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No. PCCF/FCA/3415/ 1260-61

Dated 31-05-2022

Sub: Diversion of 7.4783 ha of Forest Land in Marwah Forest Division for Construction of road from Nowpachi Deherna upto Hanzal, District Kishtwar, UT of Jammu and Kashmir-reg.

Ref: Integrated Regional Office Jammu's communication No. 9-JKC-015/2022-Jammu dated 06-04-2022.

Sir,

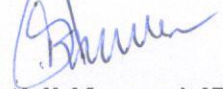
This is with reference to the above proposal. The Conservator of Forests, Chenab Circle Doda/DFO Marwah /user agency have uploaded the requisite documents in Part-I and Part-II. The point wise detail is given as under

EDS of IRO, MoEF & CC Jammu	Status of the EDS	Remarks
(i) Under Column A1, (iii) a Short Proposal Narrative needs to be provided	Complied by user agency	-
(ii) Under column C (iii) Top sheet No. needs to be provided	Complied by user agency	-
(iii) Under column C (iv), the DGPS map does not have Geo-coordinates for the dumping sites.	Complied by user agency	-
(iv) On perusal of the KML file of the proposed area, has been noticed that the Aerial Distance of the proposed road is 5.6 Km from the Kishtwar High Altitude National Park. Comments from the CWLW need to be provided.	Complied	Comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden has been uploaded in Part-II at Sr No. at 17 (additional documents)
(v) Under column G (a), The Cost-Benefit Analysis needs to be done using the revised NPV rates for which directions issued vide letter No. 5- 3/2011-FC (vol-I) dated 6th January 2022.	Complied	-


(vi) The Following documents need to be countersigned by the concerned DFO: a. Top sheet b. Enumeration List c. Layout Plan	Complied by DFO	Toposheet uploaded at Sr.No. 6 in Part-I (additional documents) Layout plan uploaded at Sr.No. 7 in Part-I (additional documents) Enumeration list uploaded in Part-II at Sr. No. 7 (additional documents)
(vii) Under column 4(iii), the species' scientific name needs to be provided under the appropriate column.	Complied by DFO	The list of species in the portal software does not have botanical names of certain important species like Deodar, Fir, Spruce etc. The scientific name therefore could not be chosen in the dropdown menu. Instead the same is mentioned in local name column. The matter is being taken up with NIC to enlarge the list of trees in PARIVESH portal.
(viii) The muck Disposal plan has 13 Muck Disposal Sites proposed in the Reserved Forest Area for a Total area of 0.7718 ha. However, the area mentioned under the Muck Disposal plan is 1.476745 ha which is found to be quite uniform in terms of the area representing each site. Hence, the muck disposal plan needs to be submitted duly authenticated by the DFO and may look for another area other than Reserve Forest for Muck Disposal.	Complied by DFO	Muck disposal plan duly countersigned by DFO Marwah has been Uploaded in Part-I at Sr.No. 12 (additional documents)
(ix) Clarification regarding provisioning of biological Measures for all the 16 Dumping sites.	Complied by user agency	Uploaded in Part-I at Sr.No. 11 (additional documents)
(x) Under column 8 (v) of PART II for Marwah Forest Division, the presence of endangered/unique species of flora and fauna has been reported by the DFO, which includes Leopard(<i>panthera pardus fusca</i>), Brown Bear (<i>Ursus arctos isabellinus</i>) and Musk Deer(<i>Moschus crysogate</i>) which is protected under Schedule I (Part I) of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972. The UT Administration may contemplate the details and submit the descriptive conservation plan to conserve the species found in the area that supports a viable population of the endangered biodiversity and represents the "gene pool" for propagation.	Complied by DFO Marwah	Uploaded in Part-II at Sr.No. 9 (additional documents)
(xi) The undertaking from UA to pay the Compensatory Afforestation need to be provided.	Complied by user agency	Uploaded in Part-I at Sr.No. 13 (additional documents)
(xii) The information provided under column 4(ii) of Part II must be re-submitted after totalling the number of trees/poles getting affected.	Complied by DFO Marwah	-
(xiii) Upon examination of KML files provided for CA site of Marwah Forest Division, it has been found that in approx. 20.5 (ha.) out of 21 (ha.) has mature scattered trees are standing. It is important to mention that as per provision of para 2.4 (vii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications), 2019, MoEF&CC, the proposed CA site cannot be approved, and another suitable CA site with duly Administrative and Technical approval of the CA scheme be submitted.	Complied by DFO Marwah	The DFO Marwah has reported that CA Plan of 21 Ha in lieu of forest land of a area 7.4783 Ha proposed to be diverted for construction of road from Nowpachi, Deherana upto Hanzal has been prepared and uploaded. The CA site in comptt. No. 13/D has sufficient area to carry out plantation effectively as per the guidelines.

(xiv) Uploading of specific recommendations of the DFO,CF and Nodal Officer as per format of PART II, PART III and PART IV respectively as given at Page No 22-24 of Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications), 2019, MoEF&CC.	Complied	Specific recommendation has been uploaded as per prescribed format.
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Yours faithfully



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31.05.22

Copy to: Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Officer, MoEF&CC Jammu. This is with reference to his office communication referred above.