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MEMORANDUM

TO : **THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY**
Policy, Planning, and Foreign Assisted Special Projects and
concurrent Director of the Forest Management Bureau

THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
Regions 4B, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13

FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and
Climate Change and
Head, Task Force Build Back Better Secretariat

SUBJECT : **FUND SOURCES FOR THE USE OF CONFISCATED
CHAINSAWS FOR CLEARING OPERATIONS**

DATE : 28 February 2022

This pertains to the Letter reply of the Department of Budget and Management to the **Presidential Directive (PD) No. 2022-011** entitled “**Conversion of Fallen Trees Into Reusable Housing Materials For Typhoon Odette Survivors**” directing the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Department of National Defense-Office of Civil Defense (DND-OCD) to conduct the following, subject to relevant laws, rules and regulations:

1. Implement a mechanism to engage services of qualified chainsaw operators and workers who will assist in converting fallen trees into reusable lumber for the construction of houses for Typhoon Odette victims; and
2. Coordinate with the Department of Budget and Management and Office of the President – Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary for Finance Administration on the needed funding to remunerate interested licensed chainsaw owners and users for their service.

The letter mentioned that the clearing operations specifically during heavy winds/storms and other natural and human-made calamities and the engagement of services of qualified chainsaw operators and workers falls within the mandate of the Department of Public Works and Highways, through its Bureau of Equipment.

During the 29th Task Force Build Back Better meeting last 3 February 2022, then Secretary Roy A. Cimat directed the DENR to lend confiscated chainsaws to appropriate Offices such as the DPWH, DND and the Department of Interior and Local Government in aid

to their road clearing activities. Further, the concerned CENR Offices were directed to take into account the lent chainsaws and monitor their use and return.

The following fund sources may be considered for the above-mentioned activities:

- Agency-specific budget of the DENR under the FY 2022 General Appropriations Acts, or the agency which will be identified to oversee the implementation of the Presidential Directive;
- Quick Response Fund of the OCD under the FY 2022 General Appropriations Act;
- National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund or the Contingent Fund, subject to adherence with the existing laws, rules, and regulations, should the project be considered as a priority of the administration; and
- Appropriations of concerned Local Government Units (LGUs) which may be offered as counterpart for national government funding, considering the increase in the share of LGUs in national taxes as result of the Mandanas Ruling by the Supreme Court.

For your information and reference.


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CC: The Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment