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MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 2005- 19

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To

The Regional Executive Director :

DENR - Cordillera Administrative Region

Subject

Authorizing the Regional Executive Director of DENR - Cordillera Administrative Region to issue cutting permits involving thirty (30) trees or less.

In view of the numerous requests for a permit to cut trees in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) and in line with the thrust of this Department to streamline its various functions, the Regional Executive Director (RED) of DENR-CAR is hereby authorized to issue cutting permits involving thirty (30) trees or less that are located in private/titled property. The issuance of such permit shall only be under any or combination of the following circumstances:

- 1. The trees requested to be cut pose imminent danger to lives and/or properties;
- 2. Cutting is inevitable and is the last resort to implement a project or to construct a permitted structure;
- 3. The request to cut trees is not for commercial purposes;
- 4. The trees are dead or infested/dying and beyond reviving; and,
- 5. The barangay head and mayor concerned have endorsed the request to cut trees.

Under no circumstance that the trees requested to be cut are located in protected areas or forestlands.

Further, the issuance of a cutting permit shall be conditioned on, but not limited to, the permittee having to replace each tree to be cut with twenty (20) seedlings of 1-meter size and to maintain them for one (1) year at his/her own expense.

The RED DENR-CAR shall furnish this office a copy of each permit he issued.

For your guidance and strict compliance.

MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR