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... TORNADO CONFIRMED IN DALTON MASSACHUSETTS...

LOCATION...DALTON...BERKSHIRE COUNTY...MASSACHUSETTS

DATE...27 JULY 2014

ESTIMATED TIME...455 PM

MAXIMUM EF SCALE RATING...EF1

ESTIMATED MAXIMUM WIND SPEED...90 MPH

ESTIMATED PATH WIDTH...20 YARDS

PATH LENGTH...ONE QUARTER MILE

BEGINNING LAT/LON...42.453303/-73.185270

ENDING LAT/LON...42.450214/-73.183262

- * FATALITIES...NONE
- * INJURIES...NONE
- * THE INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE PENDING FINAL REVIEW OF THE EVENT AND PUBLICATION IN NWS STORM DATA.

....SUMMARY...

A SHORT-LIVED TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN IN DALTON...MASSACHUSETTS ON SUNDAY...JULY 27...2014. THE TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN IN GREENRIDGE PARK ALONG SOUTH STREET AND MOVED SOUTHEAST UP A HILL AND ENDED BEHIND RESIDENCES ALONG LINDSAY DRIVE. THE TORNADO ALMOST COMPLETELY CLEAR CUT A PATH THROUGH THE FOREST THAT WAS 10 TO 20 YARDS WIDE...LEAVING A NOTICEABLE TRAIL. A MICROBURST CAUSED MOST OF THE DAMAGE IN THE SUBDIVISIONS TO THE NORTH...WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF THE TORNADO TRACK. THE MICROBURST STRAIGHT LINE WINDS MOVED FROM NORTH NORTHEAST TO SOUTH SOUTHWEST. DIRECT DAMAGE FROM THE MICROBURST WAS MOSTLY TO HARDWOOD AND SOFTWOOD TREES...ALTHOUGH ONE HOUSE HAD PART OF ITS ROOF LIFTED UP. THE AREA AFFECTED BY THE MICROBURST WAS LARGE AND BOUNDED BY RICHARD DRIVE AND HUBBARD AVENUE TO THE NORTH AND LINDSAY DRIVE...PLEASANT VIEW DRIVE AND HUBBARD AVE TO THE SOUTH.