FIELD INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, NILGIRIS FOREST DIVISION, UDHAGAMANDALAM.

The area of the proposed project has been inspected by me along with the Forest range officer, Kattabettu Range on 05.07.2022 with the relevant records. The User Agency has requested for formation of Cement Concrete road at Naduhatty kallatty road of Naduhatty Panchayat, through the Forest land over an extent of 0.6996 ha in S.No.889 of Naduhatty Beat, Halakarai Section, Naduhatty RF of Kattabettu Range of Nilgiris Forest Division.

During the field inspection it is noted that the length of the road through forest (0/000 to 1/530 m & 1/718m to 2/520m) is 2332 m and a width of the road is 3.00 m to an extent of 0.6996 ha of Forest land involved in this project and there is neither tree growth nor any plantations in the proposed site. Wild animals like Tiger, Leopard, Indian Guar, Sambar Deer, Wild Boar, Porcupine, Barking deer, Black naped hare and wild dog movement is recorded in the proposed area.

The proposed project will lead to increase in movement of vehicles. It will lead to increase in disturbance to wild animals in the area and also may increase human-wildlife conflict. Therefore mitigation measures to reduce disturbance to wild animals and manage human-wildlife conflict are required. Increased public movement will also increase disturbance to ecosystem and biodiversity. User agency also needs to have plan for human wildlife mitigation measures.

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