Mayon Volcano Bulletin
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After the more vigorous series of events (lava effusion, pyroclastic flows, ash ejections) which occurred during the previous observation period, activity is now mainly lava extrusion. The lava flow is channeled along the Bonga Gully.

COSPEC readings conducted yesterday reached 13,500 tonnes/day. The abrupt increase in this value may be attributed to the series of highly gas-charged ash ejections comprising the volcanic plume.

Alert Level 5 **is still being maintained since the occurrence of more hazardous eruption events can not be discounted. The 6-kilometer Permanent Danger Zone around Mayon and the 8-kilometer extension of the danger zone in the SE sector of the volcano should be strictly observed. Ash is still expected to fall at the W-SW, and the SE sections of the volcano, mainly due to the prevailing wind direction. Should pyroclastic flow and ashfall occurrences continue, airport and aircraft authorities should exercise caution and avoid these areas.**

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