

KURT LEPPINS
Written Statement

OF ACCIDENT 275AK Aug 5, 2021

I surveyed field to be sprayed at approx 7:30 AM flying from west to east. The sunrise was low in sky and in my eyes. I did not see any wires crossing field. I spray a couple other fields first then came back to that field approx 8:15 AM. And began spraying from east to west along side paved road. I heard a bang and instantly was in the corn field down. I exited helicopter immediately after unbuckling the seat belt. The road was on south side of field and there were power lines on south side road and after getting out of heli I observed one line crossing field from south to north, and one line tangled in helicopter. I was about 150-200 yds to west of line in the corn field. The road to south was a high point and field slope downhill to north. The power line pole in the field was near north edge of field and it did not go to any buildings. It went down hill further to the north, off into a valley. (See attached sketches)



Leppings sketch of
 fire where wreck occurred
 8/5/21

← Down Hill

North

Power Lines

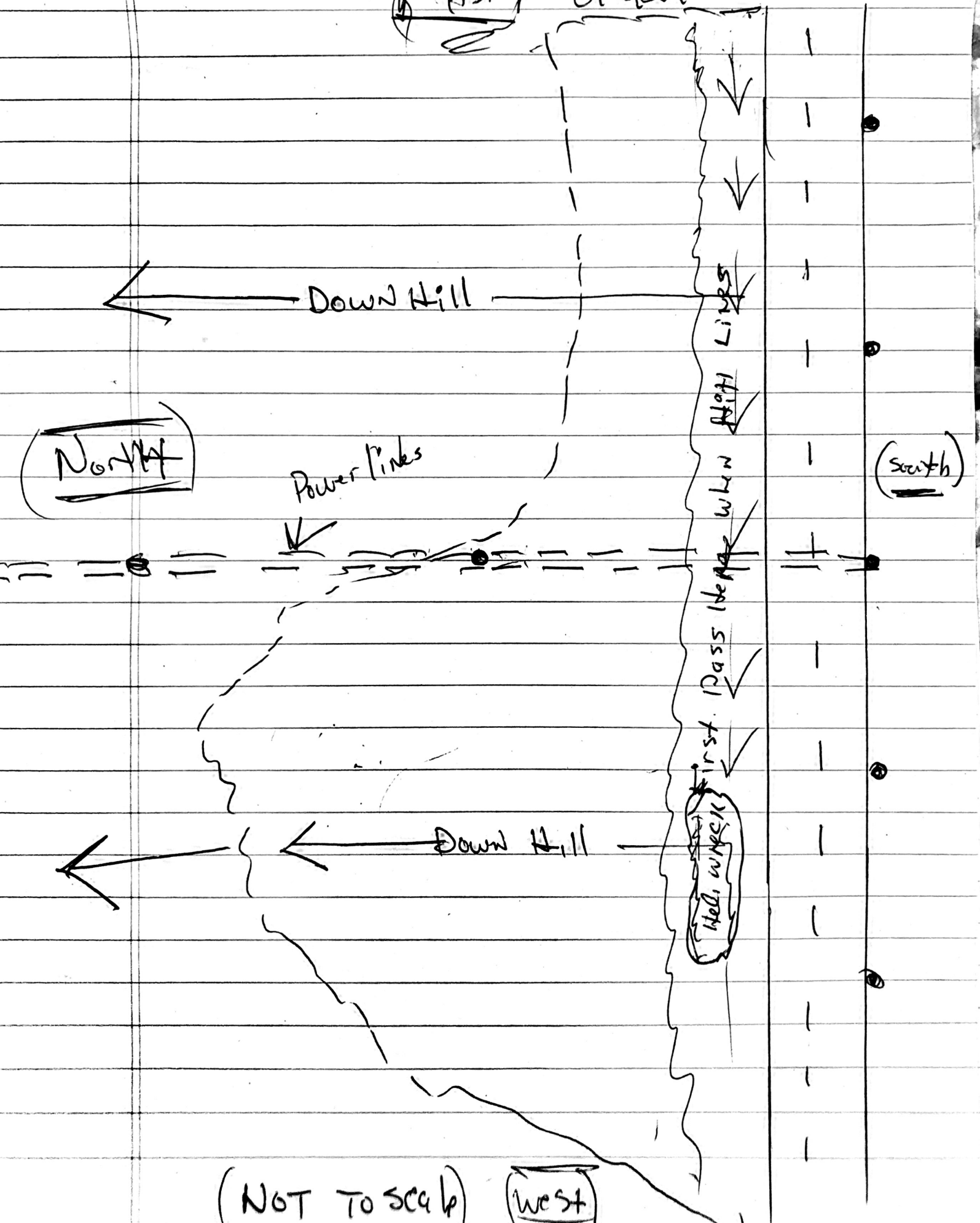
South

← Down Hill

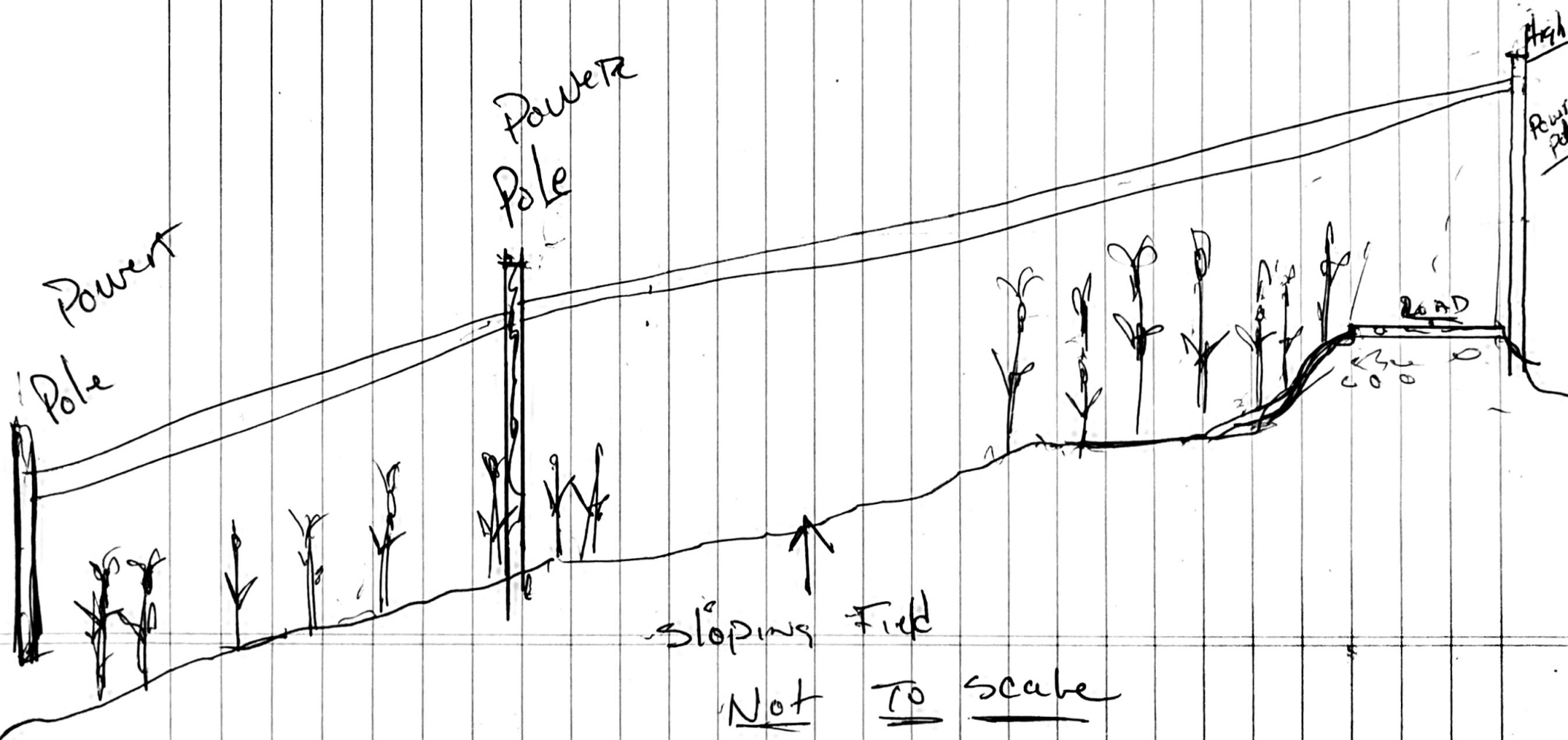
Hel. wreck

(NOT TO SCALE)

West



Profile of A
Field Kuntleppings N-775AK
CRASH #1
8/5/21



Sloping Field
Not To Scale

1) 2008 ROBINSON / N-775AK
R-44 Serial# 1875

2) Registration is in Helicopter or
IN CORN Field / I could not find in
COR Field

3) AIRWORTHINESS IS IN Helicopter
and or IN CORN Field

4) Last Annual - 3/10/21 / Hobbs 1785.6
Engine 1785.6
ACTT 1785.6

5) Current Total Time + Hobbs Time
is ON AIRCRAFT IN Minnesota at
Wentworth (I don't know it)
APPROX 1900 TT & Hobbs
A) ENGINE is the same