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SUBJECT

ADVISORY UPDATE ON THE ACCESS AND UTILIZATION OF THE INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREA FUND (IPAF) RELATIVE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10629

Pursuant to the Technical Discussion held on 21 January 2014 among this Bureau, the DENR, Bureau E of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and the Bureau of Treasury (BTr) of the Department of Finance (DOF) on the implementation of Republic Act (RA) No. 10629, the following are hereby issued for the information and guidance of all concerned:

- Further opening of Trust Accounts for individual protected areas shall be discontinued until the Implementation Guidelines of RA 10629 have been jointly issued by DENR and DBM;
- Trust accounts already created shall comply with the current IPAF procedures as provided for in DENR Administrative Order No. 2008-26 or the "Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of the NIPAS Act";
- All income/revenues of protected areas shall continue to be remitted to the BTr (deposited to Fund 401) until further notice or advice from this Bureau. The said income shall be accessed through the usual system of Special Budget Request (SBR) of DBM; and
- 4. For 2014, the Bureau will work within the IPAF ceiling of Thirty (30) Million Pesos for protected areas with approved SBRs pursuant to the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

This Technical Bulletin clarifies the Memorandum dated 30 October 2013 on the Access and Utilization of the Integrated Protected Area Fund (IPAF) relative to the Implementation of Republic Act No. 10629.

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