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Sir,

Good day!

This is in relation to your letter dated February 7, 2022 requesting this Office to conduct easement inspection of Pangatalan Island relating to your application for Forest Land Use Agreement for Tourism (FLAgT) purposes located at Barangay Depla, Taytay, Palawan.

Based on the records of this Office, Pangatalan Island was not reflected in the cadastral map during the conduct of cadastral survey nor in the Land Classification Map. However, in the digitized LC Map, the subject area falls within **Timberland** area per Project IX, LC Map No. 939 dated March 21, 1932


On March 1, 2022, personnel of this Office conducted an easement inspection placing eight (8) pvc pipes markers on the delineated 40-meter easement zone. Inspection report of the team reveals that not less than eleven (11) structures were built inside and within the island (*as indicated on your submitted CDMP*), however, four (4) of which were found to be within the delineated 40-meter easement zone.

Article 51 of Presidential Decree 1067, known as The Water Code of the Philippines clearly states that *"the banks of rivers and streams and the shores of the seas and lakes throughout their entire length and within a zone of three (3) meters in urban areas, twenty (20) meters in agricultural areas and forty (40) meters in forest areas, along their margins are subject to the easement of public use in the interest of recreation, navigation, floatage, fishing and salvage. No person shall be allowed to stay in this zone longer than what is necessary for recreation, navigation, floatage or salvage or to build structures of any kind."*

In the observance of due process, you are hereby enjoined to submit within (5) days from the receipt hereof your written explanation (comment/counter-affidavit/explanation) relative to the structures that built within the 40-meter easement zone. Failure to submit the said document/s shall be considered a waiver thereof compelling this Office to issue notices in violation of the aforementioned policy.

Thank you.

Yours,



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