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**MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY**

TO : **THE ADMINISTRATOR**  
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**THE OIC-DIRECTORS**  
**FMB and LMB**

**ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

SUBJECT : **CLARIFYING THE LAND CLASSIFICATION STATUS OF**  
**AREAS COVERED BY EXISTING, EXPIRED OR**  
**CANCELLED FOREST LAND GRAZING LEASE**  
**AGREEMENTS/PASTURE LEASE AGREEMENTS**  
**(FLGLAS/PLAS)**

DATE : **OCT 25 2005**

This refers to the study undertaken by the Technical Committee created by this Office on areas classified as alienable or disposable found to be suitable for grazing purposes and are covered by existing, expired and cancelled Forest Land Grazing Lease Agreements/Pasture Lease Agreements (FLGLAs/PLAs).

Sections 5 and 6 of Commonwealth Act 452 otherwise known as the Pasture Land Act, provides as follows:

*"Section 5. All parcels of public land applied for grazing purposes shall be investigated by the Bureau of Forestry (now Forest Management Bureau) and if the same are found to be within the certified alienable or disposable land suitable for grazing purposes, said Bureau shall request the Bureau of Lands (now Lands Management Bureau) that said parcels of land be reverted to category of public forest land. Upon such reversion the Bureau of Forestry shall take proper action on the pasture application in accordance with the provisions of this Act."*

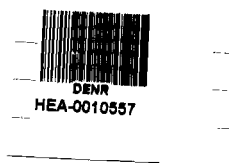
*Section 6. Upon approval of this Act, all subsisting pasture leases granted by the Bureau of Lands, shall continue in full force and effect until the date of their expiration: Provided, however, upon being advised by the Bureau of Lands of the expiration or cancellation of any pasture lease, the Bureau of Forestry shall request the Bureau of Lands that the area be reverted to the category of public forest land and there after said land shall be subject to disposition for grazing purposes in accordance with the provision of this Act. All other pasture lease applications which are still pending action in the Bureau of Lands shall be referred to the Bureau of Forestry for appropriate action."*



Therefore, it is evident in Sections 5 and 6 of CA 452, as amended, otherwise known as the Pasture Land Act, that A & D lands found suitable for grazing purposes and subsequently granted lease agreements thereon were not at one time reverted to the category of forest lands but on a case to case basis where reversion is effected simply upon request of the Bureau of Forestry to the Bureau of Lands.

Hence, it is hereby clarified that these areas have been reverted from A & D to the category of forest lands by operation of law and shall remain as such until a law shall have been enacted reclassifying the same from forestlands to A & D lands.

**FOR INFORMATION AND STRICT OBSERVANCE OF ALL CONCERN.**



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