

Peer review report 2 on “A participatory approach to determine the use of road cut slope design guidelines in Nepal to lessen landslides”

The revised Manuscript egosphere-2024-1300 from the NHSS section has significantly improved and authors have addressed thoroughly the comments from the first revision. It showcases the value of applying participatory approaches to evaluate and improve the road cut slope design guidelines in Nepal. The paper provides a well-reasoned and detailed analysis of the issues surrounding road cut slope design guidelines in Nepal, with practical and actionable recommendations to prevent landslide occurrence. Thus, it is of relevance to the field of natural hazards and the Journal.

However, it needs to strengthen the discussion and conclusion with the following revisions:

- Discussion: The use of road construction as a political bargain is a recurring theme in the text; however, the paper doesn't explore recommendations to tackle this issue.
- Conclusions:
 - While the study offers valuable insights for Nepal, especially regarding technical recommendations, it is essential to expand on the broader implications and applicability of these conclusions to other regions facing similar challenges. This particularly pertains to weighing the advantages and limitations of participatory approaches rather than providing specific technical recommendations for road cut slope design in Nepal, which are already covered in the Results and Discussion.
 - The conclusions section is lengthy, content overloaded in duplicated content from previous sections, particularly in terms of technical recommendations. A concise summary of both the gaps/challenges and the recommendations is necessary to enhance clarity and impact.
 - Next steps should prioritize future research rather than detailing the requirements for new guidelines. Any text currently in that section should be relocated to the discussion to maintain relevance, while a clear research outlook should be articulated: "Future research should focus on..." in alignment with emerging/remaining knowledge gaps and/or methodological limitations encountered.

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