

Out-of-shaped Forest Health Wellness Is Threatening Natural Forest and Wetland

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Abstract:

Following the introduction of Management Measures for Examination and Approval of Construction Projects Using Forestland by the then State Forestry Administration in 2015, the Announcement of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration (No.2, 2021) by the same department, and the Opinions on Promoting the Development of Forest Health Wellness Industry that were jointly issued by the National Forestry and Grassland Administration, Ministry of Civil Affairs, National Health Commission and National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine in 2019, forest resources, health wellness industry and real estate development have been twisted together by market demand and capital for profits, and thus gave birth to many means of obtaining benefits through real estate development projects under the slogan of forest health wellness. This article is based on disputes arising from the development and construction of the project Shangri-La Village Haizishan International Forest Wellness Tourism Resort in Yucheng District of Ya'an City of Sichuan Province. The article explores the common problems caused by the construction of forest health wellness base in China, and calls for the reduction of forest health wellness development from the One Health perspective so as to protect important ecosystems and wildlife habitats.

Key words: forest health wellness, deforestation, wetland protection, One Health, biological habitat

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(The building on the left is the first phase of Haizishan Project, which has been completed and is under renovation. On the right, the second phase is under construction. Photo by reporter Zhou Tailai from Caixin)



(Three workers are working on grouting. In the middle of the picture is a grouting machine. One worker said they had to dig 30 to 40 meters deep and plug the gap with cement mud so that the Dahaizi could hold water. Photoed by reporter Zhou Tailai from Caixin)



(Dahaizi wetland is formed in the depression of Haizi Mountain, the developer is repairing vertical shafts and horizontal shafts to form drainage works. Landslides caused by the exploitation caused a lot of soil to flow into the Dahaizi, which polluted the water and caused losses to local farmers. Photoed by reporter Zhou Tailai from Caixin)