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Ms. GEMMA MACMAC, et al.
Bgy. Buluang, Busuanga, Palawan

Dear Ms. Macmac, et al.:

Greetings!

Inadvertently referred to this Office, your supposed protest against the listing during the cadastral survey of a certain Esteban Tajanlangit and Vicente Sandoval apparently as claimants of land tracts you allege to have occupied for not less than thirty (30) long years, is sanctioned nowhere in the law, i.e. because surveys, being mere geographic positioning of points, do not constitute conclusive evidence of ownership.

Assuming that the estate therein referred to is within the state's domain classified agricultural (alienable/disposable), in that not one of the attachments mentioned in your letter was found actually enclosed hopefully for a hint, the DENR only hears objections filed against subsisting public land applications (Section 102 of CA 141, The Public Land Act as Amended) including review (Sec. 91) of those already patented if but to determine the propriety of initiating a reversion proceeding (Sec. 26, DAO 2016-31).

Without the pieces of information necessary in arriving at a sound recommendation on the matter, please be advised to see our CENR Office in Coron. Your getting the preference desired much depends upon your being able to convince the Office especially on the length of possession alleged in that prior occupation of public lands done in good faith, defeats even the interests of a recorded applicant, if any (Sec. 95 of CA 141).

Please be guided and thank you for cooperating.

Very truly yours,

EMER D. GARRAEZ
CENR Officer

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