

**DENR Administrative Order  
No. 3  
Feb. 3, 1988**

**SUBJECT : Creation of the FAO assisted Forest Fire Management Project and providing for its organization, operation and management**

**1.0 Name of the Project**

In order to effectively implement the provisions of the Project Agreement entered into between the Philippine Government (GOP) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, under TCP/PHI/6653 (T), there is hereby created a project which shall be known as the Forest Fire Management Project, hereto referred as the Project. The Project which shall run for a duration of two (2) years shall be based at NRD-1-13, Pacdal, Baguio City.

**2.0 Project Objectives**

The Project which shall serve as an initial phase for the preparation of a national fire control/management programme and intended to strengthen the capabilities of the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) in fire prevention and control shall have the following objectives:

- a. Provide guidelines and recommendations for national fire control/management programme;
- b. Organize two (2) model fire fighting teams in the pine region (Region 1);
- c. Upgrade the fire control capability of the Forest Management Bureau through provision of the most urgently needed modern equipment;
- d. Train staff of the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) and Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB) in forest fire management including basic fire research techniques;
- e. Prepare a training manual for field personnel;

- f. Prepare an outline for a research programme on forest fire management with special emphasis on fire-induced secondary pests and fire history, and initiate research in priority areas.

### 3.0 Organization and Management

The Project Manager under the direct supervision of the Regional Technical Director, Forest Management Sector, DENR Region 1, shall have full responsibility for the management and administration of day-to-day project operations. He shall submit reports to the Assistant Secretary for Foreign-Funded and Special Projects thru the FMB Director at least once a month on the progress of the Project, with copies thereof furnish to the District Foresters of NRD-1-12 and NRD-1-13 and the Regional Executive Director of Region 1, Baguio City.

To ensure smooth implementation of the Project the following implementing units are created:

- a. Operations Unit
- b. Training Unit
- c. Research and Extension Unit

Each of the technical units shall be headed by a Forester and staffed by such number of qualified and competent technical and administrative personnel as may be determined by the Project Manager and shall be provided by DENR Region 1, Baguio City. These personnel shall be designated by the Undersecretary for Field Operations upon recommendation of the Assistant Secretary for Foreign-Funded and Special Projects and the FMB Director.

In addition to the personnel, the vehicle purchased by FAO now assigned to NRD-1-13 shall be re-deployed for use by the Project throughout its duration, and shall be returned to same unit upon project termination. Other equipment which shall be purchased by the Project shall be turned-over to the Forest Fire Control Center after the conclusion of the project.

### 4.0 Project Operations

For effective and efficient implementation of the Project, the following arrangement shall be observed:

a. External Arrangements

The Project shall maintain linkage and close liaison with the local government and such other entities/agencies involved in forest fire control, such as the following:

- 1) Forest Fire Control Center
- 2) Sangguniang Panglungsod ng Baguio
- 3) Sangguniang Panglalawigan ng Benguet
- 4) Sangguniang Panglalawigan ng Mountain Province
- 5) National Power Corporation
- 6) Department of Education and Culture
- 7) UPLB-CF Northern Philippines Forestry Extension Office
- 8) Ecosystem Research and Development Bureau -Baguio Research Station (formerly Conifer Research Center)
- 9) UABAC Trust
- 10) Philippine Air Force
- 11) Region 1 PC/INP - Benguet and Mountain Province Regional Command (RECOM 1).

b. Funding Arrangements

The funding scheme for the project shall be based on the contributions of the Philippine Government (GOP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) as provided in the Project Agreement (TCP/PHI/6653-(I)).

c. Accounting Procedures

The Project shall adopt an accounting procedure which shall be in accordance with existing agency policies and in conformity with accounting and auditing regulations.

d. Monitoring System

The Project shall adopt a monitoring system which shall be consistent with the guidelines/procedure for monitoring set by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Foreign-Funded and Special

Projects.

## 5.0 Effectivity

This Order takes effect immediately and supersedes and amends all other orders inconsistent herewith.

**(Sgd.) FULGENCIO S. FACTORAN, JR.**  
Secretary

Recommending Approval:

**(Sgd) RICARDO M. UMALI**  
Undersecretary for  
Planning & Policy

**(Sgd) LIRIO T. ABUYUAN**  
Assistant Secretary for  
Foreign-Assisted & Special Projects