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:
31AUG00 1000

1. Location where species was observed:

a) Town: LENOX 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: ACCESS HOUSATONIC RIVER FROM DECKER CANOE LAUNCH ON SOUTH SIDE OF NEW LENOX ROAD. TRAVEL UPSTREAM.

2. Number of individuals observed: 1

3. Was a positive ID possible? YES Based on what field marks?
FLIGHT PATTERN, TAIL SHAPE (ROUNDED TIP), SIZE (SIMILAR TO MOBBING CROWS), HEAD DID NOT " PROJECT IN FRONT OF LEADING EDGE OF WINGS
Were photographs taken? NO
If yes, please submit one clear photograph of the animal.

4. Age and sex of individuals: AGE-UNKNOWN, 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? YES

If yes, please give details: SPECIES OBSERVED ALONG RIVER IN VICINITY, SOARING, IN 1999 BY WOODLOT ALTERNATIVE BIOLOGISTS.

7. Description of habitat at this site: RIVER HABITATS INCLUDE EMERGENT MARSH, SCRUB SHRUB HABITAT AND FLOODPLAIN AND UPLAND FOREST.

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 MASSACHUSETTS — HOUSATONIC RIVER VALLEY STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

10. Additional observations/comments: BIRD OBSERVED SOARING, BEING MOBBED BY CROWS

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 6+ YRS. EXPERIENCE

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

AVIAN BIOLOGIST, BIRD BANDER, HAWK MIGRATION COUNTER, AVID BIRDER

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

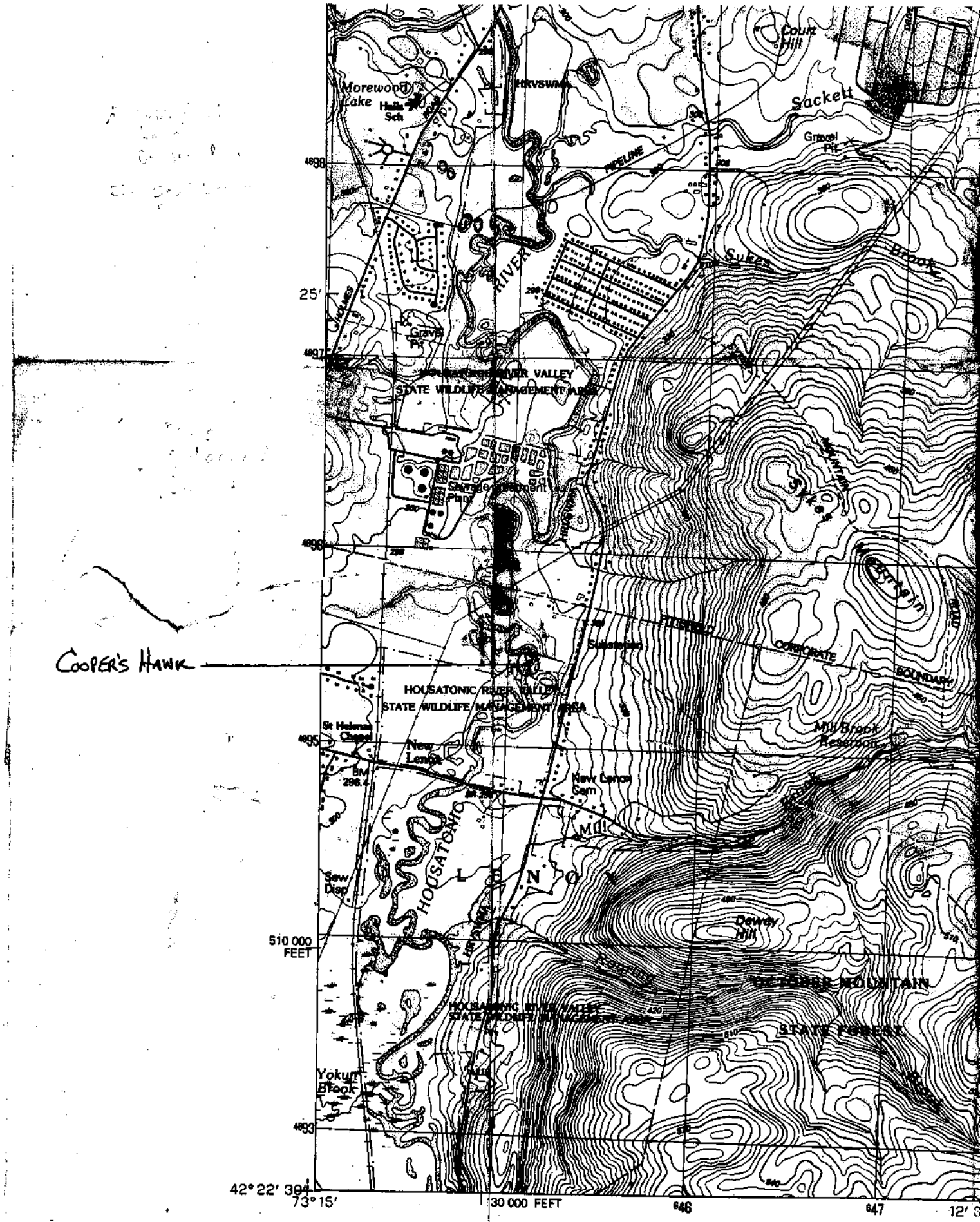
NOAH CERMAK - RF WESTON, INC.

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: 2 OCT 06

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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