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The Regional Executive Director

DENR MIMAROPA Region

1515 DENR By the Bay Building, Roxas Boulevard,

Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

THRU

The OIC, ARD for Technical Services

FROM

The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT

FIRELINE ESTABLISHMENT ON THE IDENTIFIED FOREST

FIRE PRONE AREA LOCATED AT BARANGAYS OF ELVITA

AND POBLACION, NARRA, PALAWAN

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum of CENRO Quezon, Palawan dated March 16, 2023 relative the above subject.

Per memorandum, the identified forest fire prone has a total area of more or less twenty (20) hectares and within the graduated National Greening Program (NGP) project established sometime in 2012 at Barangays of Taritien, Elvita, and Poblacion Narra, Palawan.

Further, the recently established fireline for this CY 2023 is just a continuation of the fireline established last year of 2022 covering an area of more or less sixty (60) hectares.

For information and further instruction.

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March 16, 2023

DENR PENRO PALAWAN RECORDS

MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

DENR R IVB – MIMAROPA 1515 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

THRU

The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM

The OIC, Community Environment and

Natural Resources Officer and Concurrent

PASu, MMPL

SUBJECT

FIRELINE ESTABLISHMENT ON THE IDENTIFIED FOREST

FIRE PRONE AREA LOCATED AT BARANGAYS ELVITA AND

POBLACION, NARRA, PALAWAN

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated March 15, 2023 of Forester David E. Gallema, Jr., Chief, MES submitting the narrative report with corresponding digitized map and geo-tagged photos of fireline established within the identified forest fire prone area located at Barangays Taritien and Elvita, Narra, Palawan.

Further informed that the area is a graduated National Greening Program (NGP) project established sometime in 2012. Per inspection, validation and history of fire occurrence, the area was confirmed prone to forest fire.

For your information, reference and further instruction.

REXAZO S. GONZAGA



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MEMORANDUM

FOR

The OIC, Community Environment and

Natural Resources Officer and Concurrent

PASu, MMPL

FROM

Forester II David E. Gallema, Jr.

Chief, MES

SUBJECT

FIRELINE ESTABLISHMENT ON THE IDENTIFIED FOREST

FIRE PRONE AREA WITHIN A GRADUATTED NATIONAL **GREENING PROGRAM** (NGP) AREA LOCATED BARANGAYS ELVITA AND POBLACION, NARRA, PALAWAN

Submitted is the narrative report on the establishment of fireline within the graduated NGP Project (2012) identified as forest fire prone area located at Barangays Elvita and Poblacion, Narra, Palawan. This is in compliance with the listed activity under Menu 8.2 as reflected on FY 2023 Work and Financial Plan (WFP). Below are details of information concerning the subject area:

I. FACTS/BACKGOUND:

The identified forest fire prone area having a total area of more or less twenty (20) hectares is within a graduated National Greening Program (NGP) project established sometime in 2012 at Barangays Taritien, Elvita and Poblacion, Narra, Palawan under the jurisdiction of then CENRO Narra, Palawan (dissolved) now under the jurisdiction of CENRO Quezon, Palawan.

The graduated NGP project covering an area of more or less sixty (60) hectares was awarded to Sagpangan Tribal Multi-Purpose Cooperative, a duly registered People's Organization represented by Jeneth O. Estrella.

It is informed that the recently established fireline for this CY 2023 is just a continuation of the fireline established last year (2022) within the graduated NGP project covering an area of more or less sixty (60) hectares.

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA:

The identified fire prone area within the NGP project is situated at the foot of Victoria-Anipahan Mountain Range. It is characterized by moderate slope into rolling plains. Current vegetation in the area are planted trees (Mahogany, Batino Ipil, Narra and other species) and naturally grown trees such as Molave, Iron wood, Myrtaceae species and climbing bamboos (Balikaw).

Due to frequent fire occurrence in the past years, the area is gradually vegetated with climbing bamboo (locally known as "Balikaw") which made the area to be more vulnerable to wild fires. From the NGP project area down to the agricultural plains are several CLOA areas. Clearing and development activities of owners/occupants in their respective areas awarded under CLOA are believed to be the cause of frequent wild fires in the NGP project area.

III. ISSUES AND CONCERNS ABOUT THE NGP AREA:

- 1. The awarded CLOA areas are just adjacent to the established NGP project, the clearing and development activities of occupants/owner in their respective areas are believed to be the cause of frequent wild fires in the area;
- 2. Some CLOA occupants gradually expanding their clearing of their respective areas and thereby encroaching portions of the NGP project area;
- Sites of illegal charcoal making activity near the NGP project area were noticed;
 and
- 4. Considering the present vegetation in the area and the developmental activities of CLOA occupants adjacent to the NGP project, the area is really prone to forest fire.

IV. FIRELINE ESTABLISHMENT:

Since the graduated NGP Project area was identified as fire prone area, establishment of fireline was considered as one of the mitigating measures that has to be undertaken.

In the establishment of fireline, five (5) workers/laborers who resides near the vicinity of the project area were chosen to establish the fireline. The established fireline measures 5-7 meters wide and 500 meters in length having an approximate total area of 0.25 hectares.



The fireline establishment involves progressive strip line construction wherein vegetation within the desired strip were partially cut/cleared throughout the entire length of the fireline. This is followed by a final clearing wherein partially cut vegetation were again cut/cleared near the surface of the ground.

In order to totally clear the fireline, the prescribed burning technique was applied. Totally desiccated vegetation cleared from the fireline were gathered at the center and burnt.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Frequent monitoring in the area should be conducted;
- To avoid further encroachment in the NGP project area and illegal activities therein, the area should be considered for any tree planting activities such as events and celebration and in compliance of tree planting for issued ECC and other permits;
- 3. Since the established fireline are totally cleared of vegetation, it would be better if planted with trees to avoid growing of grass and other vegetation.

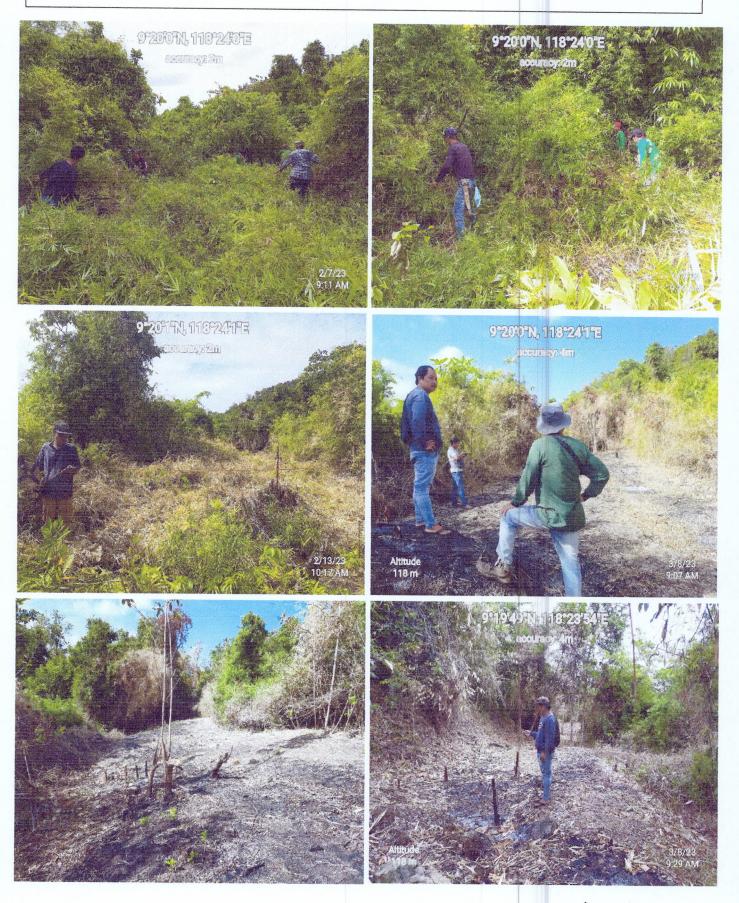
VI. ATTACHMENT:

- 1. Digitized map showing the established fireline within the NGP Project (2012) identified as forest fire prone area;
- 2. Geo-tagged photos during the progressive strip line construction/partial brushing; and
- 3. Geo-tagged photos of totally cleared fireline.

For his information, reference and further instruction.

DAVIDE. GALLEMA, JR

Below are geo-tagged pictures showing the established fireline The fireline establishment involves progressive strip line construction wherein vegetation within the desired strip (5-7 meters wide) were partially cut/cleared throughout the entire length (500 meters) of the fireline. In order to totally clear the fireline, prescribed burning technique was applied. Totally desiccated vegetation cleared from the fireline were gathered at the center and burnt.



Prepared by:

DAVID E. GALLEMA, JR. Chief, MES

