

**Administrative Order**  
**No. 44**  
**July 27, 1987**

**SUBJECT:    Restriction in the Use of Yarding Systems  
              Inside Forest Lands**

Pursuant to the policy on the conservation of the timber resources under the principles and concepts of sound multiple-use forest management, the following regulations in the use of yarding systems inside forest lands are hereby issued:

**Section 1. Basic Policy.** The proper and effective conservation of the natural forest in order to attain the sustained production of forest products and services without undue impairment to the environment shall be a primary concern of the Department. Towards this end, the adoption and institution of additional conservation measures and prescriptions is of paramount importance.

**Section 2. Yarding Defined.** Yarding, as used in this Order shall refer to the process of transporting the felled trees or sections thereof from the stump to the log landing, roadside, or designated loading points in the cutting area.

**Section 3. Restrictions on Yarding Systems.** Consistent with the foregoing basic policy enunciated in this Order, the use of yarding systems which cause unnecessary and excessive damage to the forest stand shall, henceforth, no longer be allowed inside forest lands, unless such use is in conformity with the prescriptions provided herein. Conformably, and based on the result of action researches undertaken so far which tend to show that highlead yarding, unless properly controlled and supervised, causes excessive damage to the residual stand, its use or employment shall heretofore be restricted.

**Section 4. When Highlead Yarding May be Used.** The provisions of the immediately preceding section to the contrary notwithstanding, the use of highlead yarding may be authorized by the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources in areas where clearcutting is allowed and the seed-tree system is practiced. In areas where the prescribed silvicultural system is selective logging, highlead yarding shall be allowed, **PROVIDED**, that, all appropriate residual-saving techniques as prescribed under existing selective logging rules and regulations are applied; **PROVIDED FURTHER**, that, the maximum yarding distance in any logging set-up shall not exceed three hundred (300) meters; **PROVIDED FINALLY**, that, the authority to use the highlead yarding system shall be withdrawn immediately if the result of the residual inventory with the use of yarders show that the set-ups are inadequately stocked, based on selective logging standards.

**Section 5. Applicability of Related Rules and Regulations.** The rules and regulations governing the maximum allowable width of main roads, skidroads, log landings, cableways, including allowable densities shall apply and be strictly enforced.

**Section 6. Transitory Provision.** Except when the use of yarding system is as provided/conditioned in Section 4 of this Order, all highlead yarding operations shall be immediately stopped upon completion of logging within the present set-up of operations, but in no case to extend beyond 31 December 1987.

**Section 7. Penalties.** Aside from the withdrawal of the authority to use yarders provided in Section 4 hereof, violation of any of the provisions of this Order shall be sufficient cause for the immediate suspension and/or cancellation of the license, without prejudice to such other penalties imposable under existing forest laws and regulations.

**Section 8. Issuance of Implementing Circulars and Instructions.** The Department, through its appropriate agency, shall issue such circulars and instructions as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Order.

**Section 9. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately and revokes the pertinent provisions of WIDA Administrative Order No. 1-85 and all other previous orders, policies or instructions inconsistent herewith.

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