

A PROCLAMATION.

Portales Forest
Reserve, N. Mex.
Preamble.
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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";

And whereas, the public lands in the Territory of New Mexico, 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;

Forest reserve,
New Mexico.

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 are 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 New Mexico, and within the boundaries particularly described as follows:

Description.

Beginning at the north-west corner of Section four (4) Township two (2) North, Range thirty-two (32) East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico; thence easterly to the north-west corner of Section one (1), said township; thence southerly to the south-west corner of said section; thence easterly to the south-east corner of said section; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Section seven (7), Township two (2) North, Range thirty-three (33) East; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section seventeen (17), said township; thence southerly to the south-east corner of said section; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section twenty-two (22), said township; thence southerly to the south-west corner of Section two (2), Township one (1) North, Range thirty-three (33) East; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section twelve (12), said township; thence southerly to the south-east corner of said section; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section seventeen (17), Township one (1) North, Range thirty-five (35) East; thence southerly to the south-east corner of said section; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section nineteen (19), Township one (1) North, Range thirty-six (36) East; thence southerly to the south-east corner of said section; thence easterly to the north-east corner of Section twenty-eight (28), said township; thence southerly to the south-east corner of said section; thence easterly along the section lines to the boundary line between the Territory of New Mexico and the State of Texas, as it now exists or may hereafter be established; thence southerly along said boundary line to the section line between Sections ten (10) and fifteen (15), Township two (2) South, Range thirty-seven (37) East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico, or extension thereof; thence westerly to the south-east corner of Section eight (8), Township Two (2) South, Range thirty-six (36) East; thence northerly to the north-east corner of said section; thence westerly to the north-west corner of said section; thence northerly to the north-east corner of Section six (6), said township; thence westerly to the north-west corner of said township;

thence northerly to the north-east corner of Section twenty-five (25), Township one (1) South, Range thirty-five (35) East; thence westerly to the south-east corner of Section twenty-one (21), said township; thence northerly to the north-east corner of said section; thence westerly to the south-west corner of Section eighteen (18), said township; thence northerly to the north-west corner of said section; thence westerly to the south-west corner of Section nine (9), Township one (1) South, Range thirty-four (34) East; thence northerly to the north-west corner of said section; thence westerly to the south-west corner of Section three (3), Township one (1) South, Range thirty-three (33) East; thence northerly to the north-west corner of said section; thence westerly to the south-east corner of Township one (1) North, Range thirty-two (32) East; thence northerly to the north-east corner of Section thirty-six (36), said township; thence westerly to the north-west corner of said section; thence northerly to the north-east corner of Section twenty-three (23), said township; thence westerly to the south-west corner of Section fifteen (15), said township; thence northerly to the north-east corner of Section nine (9), said township; thence westerly to the south-west corner of Section six (6), said township; thence northerly to the north-west corner of said township; thence westerly to the south-west corner of Section thirty-five (35), Township two (2) North, Range thirty-one (31) East; thence northerly to the north-west corner of Section fourteen (14), said township; thence easterly to the south-east corner of Section twelve (12), said township; thence northerly to the north-east corner of said section; thence easterly to the south-west corner of Section four (4), Township two (2) North, Range thirty-two (32) East; thence northerly to the north-west corner of said section, 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.

Lands excepted.

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

Reserved from settlement.

The reservation hereby established shall be known as the Portales Forest Reserve.

Name.

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 3 day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, and [SEAL.] of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirtieth.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:

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Secretary of State.