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SUBJECT:

Creation of a Joint Regional Forestry Team to verify.
inspect and investigate sawmill and lumber dealer operations within the administrative jurisdiction of DENR Region 3 and 4.

l. In the interest of the service and in line with the policy of the Department to intensify forest protection and law enforcement activities, a Joint Regional Forestry Team (JRFT) is hereby created to be composed of the following personnel, to wit:

- Team Leader Atty. Alexander F. Fermo DENR Region 4 FS I Romarico Melchor - Member DENR Region 3 ADF Jaime Centeno - Member DENR Region 3 Sr. Forester Laurente Redendor - Member DENR Region 3 Sr. Forester Simonito Prado - Member DENR Region 3 DF Segundino T. Martin - Member DENR Region 4 FS I Leonardo S. Taggueg - Member DENR Region 4 ADF Armando Rutaquio - Member DENR Region 4 Sr. Forester Armando Preclaro - Member DENR Region 4

2. The team is authorized to monitor the activities and operations of all lumber dealers and sawmills within the Province of Aurora, Nueva Ecija, and Bulacan under the administrative jurisdiction of DENR Region 3 and 4 and shall immediately conduct the necessary inspection, verification and investigation of any illegally cut and gathered timber and other forest products.

- 3. The Team Leader may constitute a sub-team(s) from and among its members to take charge of a particular case on matters referred for verification/investigation.
- 4. The team shall prescribe and adopt a system of working procedures to carry out its functions and objectives under this Order, in close coordination with the District Foresters concerned.
- 5. The District Office of Cabanatuan City shall be the official station of the Team for purposes of contact by the Regional Offices concerned.
- 6. The team is authorized to avail the services of other DENR Region 3 and 4 personnel whenever necessary and may secure/request the assistance of other government or non-government agencies particularly law enforcement agencies of the government whenever the exigency of service demands.
- 7. All travelling expenses and other incidental expenses in carrying out this order shall be chargeable against their respective regional allotment, subject to usual accounting and auditing procedures.
- 8. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless otherwise amended or revoked.

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