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MEMORANDUM

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OIC, ARD for Technical Services

FROM

The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT

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IDENTIFIED FOREST FIRE PRONE AREA WITH

CORRESPONDING DIGITIZED MAP WITHIN A GRADUATED NGP PROJECT LOCATED AT BARANGAYS ELVITA AND

POBLACION, NARRA, PALAWAN

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum of CENRO Quezon, Palawan dated February 27, 2023 relative the above subject.

Per memorandum, CENRO Quezon submitted the narrative report of identified forest fire prone area with corresponding digitized map within the NGP Graduated Project. The identified fire prone area has a total of more or less sixty (60) hectares located at Barangay Elvita, Taritien and Poblacion, Narra, Palawan.

For information and further instruction.

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February 27, 2023

MEMORANDUM

DENR PENRO PALAWAN RECORDS

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The Regional Executive Director

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DENR MIMAROPA Region 1515 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

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The Provincial Environment and

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Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM

The OIC, Community Environment and

Natural Resources Officer and Concurrent

PASu, MMPL

SUBJECT

IDENTIFIED FOREST FIRE PRONE AREA WITH

CORRESPONDING DIGITIZED MAP WITHIN A GRADUATED NGP PROJECT LOCATED AT BARANGAYS ELVITA AND POBLACION,

NARRA, PALAWAN

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated February 24, 2023 of Forester David E. Gallema, Jr., Chief, MES submitting the narrative report of identified forest fire prone area with corresponding digitized map. This is in compliance with the listed activity under Menu 8.1 as reflected on FY 2023 Work and Financial Plan (WFP).

Further informed that the identified fire prone area is adjacent to the one that was identified and submitted in 2022 and within the graduated NGP project covering an area of more or less sixty (60) hectares located at Barangay Elvita, Taritien and Poblacion, Narra, Palawan.

For your information, reference and further instruction.



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GENR-GENRO ROEZON, PALAWAN

MEMORANDUM

TO

The OIC, Community Environment and

Natural Resources Officer and Concurrent

PASu, MMPL

FROM

Forester II David E. Gallema, Jr.

Chief, MES

SUBJECT

IDENTIFIED FOREST FIRE PRONE AREA WITH

CORRESPONDING DIGITIZED MAP WITHIN A GRADUATED

NGP PROJECT LOCATED AT BARANGAYS ELVITA AND

POBLACION, NARRA, PALAWAN

Submitted is the narrative report with corresponding digitized map of identified forest fire prone area within a graduated NGP Project Area located at Barangays Taritien and Elvita, Narra, Palawan. This is in compliance with the listed activity under Menu 8.1 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 the graduated National Greening Program (NGP) project established sometime in 2012 in Barangay Taritien, Elvita & Poblacion, Narra, Palawan under the jurisdiction of then CENRO Narra, Palawan (dissolved) now under the jurisdiction of CENRO Quezon, Palawan.

The 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 identified fire prone area is adjacent to the one that was identified and submitted in 2022. The identified forest fire prone area identified in 2022 and the identified fire prone area for this CY 2023 are both within the graduated NGP project covering an area of more or less sixty (60) hectares.

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II. BRIEF 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 and other species) an naturally grown trees such as Molave, Iron wood, Myrtaceae species and climbing bamboos (Balikaw).

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

III. ISSUES AND CONCERNS ABOUT THE GRADUATED NGP AREA:

- 1. The awarded CLOA areas are just adjacent to the established NGP project, their clearing and development activities 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;
- 3. 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. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. To protect the graduated NGP project, it is necessary and strategic to establish fireline along the boundary adjacent to the CLOA areas;
- 2. Frequent monitoring in the area should be conducted; and
- 3. To avoid further encroachment in the graduated NGP project area and illegal activities therein, the area should be considered for any tree planting activities such as events and celebration and compliance of tree planting for issued ECC and other permits.

V. ATTACHMENT:

- 1. Digitized map of the identified forest fire prone area.
- 2. Geo-tagged photos of the identified forest fire prone area during validation/inspection.

For information, reference and further instruction.

DAVID E. GALLEMA, JR

SURVEY OF IDENTIFIED FOREST FIRE PRONE AREA WITHIN GRADUATED NGP LOCATED AT BARANGAYS ELVITA & POBLACION, NARRA, PALAWAN



Prepared by:

DAVID E. GALLEMA, JR. FII / Chief, MES

