
Secret Of Jrvezh Forest Park

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The Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia recognized the alienation of the land area of 21,76 ha from "Jrvezh" Forest Park.

As "EcoLur" organization told ArmInfo, in reply to "EcoLur" request to clarify, whether a land area has been actually alienated from "Jrvezh" Forest Park situated on the crossroad of Garni-Yerevan highway, Samvel Amirkhanyan, Head of Administration of the Ministry of Nature Protection of RA, (letter numbered 5/22/1052 dated on 20.08.09), in particular, brought the following clarifications:

"The mapping and zoning of "Jrvezh" Forest Park, a part of "Forest Park Complex" State Non-Commercial Organization of the Ministry of Nature Protection of RA, were carried out in 2007-2008. During the mapping and zoning some issues were revealed that refer to biodiversity, number and spreading of plant and animal species. As a result of the territory reconsideration, more exact zoning and mapping of the forest park, the territory of the forest park made up 400,43 confirmed by the government decision N~L 684 Đ~L dated on 18.06.09 without the land area of 21, 76 ha, which is the subject of the enquiry.

Basing on the fact that the aforementioned land area bordering with Voghchaberd and Jrvezh Communities, as well as with Yerevan-Garni-Voghchaberd highway has no fence (only 150 m out of more than 1150 m), as well as on the fact that this land area presents difficulties in regard to care, safety and management.

Before the mapping, the size of "Jrvezh" Forest Park territory made up 400 ha, and, as a matter of fact, it remains unchanged, as other territories rich in biodiversity were joined to the forest park."

Thus, the Ministry of Nature Protection of RA approved the fact of exchange of territories in "Jrvezh" Forest Park. What about the fact that land area presents difficulties in regard to care, safety and management, "EcoLur" invites the representatives of the Ministry to get familiar with the splendid pine forest growing in the alienated land area, to walk along the natural border separating this land area from the highway, as well as to view the new stony and arid territories.

It should be noted when the actual exchange of the territories took place in 2007, the Head of "Forest Park Complex" State Non-Commercial Organization was Ashot Avalyan who is Deputy Head of Administration of the Ministry of Nature Protection of RA at present.
