

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

A proposal FP/AS/MIN/154403/2022 has been received for diversion of 3.92Ha of forest land for non-forestry purpose under FC Act, 1980. The area is being diverted for development drilling wells and testing of hydrocarbons in Duarmara Block in Margherita. A joint inspection of the project site in Upper Dehing Reserve Forest (East Block) was done along with Range Officer, Digboi Range and staff on 10th March, 2022.

Plinth 1 (0.8 Ha)

Plinth 1 has an area of 0.8 Ha. The area has an unused well and the area surrounding the well has thin vegetation.

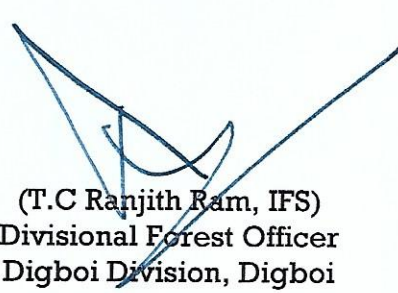
Plinth 2 (0.8 Ha)

Plinth 2 has an area of 0.8 Ha and two unused wells are present in the area. The area surrounding the well has thin vegetation. However, movement of elephants is very evident in this area. Elephant dung was also found in the area.

Approach road (2.32 ha)

Approach roads as proposed already exist in the area. Sign of elephant movement was present on the road.

The proposed area is part of UDRF (EB) and Dehing Patkai Elephant Reserve. Also, a forest village is present at a distance of approximately 1.5 km from the plinth area.



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