

Name of Proposal - Development of 4-lane Greenfield road connecting NH-7 (old NH-72) (near Jhajhra) to Delhi-Dehradun Expressway NH-307 (old NH-72A) at Asharori Section from Km. 0.000 to Km. 12.000 in the State of Uttarakhand.

The forest land proposed for diversion under the above proposal is inspected by the undersigned on January 07, 2025 with representative of User Agency, Forest Range officer, Asarori Range and other field staff. During the site inspection, the following details are observed. The information is provided as per the checklist:-


Sl.No.	Particular	Inspection Report By DFO Dehradun forest Division
1	Extent in hectares	20.0849 Ha.
2	Location (Lat-long) of the forest land proposed for diversion.	Start Point - 30°15'29.58" N, 78°58'41.88" E End Point - 30°20'4.14" N, 77°55'20.67" E
3	Legal status of the forest land (PF/RF/other types of forest land)	Reserve Forest
4	Demarcation of the area with temporary cairns etc.	Not demarcated but GPS locations are given And verified.
5	Any signs of encroachment.	No
6	Any activity already taken up within the forest land or adjoining non-forest land as part of the proposed project by the User Agency. Details of action taken against the User Agency in case of violation of the FC Act and guidelines there under.	No
7	Status of vegetation. Site quality, species composition etc.	The proposed forest land for diversion primarily consists of Sal (<i>Shorea robusta</i>), along with miscellaneous species such as Rohini (<i>Mallotus philippensis</i>), Sagun (<i>Tectona grandis</i>), and Jamun (<i>Syzygium cumini</i>).
8	Importance of area from wildlife point of view. Status of wildlife (density and abundance of important species, bird life reptiles, butterflies and other scheduled animals, any endangered wildlife). Any latest census of wildlife in this area.	The area around the proposed forest land is ecologically significant due to the presence of various wildlife species. Key species include Leopard (Guldar), Cheetal Sambhar, Barking deer and Elephant, Common species such as monkey and wild boar are also found.
9	Endemism of flora/fauna or any other unique ecosystem in the area.	N/A
10	Current land use is this area managed as per prescriptions in the Working Plan and if not why?	The area proposed for diversion falls within the following compartments, which are part of the Sal Working Circle as per the current working plan: Arcadia-1, Arcadia-3, Laldhang-1B, Laldhang-2A, Chandrbani-1, Chandrbani-

		2, and Chandrbani-3. Additionally, the area proposed for diversion within the Mohobewala-1 compartment falls under the Miscellaneous Working Circle as per the working plan.
11	Importance of the area from historical or religious point of view.	No
12	Any dependent persons/families on this land.	No
13	Any displacement of persons proposed.	No
14	Is there any Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan for the persons to be affected? Is there any dissenting voice among the persons proposed to be displaced?	No
15	Compensatory afforestation proposed is on forest or non-forest land. Location of this area, suitability of the area for CA. If in the degraded forest land then what is the current Working Plan prescription for the area? Distance of the non-forest land for CA from the nearest forest area.	In this proposal, a total of 41.00 hectares have been proposed for compensatory afforestation in the villages of Gadaita, Thaina, and Latau, under the Kalsi Soil Conservation Division . The CA scheme, map, and suitability certificate are attached to the proposal and uploaded on the portal.
16	Proposed area should not be part of any protected area. Also distance from the boundary of the nearest protected area should be more than 10 Kms.	The project location does not fall within any protected area; however, the area proposed for diversion is part of the Shivalik Elephant Reserve . The proposed land is situated 1.20 km aerial distance from the nearest boundary of the Rajaji Tiger Reserve. In this regard, the Chief Wildlife Warden's letter no. 455/12-1 dated 11.08.2021, attached to the proposal, mentions that there is no likelihood of any adverse impact on wildlife due to the project and expresses consent for the construction of the project in the public interest. Additionally, in accordance with the guidelines of the Government of India, reference number FC-2021/43/11FC , dated January 16, 2023 , the Wildlife Management Plan and Soil & Moisture Conservation Plan is included in the proposal.
17	Dependence of tribal in the area. Whether the rights of the tribal have been recognized in this area.	No
18	Utility of the project, including the people living in close vicinity of the project.	People will get Road facility.



19	In case of renewal whether all the conditions stipulated in the earlier sanction order have been complied with.	N.A.
20	Alternatives examined by the User Agency in case of non-site specific projects.	No
21	A certificate by the User Agency that the forest land requested for diversion for non-forestry purpose is bare minimum.	Yes, enclosed in proposal
22	Any scope of saving tree growth while ensuring that the purpose for which the forest land is being diverted is also not adversely affected.	No
23	Any other issue of significance.	No
24	Specific recommendations of the DFO with reasons for the approval of the Project.	<p><u>During the site inspection, it is observed that in the forest land proposed for diversion under the Asarodi Range, some forest land will remain as a strip between the human habitation and the proposed road after the construction of the motor road. This creates a strong possibility of encroachment in the future.</u></p> <p><u>It is therefore recommended that a wall of approximately 4,720 meters in length to be constructed along with the repair of an existing wall of 880 meters by the user agency at the project cost to safeguard the forest land from encroachment. The representative of the user agency present during the site inspection expressed consent for this measure.</u></p> <p><u>With the above condition, the proposal is recommended in the public interest.</u></p>

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