Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION FORM

Observer's name: Karol Worden

Address: Woodlot Alternatives
Topsham ME

Phone: 207 729-1199 (H) _____ (W)

Species observed: American Bittern (Botaurus lentiginosus)

Date and Time of observation: July 22, 1999, 1500

1. Location where species was observed:

a) Town: Washington County Berkshire USGS Map: East Lee, MA

b) Please attach a photo copy of the appropriate section of a USGS topographic map (or similar map if a USGS map is unavailable). Please carefully mark the site in red where you observed this rare species.

c) Please explain how to get to this spot: Washington Mountain Lake, October Mountain State Forest

2. Number of individuals observed: One (1)

3. Was a positive ID possible? Yes Based on what field marks? Size, Coloration, flight posture

Were photographs taken? No
If yes, please submit one clear photograph of the animal.

4. Age and sex of individuals: Unknown

5. Evidence (if any) of breeding activity at this site: Unknown

(OVER)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Division of Fisheries & Wildlife 100 Cambridge St. Boston, MA 02202 (617) 727-9194, -3151

6. Have you observed this species at this site in previous years? No

If yes, please give details: _____

7. Description of habitat at this site: Palustrine emergent vegetation along edge of Washington Mountain Lake

8. Observed or potential threats to the species or its habitat at this site: None

9. Landowner's name and address, if known: Massachusetts State Forest

10. Additional observations/comments: _____

11. Qualifications of observer (check all that apply):

____ Amateur naturalist. Years of experience: ____
____ Conservation Commission member
____ Biology/science teacher
✓ Environmental Consultant
✓ Degree in Biology: ____ Bachelor's ✓ Master's ____ Ph. D.
____ Other. Please specify: _____

12. Briefly explain your previous field experience with this species: Observed in the field on a few other occassions

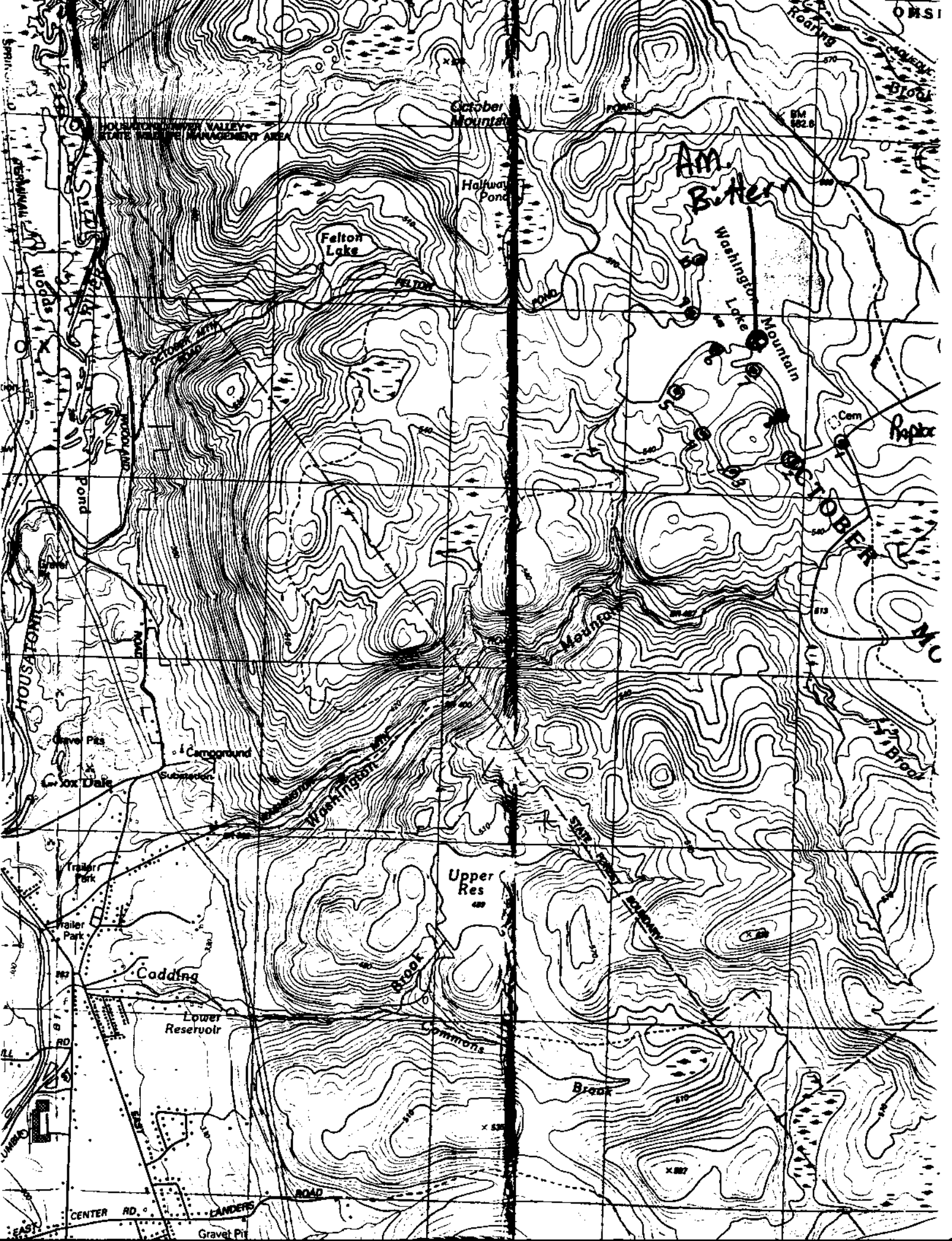
13. List names and qualifications of other observers (if any): Jonathan Milne, Natural Resource Management - Woodlot Alternatives

14. I hereby certify under pains and penalties of perjury that the information contained in this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Karol A. Worden Date: 7-26-99

Please submit field forms and all supporting documentation (map, photo, etc.) to:

MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Route 135
Westboro, MA 01581
508-792-7270 ext. 200



HOUSATONIC RIVER VALLEY STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
October Mountain
Halfway Pond
Felton Lake
Am. Bittern
Washington Lake
Mountain
Roaring Brook
Cem
Raptor
OCTOBER
Woods
Pond
HOUSATONIC
Gravel Pits
Campground
Substation
Cox Dale
Washington
Mountain
Brook
Trailer Park
Trailer Park
Upper Res
Cadding
Lower Reservoir
Commons
Brook
CENTER RD.
LANDERS
ROAD
Gravel Pit