

MNR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 07-86

SUBJECT : Implementing Guidelines for the Management and Development of Areas Reverted to Forest Lands by Virtue of Memorandum Order No. 17 dated June 17, 1986

Pursuant to the provisions of Memorandum Order No. 17 dated June 17, 1986, which amended Presidential Proclamation No. 2282, dated March 29, 1983, by reverting to their former status as forest lands certain parcels of land reclassified as alienable and disposable by the latter Proclamation, the Natural Resources Management Center (NRMC) is hereby authorized to exercise jurisdiction and control over said forest lands comprising a total area of 1,502,214 hectares, more or less, and to assume responsibility for their management and development, in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. The Natural Resources Management Center shall prepare a general management and development plan for all forest land areas that may be turned over, transferred or ceded to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) in conformity with the mandates of Presidential Proclamation No. _____. The plan shall be drawn in accordance with the new thrusts and objectives of the Ministry of Natural Resources especially of its Upland Productivity Program;
2. The development and management of said areas shall be subject to private rights, if any there be, and to the conditions that all existing land resource management contracts shall continue to be in force and effect. Provided, that contracts of similar nature favorably recommended by the Ministry of Human Settlements and MNR shall be given due course;
3. The allocation of said areas for various upland productivity development purposes shall be subject to future ground survey and delimitation;
4. All areas inside established national parks, watershed reserves, existing reforestation projects, and steep slopes under MNR jurisdiction shall be immediately delineated and turned over to the Bureau of Forest Development for reforestation and community-based forestry purposes;
5. NRMC shall also design and implement a financial management scheme for the collection and disbursement of monies, incomes, or revenues generated from the use, development, or commercial exploitation of the area. Provided, that such scheme shall be in accordance with existing laws and regulation;
6. The NRMC shall immediately effect the transfer to it of appropriate personnel, records, documents, equipment and other assets, including the balance of unexpended funds of the Shares in Kabuhayan Program Office (SKPO), Ministry of Human Settlements, the same to be used for the development of the area;
7. All agencies of the MNR shall assist in the implementation of any development and/or management projects drawn for the area;
8. For the remaining period of Calendar Year 1986, funds for the implementation of development and management projects for the area shall come from the MNR and NRMC, and the unexpended funds and appropriations of the SKPO. Thereafter, the appropriation for these projects shall be included in the annual budget of the NRMC;

9. All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Administrative Order are hereby repealed;

10. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Minister

(Source: Leonilo R. Rivera, Chief, Protected Area & Wildlife Bureau, DENR XI)