ural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION FORM

Observer's name: KURT KNOWACKY

Address: WOODLOT ALTERNATIVES
122 MAIN ST., No. 3 TOPSHAM, ME 04086

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

Species observed: WOOD TURTLE (CLEMMYS INSCULPTA)

Date and Time of observation: 5 AUG 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: PITTSFIELD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - ENTRANCE IS OFF HOLMES ROAD, HEAD EAST TO MAIN BUILDING, CONTINUE NORTH PAST YELLOW LOCKED GATE AND MARSH ON LEFT AND RIGHT CONTINUE ONTO HOUS. RIVER VALLEY STATE WILDLIFE MNGMT. AREA

2. Number of individuals observed: 1

3. Was a positive ID possible? YES Based on what field marks? SHELL. AN EMPTY SHELL WAS THE ONLY REMAINS.

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

4. Age and sex of individuals: ADULT MALE. MALE BASED ON SHAPE OF PLASTRON

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

(OVER)

[illegible] this species at this site in previous [illegible] NO

If yes, please give details: _____

7. Description of habitat at this site: FLOODPLAIN FOREST WITH 60'-80' ACER SACCHARINUM AND DENSE GROUND COVER OF MATTEUCCIA STRUTHIOPTERIS. SITE FOUND 30' FROM NOAS RIVER

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

9. Landowner's name and address, if known: STATE OF MASS.

10. Additional observations/comments: NONE

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 SPECIES IN FIELD ON PREVIOUS [redacted] OCCASIONS.

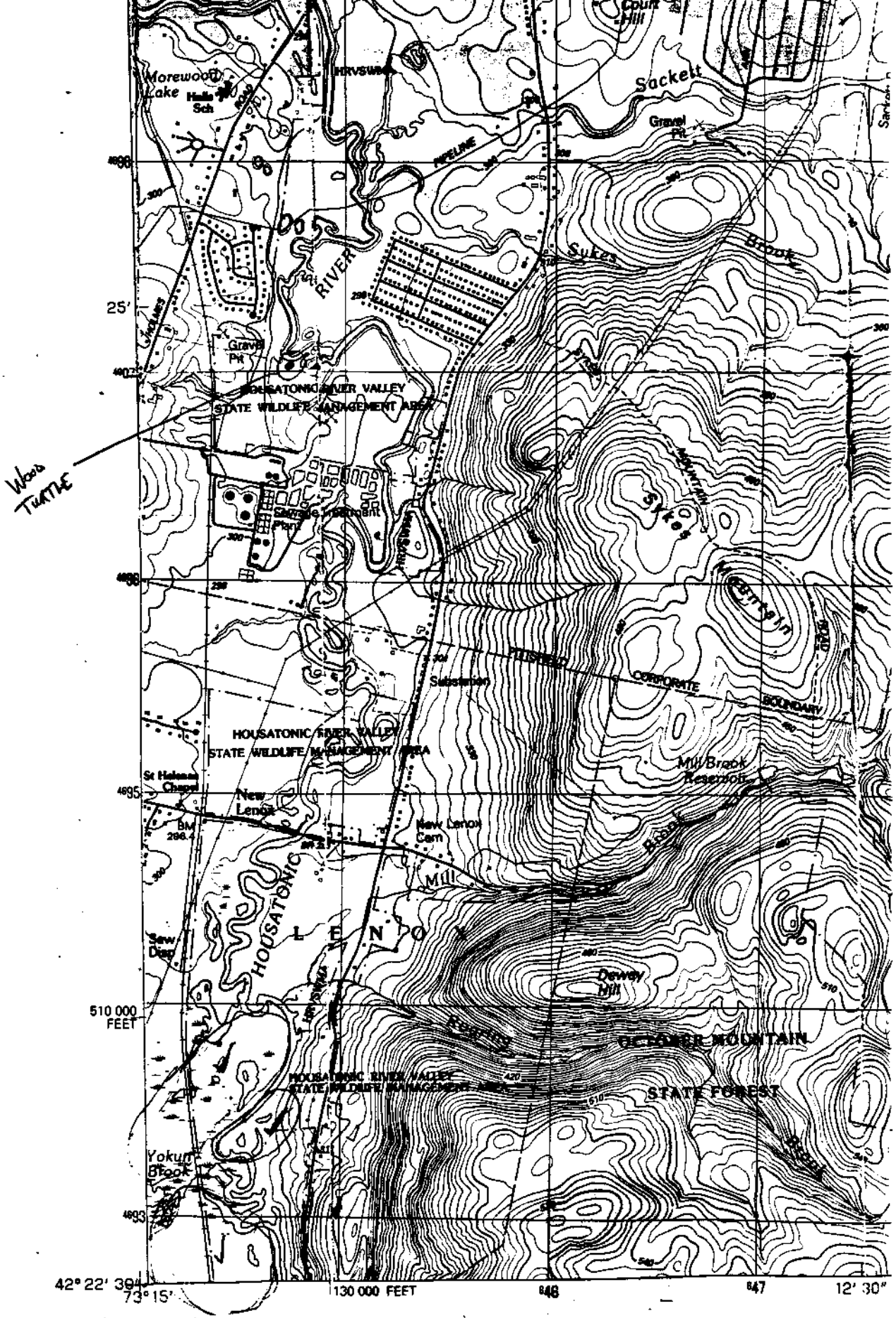
13. List names and qualifications of other observers (if any): ARTHUR NAINES - BOTANIST/BIOLOGIST - WOODLOT ALTERNATIVES

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 [signature] Date: 22 NOV 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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STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Wood Turtle
Sewage Treatment Plant
Sykes Mountain
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CORPORATE
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HOUSATONIC RIVER VALLEY
STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Mill Brook Reservoir
St Helenas Chapel
New Lenox
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HOUSATONIC
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Dewey Hill
510 000 FEET
Roaring
OCTOBER MOUNTAIN
STATE FOREST
HOUSATONIC RIVER VALLEY
STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
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