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COUGAR INVESTIGATION REPORT

Sighting Date: _____

Reported by: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Location of Sighting (nearest crossroads): _____

Township _____ County _____

Township, Range and Section (if known): _____

Sighting Type: (circle)
1. Live Animal 2. Live Animal and Tracks
3. Animal Tracks 4. Carcass or Body Parts
5. Other (Explain) _____

LIVE ANIMAL SIGHTING:

Closest Time: 1. dawn 2. morning 3. noon 4. afternoon 5. evening
6. dusk 7. night

Specific Time if Known: _____ a.m./p.m. (circle one)

Duration of Observation: 1. a few seconds 2. approx. 1 minute
3. 2 to 4 minutes 4. 5 to 10 minutes
5. longer (explain) _____

Weather Conditions: 1. sunny 2. overcast 3. light fog 4. moderate fog 5. heavy fog
6. light rain 7. moderate rain 8. heavy rain 9. light snow 10. moderate snow
11. heavy snow 12. Other (explain) _____

Observer(s) Location: 1. Inside building 2. In/on moving vehicle 3. In/on stationary vehicle
4. On foot 5. In hunting blind
6. Other (explain) _____

Distance from Observer(s): 1. Less than 5 yards 2. 5-10 yards
3. 10-25 yards 4. 25-50 yards
5. 50-100 yards 6. Greater than 100 yards

Habitat: 1. Roadside (residential) 2. Roadside (rural) 3. Urban 4. Farmland
5. Woodland 6. Swamp/marsh 7. Other _____

Describe habitat: _____

Animal Activity: (Select activity(ies) which gave you the best overall look at the animal(s))

1. Standing broadside 2. Standing face on 3. Standing tail toward observer
4. Walking/running broadside 5. Walking/running face on 6. Walking/running away
7. Other (specify) _____

Animal Description:

Approximate shoulder height _____ in. Approximate body length _____ in.
Approximate tail length _____ in.

Overall color: 1. Black 2. Dark brown 3. Medium brown
4. Light brown 5. Reddish brown 6. Grey
7. Yellow 8. Tawny 9. Other (specify) _____

Other distinguishing features: _____

Photos: Yes/No Video: Yes/No

NOTE: If more than one animal, record number here _____ and describe each on separate photocopies of this page and attach.

COUGAR TRACK SIGHTING

Track Left in: 1. Snow 2. Mud 3. Sand/Gravel 4. Other (specify) _____

Approximate Age of Tracks: 1. less than 1 hour 2. less than 12 hours
3. less than 24 hours 4. more than 24 hours

Condition of Tracks: 1. fresh and plainly visible
or details obscured by...
2. light covering of snow 3. melting snow
4. rain 5. other (explain) _____

Track and Stride Measurements: 1. Estimated 2. Measured 3. Walking (preferred) 4. Running
Average foot length _____ in. Average foot width _____ in.
Average stride measurement _____ in.
Sinking depth _____ in.
Distance trail followed: _____

Obvious tail drag mark: Yes/No
Track casts taken: Yes/No Photos taken: Yes/No

Evidence collected by: 1. Reporter 2. Investigator 3. Both

CARCASS

Details Pertaining to Carcass Report _____

OTHER COUGAR REPORT

Details Pertaining to Other Report: _____

REPORTER'S GENERAL NARRATIVE

