



DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

DENR Special Order

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SUBJECT: Creation of a DENR Special Task Force BNP to oversee the effective enforcement of laws within Bicol National Park (BNP).

Whereas it has been noted that squatting and poaching of timber from the BNP has continued despite the efforts of local offices in the area;

In the interest of the service pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement between DENR and Bicol National Park Foundation, Inc. (BNPFI), a DENR Special Task Force BNP is hereby created.

The Task Force shall consist of an Advisory Committee, A Secretariat and a Law Enforcement Team. The Task Force which shall report directly to the RED shall be under the overall coordination of CENRO Pobleo Florece.

1. Task Force Advisory Committee, to be composed of:

Chairman : CENRO Pobleo Florece
Members : CENRO Ernesto Tabanao
For. William Palaypayon
For. Rogel Cabauatan
Mr. Nathan Santos
For. Godofredo Manjares
For. Edwin Padolina
BNPFI Representative
Community Care Movement Representative
Legal Adviser: CENRO Antonio Abawag

2. Task Force Secretariat to be composed of personnel from CENRO in Sipocot, Camarines Sur.

3. Task Force Law Enforcement Team, to be composed of:

Four (4) Forest Rangers from CENRO Daet;
Four (4) Forest Rangers from CENRO Sipocot;
Six (6) Forest Rangers from different CENROs in Region 5 and to be detailed and rotated by the RED for the period of 3 to 6 months each; and
Ten (10) Forest Guards from BNPFI

The above Forest Rangers/Guards shall be under the direct command of the Task Force Coordinator.

The Special Task force shall be responsible for the following specific tasks:

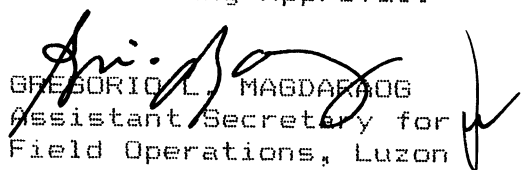
1. Review and revise if necessary, all plans/strategies related to the management and supervision of law enforcement activities at BNP.
2. Coordinate the activities of the DENR, BNPFI and other line agencies and to implement measures to effectively stop further destruction of Bicol National Park.
3. Set up two (2) new Monitoring Gates at the Northern and Southern boundaries of the Park. These gates shall be manned by members of Task Force Law Enforcement Team on a 24-hour basis.
4. Transport of logs, flitches, lumber and other minor forest products, particularly charcoal whether legally acquired or not shall be banned from using the BNP road. All jeeps, trucks and buses passing through this road shall be checked and be issued through-way tickets by the opposite monitoring gates. Notice to the public regarding this matter shall be posted in very large outdoor signs within the vicinity of the gates.
5. To effect the immediate and systematic ejection of all squatters and not to allow establishment of stores and other businesses inside the Park.
6. To perform such other functions as maybe assigned by the RED, Region 5 in connection with the effective protection of the BNP.
7. Funds from the operation of this Special Task Force shall be provided for by the Region from provision of the 1991 budget and other sources.
8. The truck now assigned at CENRO Daet shall be turned over to the Task Force Coordinator for direct deployment and use in Law Enforcement and related activities.

This Order has a duration of one year effective June 15, 1991.



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