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SUBJECT : ADDITIONAL LIST OF CLASSIFIED CAVES

Pursuant to Section 4 of DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2007-04, the "Procedure in Cave Classification" and in order to provide a list of classified caves, in addition to those listed under DMC Nos. 2012-03, 2014-03, and 2015-08, this Circular is hereby issued for the guidance of all concerned:

Section 1. Objective. This Circular aims to provide guidance to the DENR and other concerned agencies responsible for the management of caves on the appropriate use of caves listed herein.

Section 2. Cave Classification. Caves are classified according to the following categories:

Class I. Caves with delicate and fragile geological formations, threatened species, archeological and paleontological values and extremely hazardous conditions. Allowable activities are limited to mapping, photography, educational and scientific purposes and closed for ecotourism activities.

Class II. Caves with areas or portions which have hazardous conditions and contain sensitive geological, archeological, cultural, historical and biological values or high quality ecosystem. It may be necessary to close sections of these caves seasonally or permanently. It is open to experienced cavers or guided educational tours/ visits.

Class III. Caves with no known threatened species and archeological, geological, natural history, cultural and historical values. It is safe to inexperienced visitors but should still be accompanied by cave guide/s. The caves may also be utilized, when appropriate, for other economic purposes such as guano extraction and edible birds nest collection.

Section 3. List of 2016 Classified Caves. Based on the results of assessments, the following caves constitute the additional list of classified caves:

CAR	Cave Name	Location	Classification
Abra	Sibud-sibud Cave	Sitio Bintulagan II, Brgy. San Rafael, Roxas	Class III
	Calao Cave	Bucay	Class I
	Ganuway Cave	Tamtamuyan, Peñarrubia	Class I
Benguet	Longog Cave	Kapangan	Class II

	Aran Cave	Tuba	Class II
Apayao	Manacota Underground River	Marag, Luna	Class II
Region 1 (1)			
Ilocos Norte	Guano Cave	Brgy. Saoit, Burgos	Class II
	Avis Cave	Brgy. Saoit, Burgos	Class II
	Tunged Cave	Brgy. Tanap, Burgos	Class II
	Saranget Cave	Brgy. Tanap, Burgos	Class II
	Poblacion Cave	Brgy. Tanap, Burgos	Class II
	Batarang Cave	Brgy. Sapat, Pasuquin	Class II
	Al-alukon Cave	Brgy. Salpad, Pasuquin	Class II
Region 2 (2)			
Cagayan	Immusok Cave	Brgy. Tabbac, Buguey	Class III
	Manghi Cave	Brgy. Tabbac, Buguey	Class II
Region 3 (10)			
Catanduanes	Karilagan Cave	Brgy. Talisoy, Virac	Class I
	Aswang Cave	Brgy. Mayngaway, San Adres	Class I
Masbate	Puting Bato Cave I	Brgy. Bagacay, San Jacinto, Masbate	Class II
	Puting Bato Cave II	Brgy. Bagacay, San Jacinto	Class I
	Pinamarbuan Cave	Brgy. Pinamarbuan, Mobo	Class III
	Mabangcal Cave	Brgy. Pinamarbuan, Mobo	Class III
Sorsogon	Piot Cave	Brgy. Lungib, Pilar	Class II
	Kulalapnit Cave	Brgy. Paco, Gubat	Class II

Camarines Sur	Dalangin Cave	Brgy. Agrupacion, Ragay	Class III
	Tolentino Cave	Brgy. Apale, Ragay	Class III
Albay	Cagbulacao Cave	Brgy. Cagraray, Cagraray Island, Bacacay	Class II
	Nagtikwil Cave	Brgy. Cagraray, Cagraray Island, Bacacay	Class I
	Minaroso Cave	Brgy. Hamorawon, Batan Island, Rapu-Rapu	Class I
	Quitinday Cave	Brgy. Quitinday, Jovellar	Class I
	Silay Cave	Brgy. Quitinday, Jovellar	Class III
Region 11 (3)			
Davao del Norte	Lemente Cave	Purok 4, New Cebu, Igangon, San Isidro	Class II
	Manangan Cave	Brgy. Sawata	Class II
	Kasilac Bat Cave	Purok 7, Brgy. Linao, San Isidro	Class I
Region 12 (6)			
South Cotabato	Lomus Cave	Lamfugon, Lake Sebu	Class II
	Maiho Cave	Purok Paghidait, Brgy. Upper Maiho, Tantangan	Class II
	K'yang Cave	Sitio Takbo, Brgy. Lamfugon, Lake Sebu	Class II
Sultan Kudarat	M'linguwang Cave	Brgy. Sabanal, Kalamansig	Class II
	Iglok Cave	Kalamansig	Class II
Koronadal	Sorolla Cave	Brgy. San Jose	Class II

Section 4. Separability Clause. Any provisions of previous circular, memoranda and other issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby amended, superseded or repealed accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

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