Endangered Species Program

RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION FORM

Observer's name: Kurt Karwacky

Address: Woodlot Alternatives
122 Main St., No. 3 Topsham, ME 04086

Phone: _____ (H) 207-729-2715 (W)

Species observed: Northern Harrier (Circus cyaneus)

Date and Time of observation: 30 Sept 99 - 1400

1. Location where species was observed:

a) Town: Pittsfield County Berkshire USGS Map: Pittsfield East, 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:

Observed at Tweenbrook Farm, located on East New Lenox Road (approx. 200 meters east of road)

2. Number of individuals observed: 1

3. Was a positive ID possible? Yes Based on what field marks?

Plumage, flight pattern

Were photographs taken? _____
If yes, please submit one clear photograph of the animal.

4. Age and sex of individuals: Age ?, Sex - Female

5. Evidence (if any) of breeding activity at this site: N/A

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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: CULTIVATED CORN FIELD, WITH CLEARED AND STANDING CORN

8. Observed or potential threats to the species or its habitat at this site: N/A

9. Landowner's name and address, if known: TWEEDBROOK FARM

10. Additional observations/comments:

BIRD OBSERVED FEEDING ON JUVENILE BIRD ON EDGE OF STANDING CORN. BIRD FLUSHED AND RETURNED TO PREY ITEM.

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: AVIAN BIOLOGIST 6 YEARS, AVID BIRDER

12. Briefly explain your previous field experience with this species:

OBSERVED MANY TIMES IN FIELD WHILE BIRDING

13. List names and qualifications of other observers (if any):

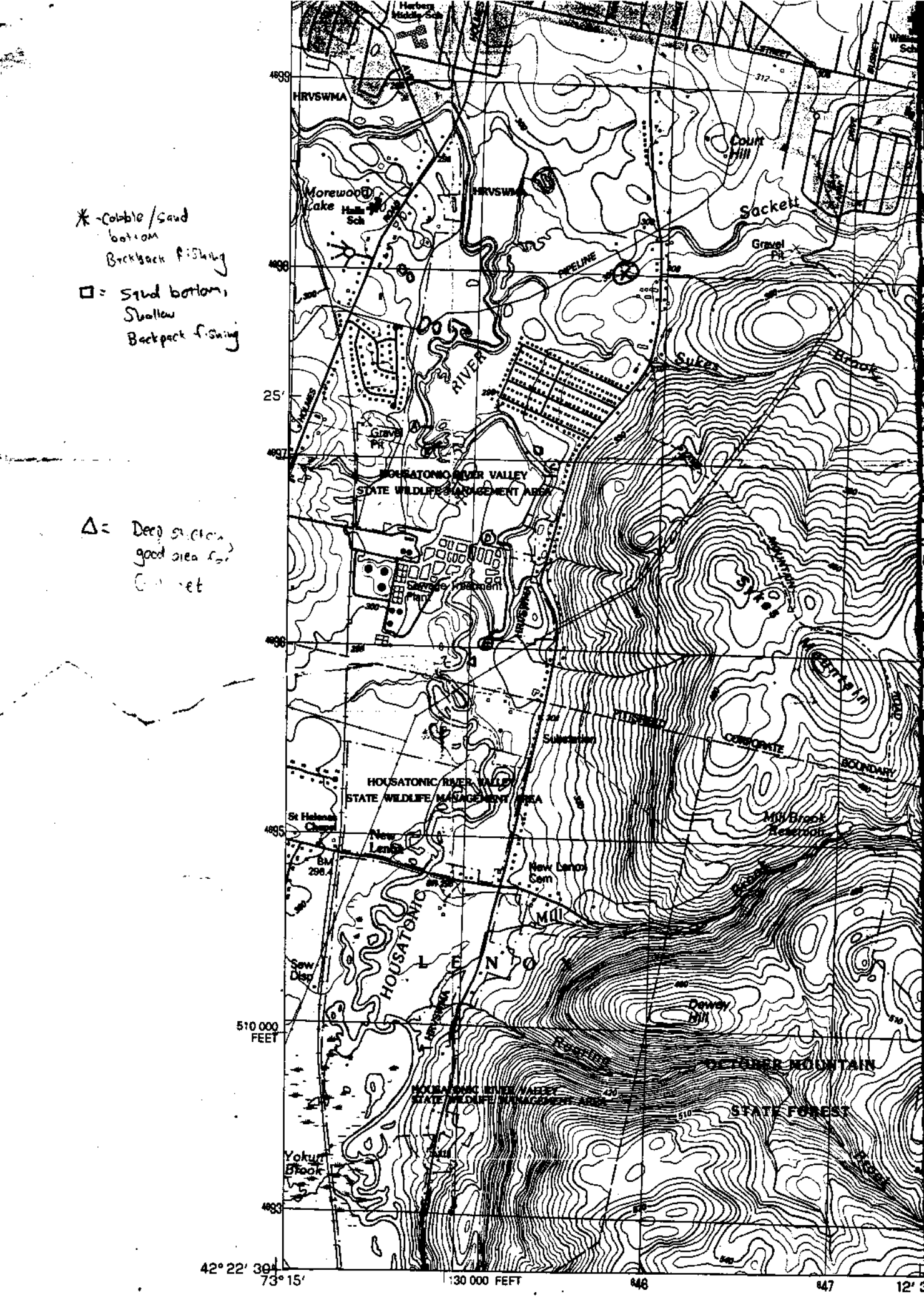
BRIAN TRING - WESTON INC., GEOLOGIST

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 _____ Date: 10CT 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



✱ - Cobble / Sand bottom
Backpack fishing

□ = Sand bottom, Shallow
Backpack fishing

Δ = Deep [illegible]
good area for
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