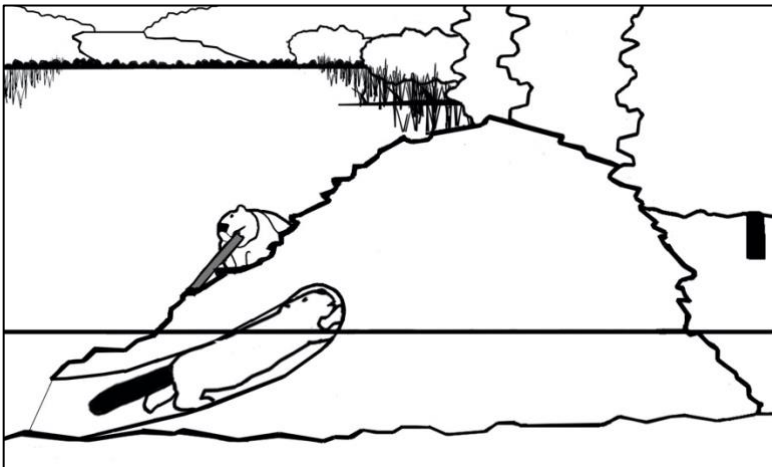
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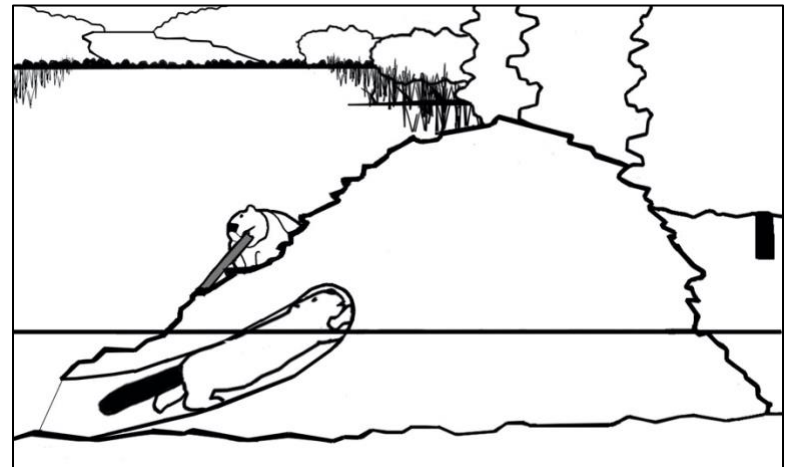
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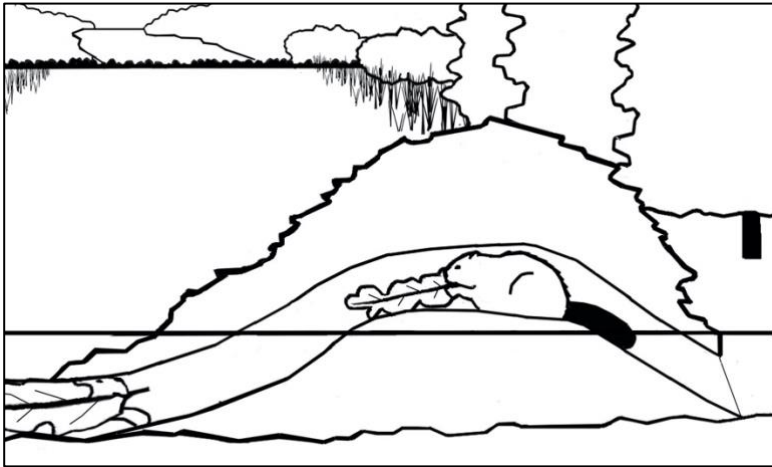
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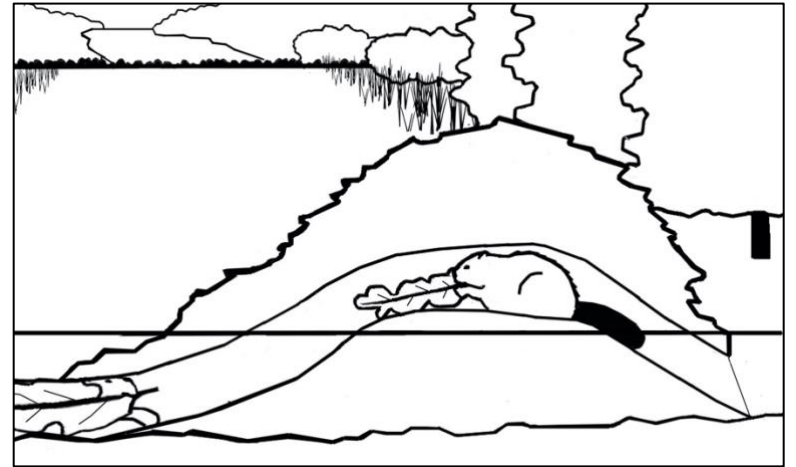
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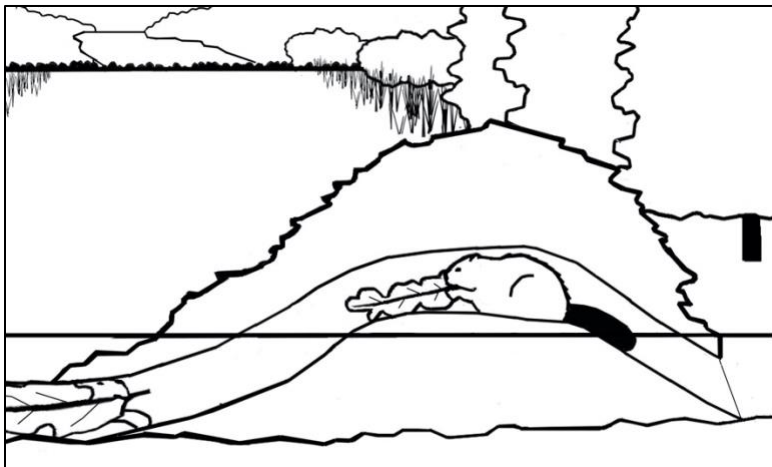
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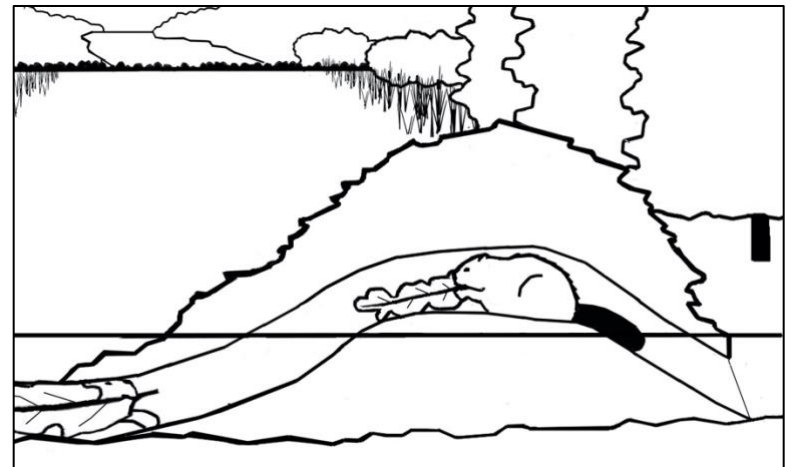
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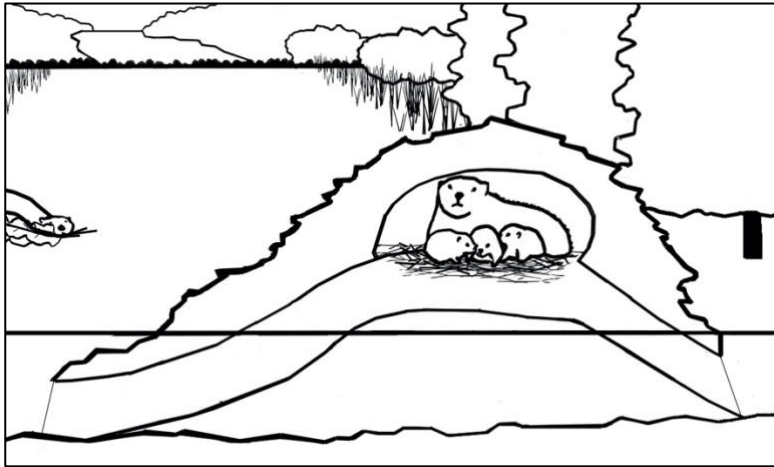
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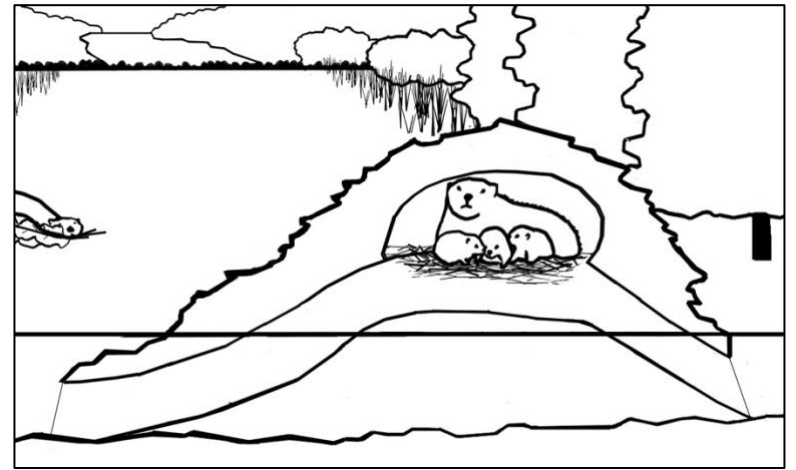
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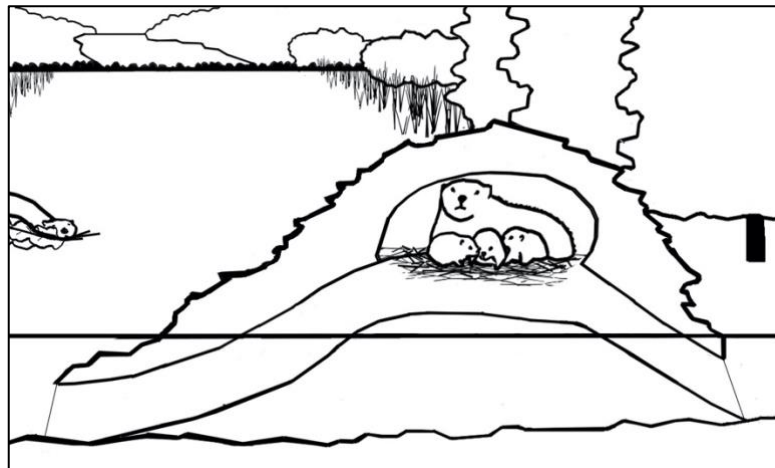
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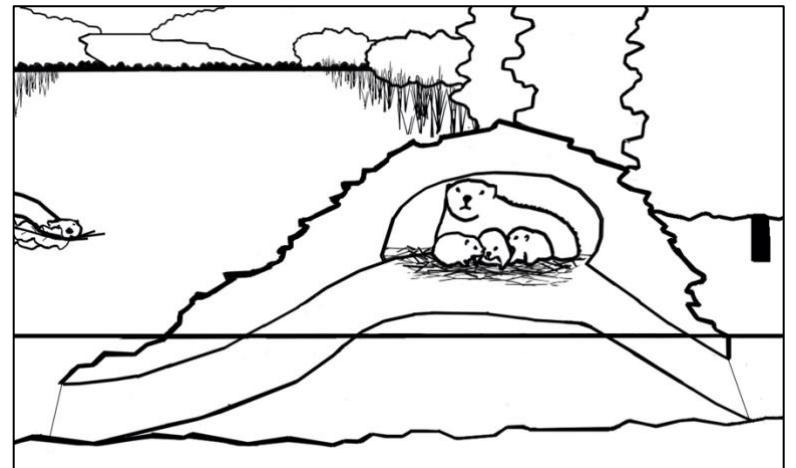
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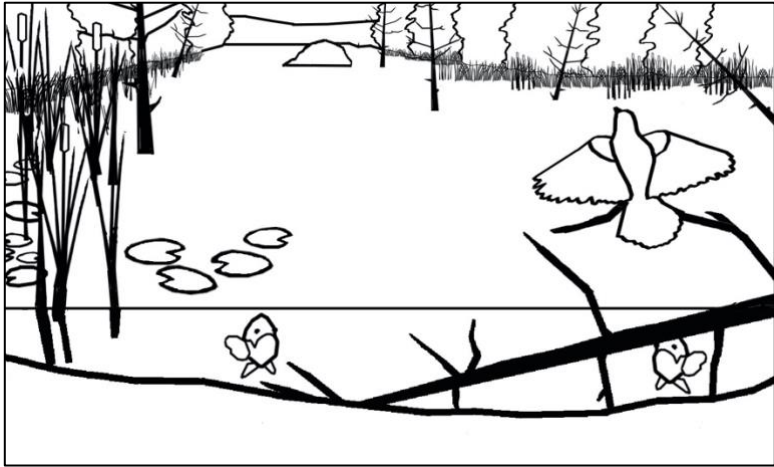
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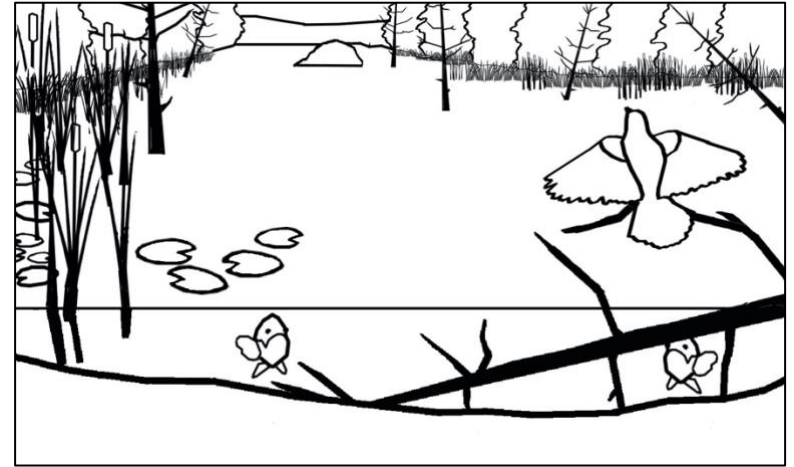
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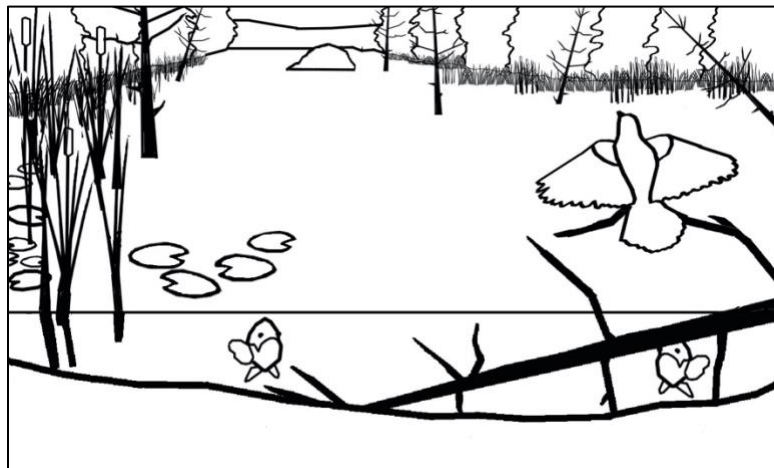
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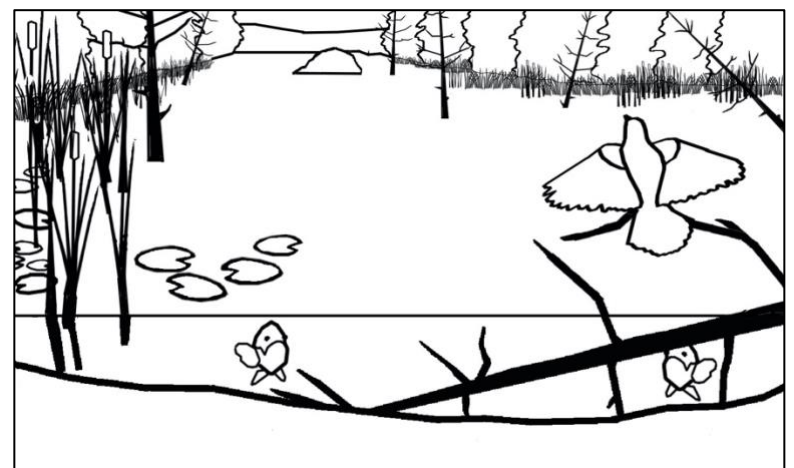
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Beavers are not the only animal that engineers its own habitat, but they do it on such a large scale it makes habitat for other species. This makes beavers a KEYSTONE species. Because the ponds create large openings in the middle of forests, they let in lots of light. This allows shrubby plants, grasses, and water plants to grow on the edge of the pond. Moose and deer browse on these plants. Fish, frogs, and insects lay their eggs among the plant stems, so their offspring have a place to grow. Ducks, herons, kingfishers, and red-winged blackbirds take advantage of the places to nest and feed. And otters, mink, and racoon find plenty of fish and other small animals to dine on.

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