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The objectives of the study are to examine the degree of participation of the community leaders concerning forest demolition. The data were collected from 360 community leaders in the upper north region in Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Phrae and Lampang. The community leaders from who the data were collected from are heads of the villages (Mu-Baan), leaders of the Subdistricts (Thambol) and the members of the Thambol Administratives. The results of the study are summarised as follow:

- Most of the community leaders attended the conference with the Thambol and Amphur Administrations more than with the Provincial, local and forestry police.
- Most of the community leaders observed and reported the forest demolition, but a few of them participated in the suppression of forest demolition.
- 3. The community leaders whose age is below 50 years old participated in prevention and suppression of forest demoling more than the ones whose age is over 50 years old.
- 4. The community leaders who had longer duration in duty had more participation in prevention and suppression of forest demolition.
- 5. The community leaders who had taken benefit from the forestry use had more participation in prevention and suppression of forest demolition than the ones who had not taken benefit from the forestry use.

The author recommends that the authorities concerned with prevention and suppression of forest demolition should search for the cooperation from the community leaders who have longer duration in living in the locality and have longer time of positioning in duty who have higher tendency to participate in forest demolition prevention and suppression.