

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it appears that the public good would be promoted by excluding certain lands from the Little Belt Forest Reserve, in the State of Montana, established by proclamation issued August sixteenth, nineteen hundred and two;

Little Belt Forest Reserve, Mont. Preamble. Vol. 32, p. 2022. Act, pp. 3180, 3254.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the power in me vested 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," do proclaim that the boundaries of the aforesaid Little Belt Forest Reserve are hereby changed to exclude therefrom the said lands, and that the boundaries are now as shown on the diagram forming a part hereof;

Boundaries modified. Vol. 30, p. 36.

Excepting from the force and effect of this proclamation all lands which are at this date embraced in any legal entry or covered by any lawful filing or selection 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; and also excepting all lands which at this date are embraced within any withdrawal or reservation for any use or purpose to which this reservation for forest uses is inconsistent: Provided, that these exceptions 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, or unless the reservation or withdrawal to which this reservation is inconsistent continues in force; not excepting from the force and effect of this proclamation, however, any land within the boundary herein described, which has been withdrawn to protect the coal therein but this proclamation does not vacate any such coal land withdrawal; and provided that these exceptions shall not apply to any land embraced in any selection, entry or filing, which has been allowed or permitted to remain of record subject to the creation of a permanent reservation.

Lands excepted.

Coal lands.

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

Excluded lands restored to public domain.

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 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and [SEAL.] seven, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-first.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:
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Secretary of State.

