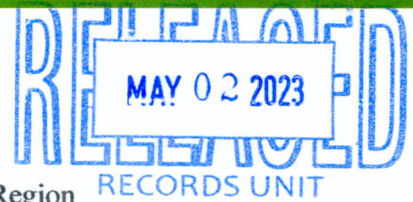




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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Directors
DENR Regions I, III, VI, VII, X, XIII,
CALABARZON Region, and MIMAROPA Region

FROM : The OIC- Assistant Secretary for Field Operations- Western Mindanao
and Director, in concurrent capacity

SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND GROUND
VALIDATION FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE POLICIES
RELEVANT TO THE SPECIAL USE OF FOREST LANDS**

DATE : APR 28 2023

This has reference to the numerous requests for clarifications and policy recommendations being received and acted on by the DENR Central Office and the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) regarding the guidelines covering the Special Use of Forest Lands particularly DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2004-28 or the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of Forestlands for Tourism Purposes," DAO No. 2004-59 or the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Special Uses of Forestlands," and other related policies and guidelines concerning Special Land Use Permit (SLUP), Special Land Use Lease Agreement (SPLULA), Other Lawful Purposes Lease Agreement (OLPLA), Forest Landuse Agreement (FLAg), and Forest Landuse Agreement for Tourism Purposes (FLAgT).

The FMB is mandated to provide technical guidance to the DENR Central and Field Offices for the effective protection, development, and conservation of forestlands and watersheds, and to recommend policies and programs towards the achievement of sustainable forest management, based on science and principles of good forest governance.

Relative thereto, this Office deems that the conduct of monitoring, evaluation, ground validation, and document review relative to the matter is necessary in order to gather the comprehensive data and information on the actual implementation of the aforementioned policies at the field level.

In view thereof, please be informed that the concerned technical personnel of FMB will conduct the proposed activity within the 2nd and 3rd Quarters of CY 2023, and the proposed schedule per Region shall be officially transmitted through email. The activity aims to capture the issues, concerns, and recommendations of the concerned DENR Field Offices vis-à-vis the actual implementation of the policies relating to the Special Use of Forest Lands. Such activities will result in the generation of the essential data and information that would lead to the preparation and formulation of an updated, integrated, and enhanced policy on the matter.

Moreover, the conduct of the proposed activity is in consideration of the urgent need of the DENR Regional and Field Offices for an updated procedural guideline on the Special Use of Forest Lands in view of the issuance of DAO No. 2022-10 "Revised DENR Manual of Authorities on Technical Matters" dated 30 May 2022. In addition, the concerns that are being raised by the permit/agreement holders regarding certain provisions of our current policies on the matter are also being taken into account.

Foregoing considered, the Region is being requested to prepare the pertinent data, files, and other related documents (e.g. identified issues/concerns, policy recommendations, including database/copy of permits/agreements, among others) for the conduct of the proposed activity and to provide necessary assistance to the FMB personnel during the duration of the activity including the coordination with the concerned Field Offices.

The Forest Land Use and Allocation Section (FLUAS) of the Forest Resources Management Division (FRMD) will closely coordinate with you on the matter. Should you have queries or clarifications, please directly coordinate with them through telephone number: **(02) 8929-1324** or via email address: **frmd.fluas@fmb.denr.gov.ph**.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION.


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