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Report on Site Inspection of the proposed forest land for diversion measuring 0.1863 ha under the jurisdiction of Kurseong Forest Division for Construction of Sevoke-Ragnpo New Broad Gauge Railway Line Project.

The site inspection was undertaken on 03.08.2022 and the following observations were made:-

1. The proposed area falls under Kandung Block of Birrik Beat under Sevoke Range of Kurseong Forest Division.
2. The Project area has steep slope and is vulnerable to soil erosion.
3. It is observed that no feasible alternate site is available nearby.
4. The rare/endangered species of flora and fauna found in the proposed area are Common Leopard (*Panthera pardus*), Barking Deer (*Muntiacus muntjak*) and Himalayan Black Bear (*Ursus thibetanus lanigar*).
5. The area does not fall under wildlife corridor.
6. The area proposed does not form any defence installation or establishment of Archeological heritage site, monuments, protected area i.e., National park/Wild life Sanctuary etc.
7. Precautionary measures need to be taken by the user agency against anything hazardous to wildlife.
8. The user agency should construct retaining walls and other suitable engineering structures to stabilize the area within the project cost itself.

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