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Assessment of morphometric parameters of Khulgad watershed using geographical information system and remote sensing

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RAJDEV PANWAR Department of Soil and Water Conservation Engineering, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, PANTNAGAR (UTTARAKHAND) INDIA Email : rajdevpanwar22@ gmail.com ■ ABSTRACT : Khulgad watershed is the constituent of the Kosi river basin and is located to the west of the Almora town in the Hawalbagh Development Block of Almora district in the Uttarakhand. The watershed is bounded within 79°32'20.71" to 79°37'11.19" E longitude and 29°34'30.20" to 29°38'48.03"N latitude, covering an area of 32.57 km² and having cool temperature climate with an annual average temperature of 20°C. To achieve the Morphometric analysis, toposheet No. 63 C/ 2 Survey of India (SOI) in 1:50000 scales are procured and the boundary line is extracted by joining the ridge points. This will serve as area of interest for preparing base map and thematic maps. The drainage map is prepared with the help of geographical information system tool and morphometric parameters such as linear, aerial and relief aspects of the watershed have been determined. These dimensionless and dimensional parametric values are interpreted to understand the watershed characteristics. From the drainage map of the study area dendritic drainage pattern is identified. Strahler (1964) stream ordering method is used for stream ordering of the watershed. The mean bifurcation ratio of the watershed is 3.49.

KEY WORDS : Khulgad watershed, GIS, Remote sensing, Morphometric parameters (linear, areal, relief)

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