



Government of India
Ministry of Environment and Forests
(Wildlife Division)

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The Chief Wildlife Wardens
All States/Union Territories

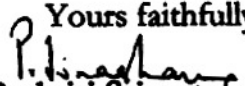
Sub: **Withdrawal of Revised Guidelines for determination of Critical Wildlife Habitats.**

Sir,

The Ministry of Environment and Forests vide letter of even no. dated 7th February 2011, had circulated the revised guidelines with respect to determination of Critical Wildlife Habitats. However, members of some civil society organizations made representations to the Ministry that some technical, scientific, social and ecological issues related to the process of identification and notification of Critical Wildlife Habitats and the consequent process of relocation of people from such areas required to be fine tuned to make it perfectly compliant to the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

The Ministry organized a meeting with the officers of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, State/UT Governments and the representatives of scientific and civil society organizations on 4th March 2011 to discuss the revised guidelines.

Taking a note of their concerns, the Ministry has decided to withdraw the guidelines issued on 7th February 2011, and has initiated the process for having new guidelines in place.

Yours faithfully,

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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Principal Secretary (Forests), all States/Union Territories.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, all States/Union Territories.
4. DIG, Forest Policy Division, MoEF.
5. NIC Cell- with a request to upload the letter on the official website of MoEF.