

MALACAÑANG
RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION No. 304

EXCLUDING FROM OPERATION OF PROCLAMATION
NO. 217 DATED FEBRUARY 16, 1929, CERTAIN
PARCEL OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED
IN THE BARRIOS OF ISHENG, YABUA, AND
POKES, MUNICIPALITIES OF TUBA AND ITO-
GON, SUB-PROVINCE OF BENGUET, MOUNTAIN
PROVINCE, AND DECLARING THE SAME OPEN
TO DISPOSITION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
THE MINING ACT

WHEREAS, a petition has been filed for the exclusion of a certain parcel of land from the operation of Proclamation No. 217 dated February 16, 1929, which established the Central Cordillera Forest Reserve;

WHEREAS, according to the findings of the Director of Mines, the area sought to be excluded from the Central Cordillera Forest Reserve appears to be highly mineralized and more valuable for its mineral contents than for forest purposes;

WHEREAS, under the provision of section 14 of Commonwealth Act No. 137, as amended, otherwise known as the Mining Act, lands within reservations for purpose other than mining, which after such reservation is made, are found to be more valuable for their mineral contents than for the purpose for which the reservation was made, may be withdrawn from such reservation by the President with the concurrence of the Congress;

Now, THEREFORE, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources and pursuant to the provision of section 14 of Commonwealth Act No. 137, as amended, otherwise known as the Mining Act, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, do hereby exclude from the operation of Proclamation No. 217 dated February 16, 1929, which established the Central Cordillera Forest Reserve, and declare open to disposition under the provisions of the Mining Act, certain parcel of the public domain situated in the barrios of Isheng, Yabug, and Pokes, municipalities of Tuba and Itogon, sub-province of Benguet, Mountain Province, and particularly described as follows, to wit:

"Beginning at corner 1 which is S. 34° 37' 50 W., 3,321.17 meters from Ulap triangulation point of the Bureau of Mines, thence S. 65° E., 500 meters to corner 2; thence N. 25° E., 300 meters to corner 3; thence S. 65° E., 300 meters to corner 4; thence N. 59° 30' E., 2,450 meters to corner 5; thence S. 5° W., 1,120 meters to corner 6; thence S. 59° 35' W., 110 meters to corner 7; thence N. 30° 30' W., 350 meters to corner 8; thence S. 59° 30' W., 1,280 meters to corner 9; thence S. 65° E., 180 meters to corner 10; thence S. 25° W., 1,200 meters to corner 11; thence N. 65° W., 1,350 meters to corner 12, thence N. 8° W., 920 meters to corner 13, thence N. 25° E., 180 meters to corner 1, point of beginning.

Containing an area of approximately 320 hectares.

From corner 1 to 4 and 7 to 11 are referred on the ground by a pointed pine trees. Corner 5 is referred to the ground by a 20 x 30 centimeters stone, while corner 6 by a 18 x 20 centimeters stone."

The cutting, removal, and utilization of the timber and other forest products therefrom shall be in accordance with the provisions of the existing Forest and Internal Revenue Law and Regulations, and at any time the said area shall be abandoned for mining purposes, the same shall revert as part of the forest reserve.

This proclamation shall take effect only upon the concurrence of the Congress of the Philippines.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 9th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the tenth.

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RAMON MAGSAYSAY

President of the Philippines

By the President:

FORTUNATO DE LEON

Executive Secretary
