

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Big Belt Forest Reserve, in the State of Montana, was established by proclamation dated October third, nineteen hundred and five;

Big Belt Forest Reserve, Mont. Preamble. Act, p. 3151.

And whereas, it appears that the public good would be promoted by adding to the said forest reserve certain lands, within the State of Montana, which are in part covered with timber, and by excluding therefrom certain lands;

And whereas, it is 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;"

Vol. 30, p. 36.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the power in me vested by the said act of Congress, do proclaim that the boundaries of the aforesaid Big Belt Forest Reserve are hereby further changed, and that they are now as shown on a diagram forming a part hereof;

Boundaries modified.

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from the force and effect of this proclamation, however, any land within the boundary herein described, which has been withdrawn to protect the coal therein but this proclamation does not vacate any such coal land withdrawal; and provided that these exceptions shall not apply to any land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 which are not embraced within any other withdrawal, reservation, or appropriation and which are 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 days' notice by such publication as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

Restored lands open to settlement.

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

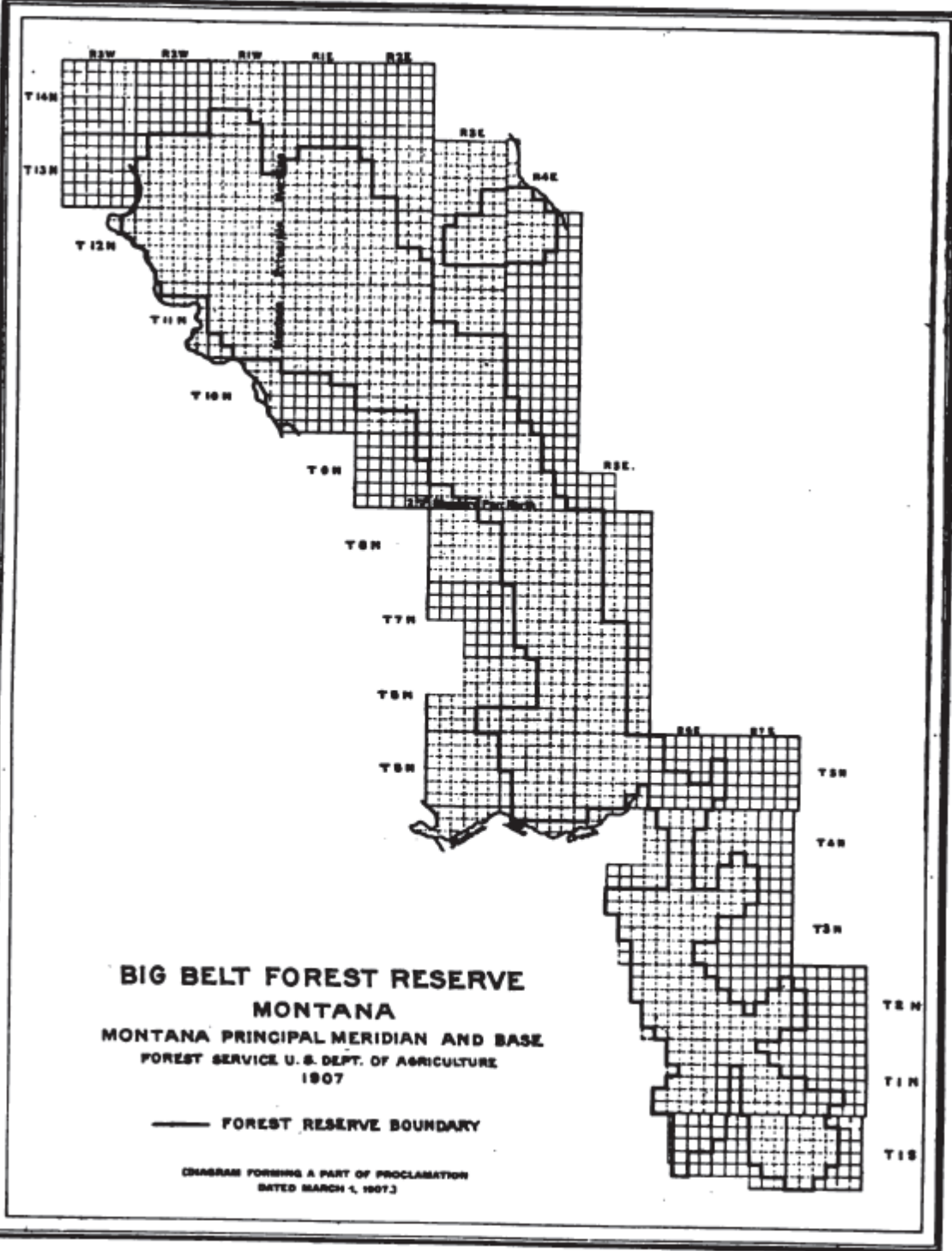
Reserved from settlement.

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 1st day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and 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.



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MONTANA
 MONTANA PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN AND BASE
 FOREST SERVICE U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
 1907

— FOREST RESERVE BOUNDARY

(DIAGRAM FORMING A PART OF PROCLAMATION
 DATED MARCH 4, 1907.)