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Dated: 31.03.2017

To

The Chief Secretary (Forests)
Government of Uttarakhand
Subhash Road,
Dehradun.

Sub: Approval of Working Plan of Rudraprayag Forest Division for the period from 2014-15 to 2023-24.

Ref: Chief Conservator of Forests (Working Plan), Haldwani's letter No. 715/19-1(4)-सामान्य dated 27.02.2017.

Sir,

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Working Plan), Haldwani, Uttarakhand has submitted the Working Plan of Rudraprayag Forest Division for the period from 2014-15 to 2023-24 for according approval of Central Government under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, prepared by Shri S.R. Prajapati, Working Plan Officer under the direction of Shri Amulya Ratan Sinha, Addl. PCCF, Working Plan, Uttarakhand. As informed by the Working Plan Officer, the Rudraprayag Forest Division was constituted after reorganization of erstwhile Upper Ganga Forest Division, Karnprayag & transfer of some areas from Narendranagar Forest Division & Kedarnath Wildlife Division vide order No. 2777(1)/Act-1-2006 dated 23.05.2006. This is the first Working Plan of Rudraprayag Forest Division.

The Working Plan in question has been examined in accordance with the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as amended from time to time, the National Forest Policy 1988, the National Working Plan Code, 2004, Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the PIL WP (C) 202 of 1995 read with WP (C) No. 171/1996 and the Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi from time to time.

After careful consideration, the approval of Central Government is hereby conveyed for the implementation of the Working Plan of Rudraprayag Forest Division, Rudraprayag for the period from 2014-15 to 2023-24 under Section- 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 subject to observance of the following conditions:

1. The approval shall be effective from the date of issuance of this letter till 30.09.2024.
2. It is expected that no work has been done from 1st October, 2014 till this date. If any work has been done then the details of work and name of officer responsible should be submitted to this office within two months for further action.
3. The boundary of forest area should be surveyed and demarcated on ground by erecting 4' high RCC/PCC boundary pillars in a time bound manner. The latitude and longitude of the pillar location taken by DGPS and the fore bearing as well as back bearing should be inscribed on each pillar. This will help in effective detection and protection from encroachments. If necessary, the fund for demarcation of boundary and erection of pillars should be earmarked from CAMPA fund (NPV).
4. The encroachment on forest land, if any should be got vacated in a time bound manner and areas should be covered by plantations.
5. As per Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 12.12.1996 issued in the WP (C) No. 202/1995, no green felling shall be carried out above 1000 m altitude till clearance is accorded by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and / or Central Govt.
6. Clear felling shall not be done in any forest area bearing naturally grown trees without prior approval of the Central Govt.
7. No felling of trees shall be done in the areas having slope of more than 30° and also along the banks of rivers/streams as well as areas vulnerable to erosion/landslides and those having crop density of less than 0.3.
8. The provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the Rules and Guidelines issued there under shall be strictly followed.
9. Intensive protection measures against fire, biotic interference and encroachment in the forests areas shall be taken up.
10. All the prescriptions given in the Working Plan regarding felling of trees, plantations, protections and development of forest areas shall be strictly followed. Prior approval of competent authority shall be mandatory for any deviation.
11. Sufficient budgetary allocation should be ensured for timely implementation of the prescriptions regarding regeneration, protection and development of forests.
12. Separate account of felling in the areas diverted for non forest purposes under FCA, 1980 and the felling carried out as per Working Plan prescriptions be maintained in the Control Form.
13. A detailed report on the area harvested and the area regenerated in a year shall be submitted to the Regional Office by 30th April of the following year.
14. Under JFM Working Circle only those works which are approved in the working plan should be taken up and the micro-plan should be within the plan prescriptions.
15. This approval does not *ipso-facto* imply approval of any non forest activity requiring separate clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Such activities shall not be undertaken until clearance is obtained under the Act.

16. No collection and removal of boulders/stones, sand & bajri shall be done from the river/ nallah beds without prior approval of the Central Govt. under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
17. The State Govt. shall ensure that the regeneration of forest is commensurate with the felling done. The gaps created due to felling of trees under the working plan shall be regenerated. There will be no felling where regeneration is not possible.
18. The mid-term review of the Working Plan will be carried out in 2019-20.
19. No deviation shall be allowed from the prescriptions of the Working Plan read with the conditions stipulated here in above without prior approval of Central Govt.
20. Central Govt. reserves the right to review, modify or withdraw this approval at any point of time depending upon the management needs and any other order of the Central Govt. or of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter in future or non implementation of any of the conditions of approval.

Yours faithfully,

(Ajay Kumar)

Addl. PCCF

Copy to:

1. PCCF (HoFF), Govt. of Uttarakhand, 85 Rajpur Road, Dehradun for information.
2. The CCF (WP), Shatabdi Bhawan, FTI, Haldwani for information.
3. Office order pad.

31.3.2017

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