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A discussion on how to minimize the impacts of road construction within the Leuser Ecosystem and protect Aceh forest while furthering infrastructure development

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Recent situation on the ground related to the construction of Aceh's road, the sections that run through the Leuser Ecosystem

Google Earth (2013-2015)

Seeking a field-based solution to minimize the adverse effects of the Aceh's road construction within the Leuser ecosystem.

96°28'48.78"E 4°17'13.62"N [3/15/2015]

The construction of the road through the Leuser Ecosystem requires serious, concrete and urgent action to reduce the damage being caused.

96°29'21.6"E 4°18'10.02"N [3/15/2015]

96°30'34.14"E 4°20'39.06"N [3/15/2015]

96°46‘51.42"E 3°56'25.56"N [3/17/2015]

96°48'14.82"E, 3°56'38.7"N [3/17/2015]

96°48'43.38"E 3°56'31.5"N [3/17/2015]

96°48'56.76"E 3°56'45.54"N [3/15/2015]

These photos should serve as a wake-up call to us all that if action is not immediately taken to address the adverse effects of the Aceh's road construction, it will be too late.

96°51'12.6"E 3°57'22.02"N [3/17/2015]

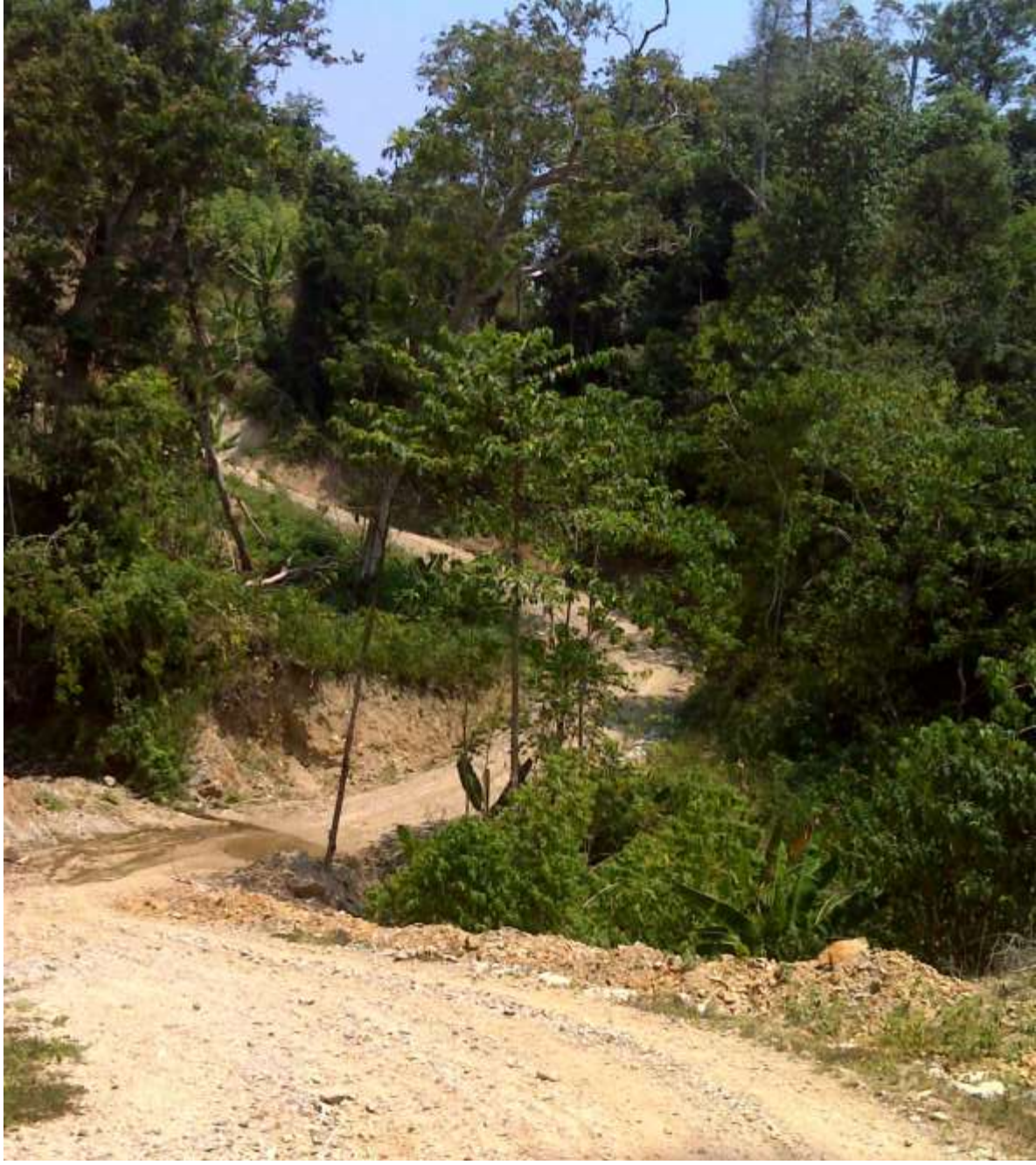
96°49'34.02"E, 3°56'54.6"N [3/17/2015]

97°3'47.7"E 4°42'47.82"N [3/22/2015]

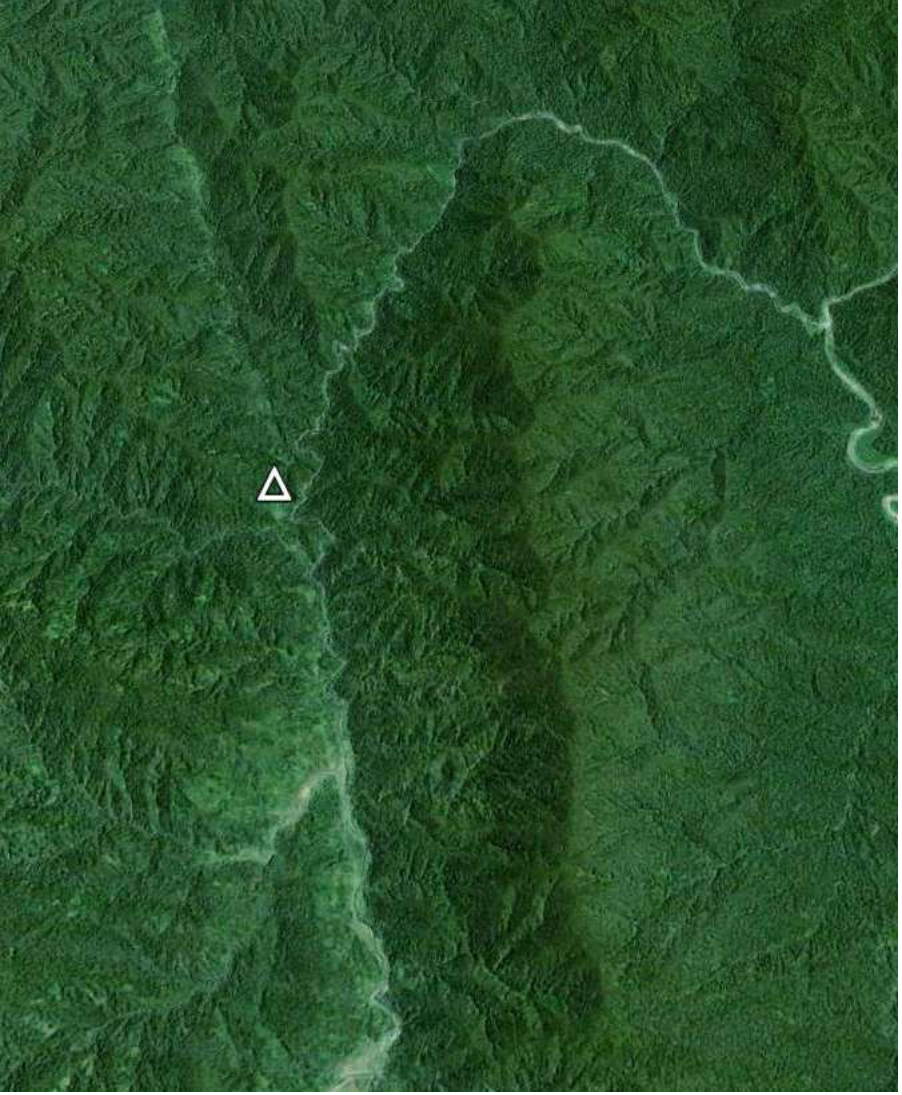
97°9'0.63"E, 4°41'36.06"N [3/22/2015]

97°12'43.86"E 4°40'10.02"N [3/22/2015]

There is no other choice but to seek a rapid and field-based solution to minimize the adverse effects of the road's construction, particularly on the Leuser ecosystem.



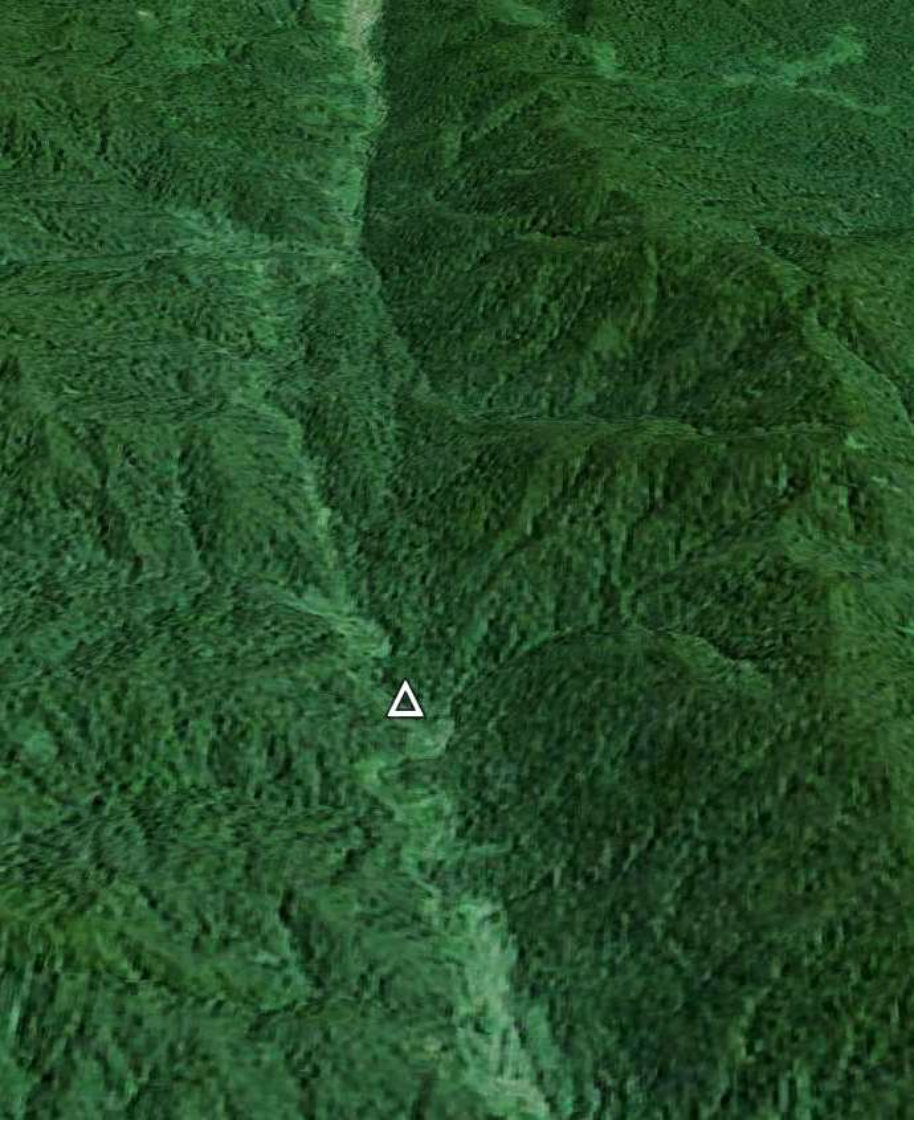
97°34'44.04"E, 4°10'23.82"N [3/23/2015]



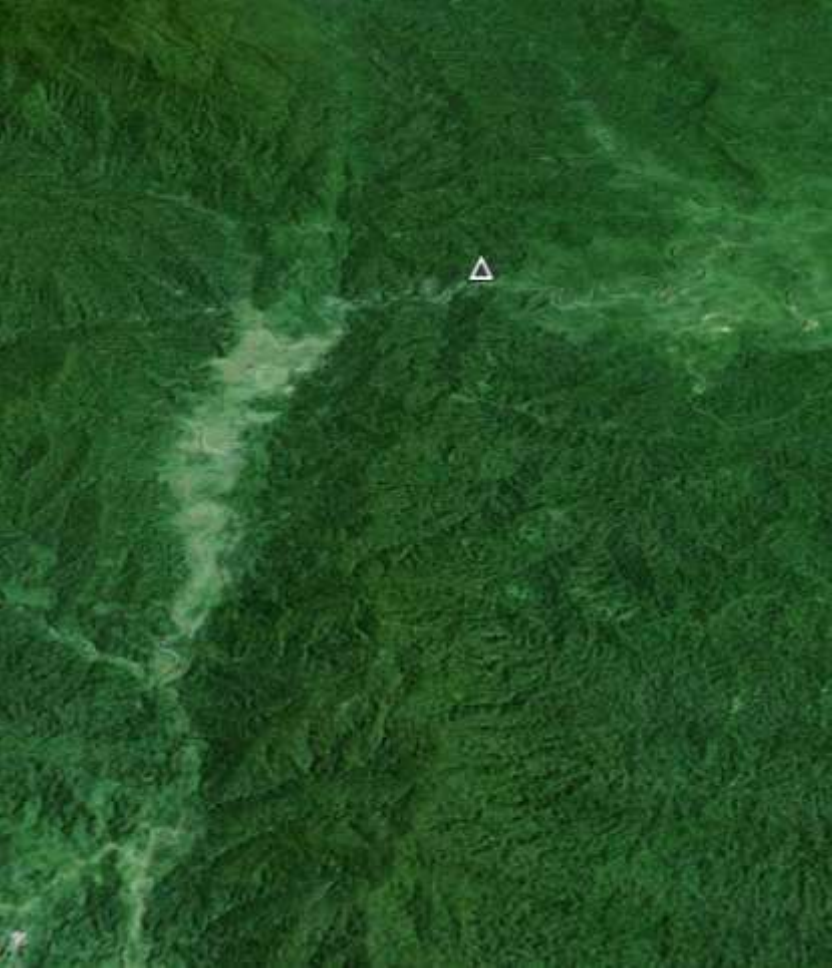
97°34'21.12"E, 4°11'23.52"N [3/23/2015]

Currently, forests are being opened up on both sides of the road. This has been accompanied by rampant illegal logging.

97°32'37.5"E, 4°17'3.66"N [3/23/2015]



97°32'24.6"E 4°18'0.3"N [3/23/2015]



97°32'4.56"E 4°30'52.2"N [3/23/2015]

- **Construction of the road needs to be monitored closely on the ground by all stakeholders**

- **The technology and other relevant resources made available by the international community is, of course, indispensable for the purpose of supporting quick action by the Aceh government so as to minimize the damage being caused to the Leuser Ecosystem**

Thank you!