

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Washington Forest Reserve, in the State of Washington, was established by proclamation dated February twenty-second, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and the boundaries thereof were subsequently changed by proclamations dated April third, nineteen hundred and one, and June twelfth, nineteen hundred and five;

Washington Forest Reserve, Wash. Preamble. Vol. 29, p. 904. Vol. 32, p. 1969. Ante, p. 3088.

And whereas, it appears that the public good would be promoted by further excluding lands from the said forest reserve, and by including therein certain additional lands, in the State of Washington, which are in part covered with timber;

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 Washington Forest Reserve are hereby further changed, and that they 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from the force and effect of this proclamation, however, any land within the boundary herein described, which has been withdrawn to protect the coal therein but this proclamation does not vacate any such coal land withdrawal; and provided that these exceptions shall not apply to any land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 which are not embraced in 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 2d day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven, and of [SEAL.] the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-first.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:

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Secretary of State.

