Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION FORM

Observer's name: KURT KARWACKY

Address: ~~Woodlot Alternatives, Inc.~~
~~122 Main Street~~
~~Topsham, Maine 04086~~

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

Species observed: COOPER'S HAWK (ACCIPITER COOPERII)

Date and Time of observation: 4 MAY 2000 0900

1. Location where species was observed:

a) Town: Washington County BERKSHIRE USGS Map: EAST LEE, MASS.

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: FROM NEW LENOX ROAD IN PITTSFIELD, TRAVEL SOUTH ALONG WOODLAND ROAD (DIRT RD. ALONG WEST SIDE OF OCT MTN. STATE FOREST) AND MAKE LEFT ONTO OCTOBER MOUNTAIN ROAD.

2. Number of individuals observed: 1

3. Was a positive ID possible? YES Based on what field marks? PLUMAGE, SIZE, TAIL SHAPE (LONG, ROUNDED), FLIGHT PATTERN, HABITAT

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

4. Age and sex of individuals: AGE - SECOND YEAR BIRD (VERTICAL BARRING ON BREAST, PALE BROWN PLUMAGE. SEX - UNKNOWN

5. Evidence (if any) of breeding activity at this site: NONE

(OVER)

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: MATURE FOREST DOMINATED BY HARDWOOD TREES WITH PATCHES OF CONIFERS. ELEVATION ca. 1700 FEET

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

9. Landowner's name and address, if known: OCTOBER MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST - STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

10. Additional observations/comments: BIRD OBSERVED ALONG EDGE OF ROADSIDE, WHERE IT PERCHED ~10 FEET UP TREE. BIRD OBSERVED FROM 15 FEET AWAY

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

- ____ Amateur naturalist. Years of experience: ____
- ____ Conservation Commission member
- ____ Biology/science teacher
- X Environmental Consultant
- X Degree in Biology: X Bachelor's ____ Master's ____ Ph. D.
- X Other. Please specify: AVIAN BIOLOGIST FOR 6+ YEARS

12. Briefly explain your previous field experience with this species: BIRD BANDER AT MANOMET BIRD OBSERVATORY, AVID BIRDER,

13. List names and qualifications of other observers (if any): CHRIS WERNER - 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 _____ Date: 5MAY00

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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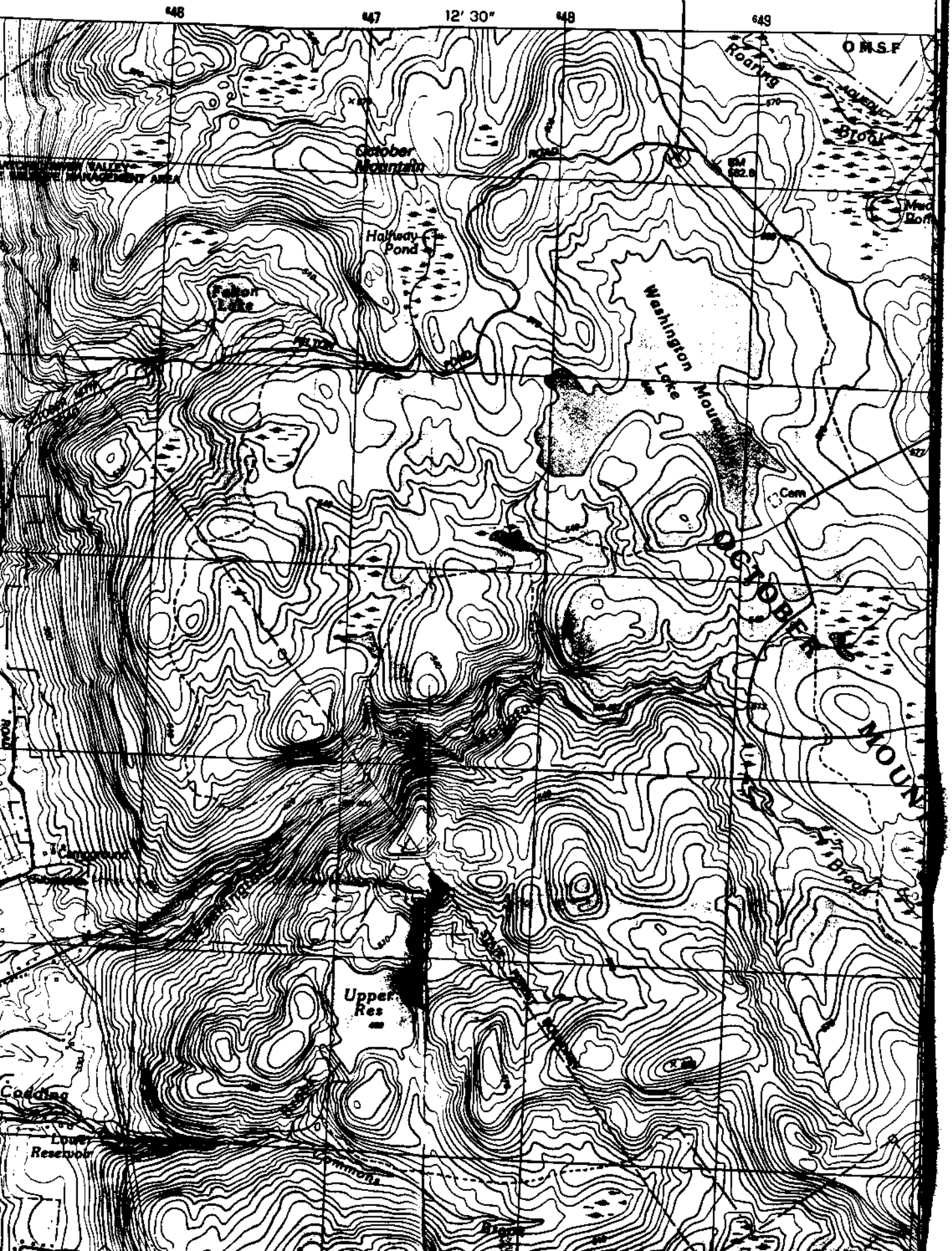
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