

## **A SURVEY OF FUELWOOD AND FODDER CONSUMPTION PATTERN IN SOME VILLAGES LOCATED ON THE PERIPHERY OF KEDARNATH WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The people in Garhwal Himalaya are traditionally depended on nearby forests for their daily needs of fuel wood and fodder. The present study was carried out in three high altitude villages, located in Rudraprayag district on the periphery of Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary, with the objective to study the fuel wood and fodder consumption pattern of the villages. The study indicates a high level of exploitation of forest near the villages. Although in this area plenty of fuel wood and fodder is easily available. But it is necessary to maintain the availability of these resources for longer period, for that the consumption should be reduced or maintained at the present level. Other alternatives should also be used.

**Key words: Fodder, forest, fuel wood, grazing, consumption pattern.**

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