

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

July 15, 1902.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, The Medicine Bow Forest Reserve, in the State of Wyoming, was established by proclamation dated May twenty-second, nineteen hundred and two, under and by virtue of section twenty-four of the Act of Congress, approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled, "An act to repeal timber-culture laws, and for other purposes", which provides, "That the President of the United States may, from time to time, set apart and reserve, in any State or Territory having public land bearing forests, in any part of the public lands wholly or in part covered with timber or undergrowth, whether of commercial value or not, as public reservations, and the President shall, by public proclamation, declare the establishment of such reservations and the limits thereof";

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And whereas, it is further provided by the Act of Congress, approved June fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled, "An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and for other purposes", that "The President is hereby authorized at any time to modify any Executive order that has been or may hereafter be made establishing any forest reserve, and by such modification may reduce the area or change the boundary lines of such reserve, or may vacate altogether any order creating such reserve";

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And whereas, the public lands in the State of Wyoming, within the limits hereinafter described, are in part covered with timber, and it

appears that the public good would be promoted by setting apart and reserving said lands as a public reservation;

Now, therefore, I, THEODORE ROOSEVELT, President of the United States, by virtue of the power vested in me by the aforesaid act of Congress, approved June fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, do hereby make known and proclaim that the boundary lines of the aforesaid Medicine Bow Forest Reserve are hereby changed so as to read as follows:

Beginning at the north-west corner of Township seventeen (17) North, Range eighty-one (81) West, Sixth (6th) Principal Meridian, Wyoming; thence easterly to the north-east corner of said township; thence southerly to the north-west corner of Section thirty (30), Township seventeen (17) North, Range eighty (80) West; thence easterly along the section lines to the north-east corner of Section twenty-five (25), said township; thence northerly to the north-west corner of Township seventeen (17) North, Range seventy-nine (79) West; thence easterly along the township line to the north-east corner of Section five (5), Township seventeen (17) North, Range seventy-eight (78) West; thence southerly along the section lines, allowing for the proper offset on the Fourth (4th) Standard Parallel North, to the south-east corner of Section thirty-two (32), Township fourteen (14) North, Range seventy-eight (78) West; thence easterly along the township line to the north-east corner of Section four (4), Township thirteen (13) North, Range seventy-seven (77) West; thence southerly along the section lines, allowing for the proper offset on the Third (3rd) Standard Parallel North, to the point of intersection with the boundary line between the States of Wyoming and Colorado; thence westerly along said state boundary line to the point of intersection with the range line between Ranges eighty (80) and eighty-one (81) West; thence northerly along said range line, allowing for the proper offset on the Third (3rd) Standard Parallel North, to the south-east corner of Township fourteen (14) North, Range eighty-one (81) West; thence westerly to the south-west corner of said township; thence northerly along the range line, allowing for the proper offset on the Fourth (4th) Standard Parallel North, to the north-west corner of Township seventeen (17) North, Range eighty-one (81) West, the place of beginning.

Excepting from the force and effect of this proclamation all lands which may have been, prior to the date hereof, embraced in any legal entry or covered by any lawful filing duly of record in the proper United States Land Office, or upon which any valid settlement has been made pursuant to law, and the statutory period within which to make entry or filing of record has not expired: *Provided*, that this exception shall not continue to apply to any particular tract of land unless the entryman, settler or claimant continues to comply with the law under which the entry, filing or settlement was made.

Warning is hereby expressly given to all persons not to make settlement upon the lands reserved by this proclamation.

The lands hereby excluded from the said reserve and restored to the public domain shall be open to settlement from date hereof, but shall not be subject to entry, filing or selection until after ninety days notice by such publication as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 16th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and two, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-seventh.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:

JOHN HAY

Secretary of State.