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SUBJECT: DECLARING MTS. MAGNAS, SAN MIGUEL AND LINAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ADAMS, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE AS "ADAMS WILDLIFE CRITICAL HABITAT"

Pursuant to Section 25 of Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the "Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act", Rules 25.1-25.5 of Joint DENR-DA-PCSD Administrative Order No. 01, Series of 2004, the implementing rules and regulations of RA 9147, and DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2 of 2007 "Guidelines on the Establishment and Management of Critical Habitat", and in order to protect the habitat and population of the endemic and threatened species of wild fauna and flora that found therein, Mts. Magnas, San Miguel and Linao situated in the Municipality of Adams, Province of Ilocos Norte are hereby declared as a Critical Habitat and shall be known as the "ADAMS WILDLIFE CRITICAL HABITAT" (AWCH).

Section 1. Statement of policy. It is the policy of the State to conserve the country's wildlife resources and their habitats for ecological and economic sustainability. As such, all habitats outside protected area under Republic Act No. 7586 (National Integrated Protected Areas System Act), where threatened species are found shall be designated as critical habitat. It is also the policy of the state that all designated critical habitats shall be protected and managed in coordination with the local government units and other concerned groups, from any form of exploitation or destruction which may be detrimental to the survival of the threatened species dependent therein.

Section 2. Objectives. The objectives of this Administrative Order are as follows:

- (a) To protect and conserve the last frontier of dipterocarp forest in Ilocos Region which serves as habitat of threatened species such as the Philippine falconet, Philippine hanging parakeet, Philippine brown deer, Philippine warty pig, Northern Luzon cloud rat, Jade vine, Giant tree ferns, dipterocarp trees and other endemic and threatened species of wild flora and fauna;
- (b) To establish a locally-driven ecosystem management approach in Adams Critical Habitat that guarantees the dynamic and full participation of Local Government Units, communities, peoples organizations and other stakeholders integrating threatened species conservation as part of local development planning process and way of life of the people;
- (c) To sustainably manage Adams Critical Habitat as a viable habitat for endemic and threatened species; to maintain ecological services, and other biodiversity and cultural values; and potentially for ecotourism development, that would contribute to inclusive socio-economic growth; and,
- (d) To provide a legal framework for the protection of Mts. Magnas, San Miguel, and Linao in the Municipality of Adams, Ilocos Norte from destructive resource uses and other types of land use.



Section 3. Technical Description. The Adams Wildlife Critical Habitat covers a total area of **3,253.26 hectares** as indicated on the attached area map (Annex "A"), which forms an integral part of this Order, subject to private rights if there be any, and to ground survey and delineation which is particularly described as follows:

Parcel I (626.83 hectares)

Tie Point from MBM No. 9 Adams Cadastre, Ilocos Norte, S75°- 15'E direction about 4,703.23'

Line	Bearing	Distance (meters)
1-2	S10°- 00'E	2,849.90
2-3	S21°-00'W	1,200
3-4	S38°-00'W	925
4-5	N31°-00'W	3,000
5-1	N44°-31'E	2,923

Parcel II (2734.31 hectares)

Tie Point from Corner 1 is identical to MBM No. 4, Adams Cadastre, Ilocos Norte (18°- 28'- 49.92" N; 120°- 56'-55.54"E)

Corner	Bearing	Distance (meters)
1-2	S26°-05'E	700
2-3	S05°-00'W	2,750
3-4	N46°-00'W	3,850
4-5	N46°-00'W	2,050
5-6	N15°-00'E	1,700
6-7	N59°-00'E	1,250
7-8	S85°-00'E	1,500
8-9	N52°-00'E	400
9-10	N40°-00'W	1,250
10-11	Due West	1,300
11-12	N06°-00'E	1,275
12-13	N47°-00'E	1,370
13-14	S86°-00'E	1,180
14-15	N34°-00'E	1,750
15-16	N49°-00'W	1,000
16-17	N78°-00'E	1,050
17-1	S04°-03'W	8,725

The DENR-Region I shall undertake ground verification of the above-said coordinates within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Order. Natural topographic features of the area, vegetative cover or permanent markers shall be used as boundary monuments/indicators.

Section 4. Management of the Adams Wildlife Critical Habitat. The Adams Wildlife Critical Habitat shall be managed through any of the following schemes as prescribed under DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2007-02, series of 2007:

- a. The DENR-Region I shall manage the AWCH in coordination with the local government units of Adams and/or other concerned organizations/groups. The

Regional Executive Director may enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)/Partnership Agreement with the cooperating parties; or,

- b. The Regional Executive Director shall delegate the management of the critical habitat to LGU Adams through a MOA/Partnership Agreement provided that the latter has the capacity to manage the area in accordance with the approved Critical Habitat Management Plan (CHMP).

Section 5. Critical Habitat Management Plan. The DENR-Region I, LGU-Adams, in coordination and collaboration with other local stakeholders, shall jointly prepare and cause the implementation of Adams Wildlife Critical Habitat Management Plan addressing: a) management objectives; b) key management issues; c) site management strategies and activities such as, but not limited to, habitat protection, rehabilitation, community organizing, promotion of environmental education and awareness, ecotourism, and other developmental activities towards the sustainable management of the area; d) administration; and, e) monitoring and evaluation.

In the event that the DENR Regional Executive Director opts to delegate the management of the critical habitat to LGU-Adams, the regional office shall ensure provision of necessary technical assistance to said LGU and set schemes to monitor and evaluate implementation of the CHMP, in collaboration with other stakeholders.

Section 6. Funding. The DENR Region I shall allocate funds for the implementation of Adams Wildlife Critical Habitat Management Plan. As such, the DENR Region I shall include funds for the purpose in its Annual Work and Financial Plan. The DENR Region I shall also endeavor to engage LGUs and other partner/s to provide funds for the management of the ACWH.

Section 7. Prohibited Acts. The following activities are prohibited inside the AWCH pursuant to Section 27.c of Republic Act 9147:

- a) dumping of waste products detrimental to wildlife;
- b) squatting or otherwise occupying any portion of the critical habitat;
- c) mineral exploration and/or extraction;
- d) burning;
- e) logging; and
- f) quarrying.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. All orders, circulars and issuances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

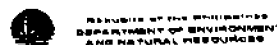
Section 9. Effectivity. This Order takes effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of national circulation and upon acknowledgement by the Office of the National Administrative Registry (ONAR).

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