

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

A proposal FP/AS/MIN/154403/2022 has been received for diversion of 3.92 Ha 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 DFO Digboi ,Range Officer, Digboi Range and staff on 4th March, 2022. Accordingly, the inspection report was submitted and the area was partially recommended for diversion. The user agency has accordingly revised the proposal deleting all the non-recommended areas and the site inspection reports for these are as below.

Plinth 1 (0.8 Ha)

Plinth 1 has an area of 0.8 Ha. The area has an unused well and the area in the close vicinity of 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 the close vicinity of the wells has thin vegetation. However, movement of elephants is very evident in this area. Fresh dung of elephants was also found in the area.

Approach road(2.32 ha)

Approach roads as proposed already exist in the area. Sign of regular movement of elephants 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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