

## Republic of the Philippines **Ministry of Natural Resources**

Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila

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DENR SPECIAL ORDER) 512 Series of 1987

SUBJECT: Creating an Ad-hoc Committee to conduct an in-depth study on the problems of logging operations within, or near critical watershed reservations.

1. In the interest of the service and for a effective planning, management and protection of critical watershed reservations, an Ad-hoc Committee is hereby created to compose the following:

> GERONDIO R. PANONG OIC Chief, Watershed Management Division (FMB)

Team Leader

ROGELIO DELA ROSA Acting Manager Licensing Department (WIDA)

Member

BERNARDO D. JASMIN Chief, Watershed and Range Management Research Division (ERDB)

Member

EULOGIO TAGUDAR Executive Secretary (PWPA)

Member

REPRESENTATIVE College of Forestry U.P. at Los Baños

- Member

- The Ad-hoc Committee shall undertake a study and evaluation of existing timber licensees within, or near critical watershed reservations with emphasis on the following:
  - Review of the definition of critical watershed;
  - b. Delineation of licensed areas affected by critical watersheds;

- Study on the implications of logging activities within critical watersheds and other forest reservations;
- d. Determination of a sound forest management system within watersheds;
- e. Possibility of generating funds to finance rehabilitation activities in critical watersheds; and
- f. Setting up of appropriate penalties for offenses in critical watershed.
- 3. The Ad-hoc Committee is hereby authorized to call upon the services of the field offices concerned for the speedy and smooth implementation of the study.
- 4. The Ad-hoc Committee will be tasked to complete its job and submit a final report within one (1) month starting from the issuance of this Order.
- 5. Members of Ad-hoc Committee shall be entitled to claim reasonable traveling expenses chargeable against the appropriation of their respective offices, subject to the usual accounting and auditing regulations.
  - 6. This order shall take effect immediately.

FILGENCIO S. FACTORAN, JR. Secretary