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Research data on runoff as influenced by tree harvesting and man-made plantations are presented. Two small forest (brush) watersheds,  $W_1F$  (1.45 ha) and  $W_2F$  (0.87 ha) were calibrated for 8 years (1961-68). During calibration period,  $W_1F$  gave 18 per cent more runoff and 63 per cent higher peak rate of runoff as compared to  $W_2F$ . In the year 1969,  $W_1F$  was clear felled and reafforested with *Eucalyptus* spp. The post-calibration relationship

indicates that  $W_1F$  (treated) after afforestation gave 10 per cent less runoff and peak rates of runoff as compared to  $W_2F$  (untreated). The total reduction of 28 per cent in runoff and 73 per cent in peak rate is due to afforestation resulting in fully stocked plantation and a dense undergrowth. The study has quantitatively indicated the effectiveness of afforestation in reducing runoff and its peak rate by 28 and 75%, respectively.