

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, it is provided by 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", "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";

Preamble.
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And whereas, the public lands in the Territory of Arizona, 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 in me vested by section twenty-four of the aforesaid Act of Congress, do hereby make known and proclaim that there is hereby reserved from entry or settlement and set apart as a Public Reservation all those certain tracts, pieces or parcels of land lying and being situate in the Territory of Arizona, and within the boundaries particularly described as follows, to wit:

Forest reserve, Arizona.

Beginning at the south-west corner of Section twenty-one (21), Township seven (7) South, Range twenty-two (22) East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona; thence easterly along the section lines to the south-east corner of Section twenty-four (24), said township; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Township seven (7) South, Range twenty-three (23) East; thence easterly along the township line to the north-west corner of Township eight (8) South, Range twenty-five (25) East; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Section seven (7), said township; thence easterly along the section lines to the south-east corner of Section nine (9), said township; thence southerly along the section lines to the south-west corner of Section twenty-two (22), said township; thence easterly to the south-east corner of said section; thence southerly along the surveyed and unsurveyed section lines to the point for the intersection with the Second (2nd) Standard Parallel South; thence westerly along the said parallel to the south-east corner of Township ten (10) South, Range twenty-three (23) East; thence northerly along the range line to the point of intersection with the southern boundary of the Camp Grant Military Reservation; thence in a general north-easterly, north-westerly and south-westerly direction along the boundary of the said military reservation to the point of intersection with the township line between Townships eight (8) and nine (9) South; thence westerly along the said township line to the south-east corner of Section thirty-four (34), Township eight (8) South, Range twenty-two (22) East; thence northerly along the section lines to the north-east corner of Section twenty-seven (27), said township; thence westerly to the north-west corner of said section; thence northerly to the north-east corner of Section twenty-one (21), said township; thence westerly to the north-west corner of said section; thence northerly along the section lines to the south-west corner of Section twenty-one (21), Township seven (7) South, Range twenty-two (22) East, the place of beginning.

Boundaries.

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

Lands excepted.

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.

Reserved from settlement.

Mount Graham Forest Reserve.

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

The reservation hereby established shall be known as The Mount Graham Forest Reserve.

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 22nd day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two, and of [SEAL.] the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-seventh.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:

DAVID J. HILL,

Acting Secretary of State.