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Dated: 24-08-2016.

NOTIFICATION

The Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to constitute a Rapid Response Team (RRT) in each Circle including both Territorial and Wildlife in Himachal Pradesh Forest Department consisting of the following members to deal with emergent cases of human-wildlife conflict, forest offence cases including illicit felling and encroachment, removal of fallen trees on roads/other infrastructure etc. in fast track mode.

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1.	Divisional Forest Officer (Headquarter) of Territorial/Wildlife Circle.	Rapid Response Team Leader
2.	Range Forest Officer/Deputy Range Officer/Forest Guard (one each)	Member
3.	Forest Guard/Forest Worker/Official trained in handling power chain saw/tranquilizing gun.	Member

Terms & Conditions

- Rapid Response Team in each Circle shall work under the overall control of concerned Conservator of Forests/Chief Conservator of Forests (T). The jurisdiction of the team will be the Territorial/Wildlife Circle as the case may be.
- The vehicle provided to each Rapid Response Team will be used from the existing strength of the vehicles of the Department only.
- The equipments like rifles, pistols, collapsible cages, tranquilizing guns, power chain saws provided to each Rapid Response Team will be used from the existing stock of the equipments already available with the Department. A pistol shall be provided to the Range Forest Officer and rifles shall be provided to the Forest Guards. Department shall ensure that the officers/officials provided with fire arms are properly trained in handling and using them.
- The fire arms shall be provided to the Rapid Response Teams after getting authorization from the Home Department, Government of H.P.
- Trained Officers/officials only shall be deployed for use of Tranquilizing gun. It should be ensured that drugs used in tranquilizing guns to immobilize the animal are supervised by a trained veterinarian.



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- ✓ The executive staff i.e. Range Forest Officer, Deputy Ranger, Forest Guard and Forest Worker shall be provided from the existing staff strength of the Department. No extra staff shall be deployed.
- ✓ A control room shall be set up in each Circle and the landline as well as mobile numbers of Team Leader - DFO (HQ), and concerned CF/CCF (T/WL) shall be published in their respective jurisdiction informing the public in order to ensure rapid action in dealing with the emergency situations.
- ✓ The progress report of these Rapid Response Teams shall be sent to the HP Forest Department (HQ) on monthly basis and shall be further transmitted to the Government of H.P.

By order

(Tarun Kapoor)

Principal Secretary (Forests) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Endst. No. As above

Dated Shimla-2, the 24-08-2016.

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1. P.S. to the Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh.
2. P.S. to the Forest Minister, Himachal Pradesh.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), H.P. Shimla-01.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wild Life) H.P. Shimla-01.
5. The Controller, Printing & Stationary Deptt. H.P Government Shimla-09 for publication in the Rajpatra.
6. All the Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
7. All the Chief Conservator of Forests, Himachal Pradesh.
8. All the Conservator of Forests, Himachal Pradesh.
9. All the Divisional Forest Officer, Himachal Pradesh.
10. Guard file.

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o/c Joint Secretary (Forests) to the
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- 2 CCFs(Wild Life)Dharamshala and Shimla.
- 3 All CCFs(T) in H.P.

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They are requested to operationalise the Rapid Response Teams immediately and send action taken report to this office.

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Addl. Pr. CCF (Project Management) a/