## 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, Udhagai North Range on 04.09.2021 with the relevant records. User agency intends to form an access road to the Resort construction in Doddabetta, Udhagamandalam, through the Forest land over an extent of 0.36 Hectares in SF.No. 632 of Onnathalai Beat, Denadcombai Section, Udhagamandalam Taluk of Udhagai Rural Extension I Reserved Forests of Udhagai North Range of Nilgiris Forest Division.

During the field inspection it is noticed that the length of a road through forest is 250 m. 9.00 m width should be sufficient for the proposed project. In this area of 250.00 m length and 9.00 m width (Total area 0.225 Ha). There are spontaneously grown 17 wattle trees, 2 blue gum trees, 3 Acacia melanoxylon, 4 cupressus and 4 shola trees (Quinine,Glochidion neilgherrense) standing in the proposed area.

The proposed project will lead to increase in movement of tourists & 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 disposal of waste. User agency may be instructed to submit the action plan for the same.

District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Forest Division, Udhagamandalam.