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Department of Natural Resources  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Diliman, Quezon City

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1

SUBJECT: RULES AND REGULATIONS IN CLEARING AREAS  
PROPOSED TO BE DEVELOPED AS STABLE PER-  
SISTENT AND IN COMPENSATING OCCUPANTS/  
CLAIMANTS THE VALUE OF THEIR IMPROVEMENTS  
PURSUANT TO PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 619.

To effectively carry out the purposes of Presi-  
dential Decree No. 619 dated December 20, 1974, the  
following rules and regulations are hereby issued  
for the guidance and compliance of all concerned:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. The Bureau of Lands and the Bureau  
of Forest Development shall be responsible for clear-  
ing the reserved area of occupants/claimants and  
small ranchers within their respective jurisdictions.  
However, the Secretary of Natural Resources may as-  
sign personnel from any of the two agencies or any  
other office under the Department of Natural Resour-  
ces to clear any portion of the area regardless of  
its previous classification.

Section 2. The Bureau of Lands shall be responsi-  
ble for providing resettlement sites for occupants/-  
claimants of public lands who may be displaced from  
the reserved area and the Bureau of Forest Development  
shall be responsible for providing suitable pasture  
lands for the small ranchers who may also be displaced  
from the area. Resettlement sites for occupants/claim-  
ants shall be given priority over sites for displaced  
small ranchers.

Section 3. Payment shall be made only for actual  
existing improvements which shall be limited to fruit  
trees, trees and plants of economic value, rice paddies,  
artesian wells, houses and man-made buildings and  
structures, irrigation ditches and such other visible  
and immovable improvements for which labor is expended.  
Compensation for livestock may be made to small ranchers  
in the reserved area at prevailing prices in the locali-  
ty or at government price, whichever is more advanta-  
geous to the government.

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Section 4. No government funds shall be allowed for the payment of land within the reserved area.

Section 5. For purposes of administration, lands reserved pursuant to this decree shall be under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Forest Development; Provided that, at the termination of the contract, and upon dis-establishment of the reservation, the area shall be reclassified according to the best land-use.

Section 6. Titled properties within the reserved area shall be respected.

Section 7. No agency under this Department shall use any portion of its appropriation, allotment or savings therefrom for compensation or reimbursement of improvements and livestock of occupants/claimants and small ranchers within the grazing reserve without prior authorization from the Secretary of Natural Resources.

APPRAISAL AND PAYMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS

Section 8. The Bureau of Lands and the Bureau of Forest Development with the assistance of the Office of the Municipal Treasurer concerned, shall evaluate and appraise all actual and existing improvements of each occupant/claimant and rancher in the reserved area. The Municipal Treasurer concerned and/or his authorized representatives shall be entitled to reasonable travelling expenses chargeable against funds to be provided for the purpose by the Department of Natural Resources or any of its agencies, subject to accounting and auditing regulations.

Section 9. Only actual and existing improvements as of July 29, 1974 shall be evaluated and appraised for purposes of compensation.

Section 10. The appraisal and valuation made by the Bureau of Lands and the Bureau of Forest Development after attestation by the Municipal Treasurer concerned or by his authorized representative shall be approved by the Secretary of Natural Resources or his duly authorized representative.

Section 11. The occupant/claimant and/or rancher shall affix his signature on the valuation sheet to show his conformity therewith and sign the Resettlement Agreement prescribed for the purpose.

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Section 12. Fifty per cent (50%) of the appraisal or valuation shall be immediately payable to the occupant/claimant and/or rancher upon signing of the Resettlement Agreement. The balance of 50% shall be paid upon certification by the authorized representative of the Director of Lands or the Director of Forest Development that the occupant/claimant and/or rancher had actually vacated the reserved area.

Section 13. All occupants/claimants and/or ranchers who have houses or dwellings within the project area shall be entitled to a disturbance compensation of P150.00 each; they shall also have the option to salvage any usable building materials from their respective dwellings.

Section 14. If for some reasons the government and the occupant/claimant of public lands and rancher cannot agree on the valuation of the improvements, payment thereof, shall be based on the assessed value as certified by the Municipal Treasurer concerned.

ALLOCATION OF LOTS IN THE RESETTLEMENT AREA

Section 15. The Bureau of Lands, with the assistance of the Bureau of Forest Development shall select, survey and subdivide suitable resettlement sites where occupants/claimants may be relocated, and assist in their relocation. The Bureau of Forest Development shall forthwith classify as alienable and disposable such areas selected.

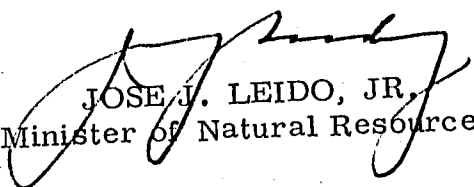
Section 16. The Bureau of Forest Development shall locate suitable areas for the small ranchers who may be displaced from the project area and assist in their relocation.

Section 17. Actual occupants/claimants in the project area, if they so desire, shall be allocated a lot in the resettlement site.

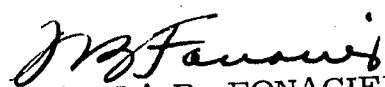
Section 18. Actual occupants for bonafide claimants in the area may also be allocated a lot in the resettlement site reserved.

Section 19. Bonafide claimants in the reserved area who are qualified to acquire public land under the provisions of the Public Land Act may also be allocated a lot in the resettlement site provided that they are willing and capable to personally work on the land.

SECTION 30. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately fifteen (15) days after publication in any one of newspapers of general circulation.

  
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