

September 10, 1907.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Tongass National
Forest, Alaska.
Preamble.

WHEREAS, the public lands in the Territory of Alaska, which are hereinafter indicated, are in part covered with timber, and it appears that the public good would be promoted by utilizing said lands as a National Forest;

National forest,
Alaska.
Vol. 26, p. 1103.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the power in me vested 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," do proclaim that there are hereby reserved from settlement, entry, or sale, and set apart as a public reservation, for the use and benefit of the people, all the tracts of land in the Territory of Alaska, shown as the Tongass National Forest on the diagram forming a part hereof:

Post, p. 2226.

Proriso.
Valid rights not
affected.
Vol. 15, p. 539.

Provided, that this proclamation shall not be so construed as to deprive any person of any valid right possessed under the Treaty for the cession of the Russian possessions in North America to the United States, concluded at Washington on the thirtieth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, or acquired under any act of Congress relating to the Territory of Alaska:

Lands excepted.

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, if 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 with 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 with which this reservation is inconsistent continues in force: not excepting from the force and effect of this proclamation, however, any part of the National Forest hereby established which may have been withdrawn to protect the coal therein, but this proclamation does not vacate any such coal land withdrawal: and provided that these exceptions shall not apply to any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 may have

Coal lands.

been permitted to remain of record subject to the creation of a permanent reservation.

Warning is hereby given to all persons not to make settlement upon any of the lands reserved by this proclamation, unless and until they are listed by the Secretary of Agriculture and opened to homestead settlement or entry by the Secretary of the Interior under the Act of Congress, approved June eleventh, nineteen hundred and six, entitled, "An Act To provide for the entry of Agricultural lands within forest reserves." Provided, That lands heretofore restored to settlement or entry under the provisions of the foregoing act shall be excepted from the force and effect of this proclamation.

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 10th day of September, 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-second.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

By the President:

ALVEY A. ADEE

Acting Secretary of State.

Reserved from
settlement.
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Lands excepted.

TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST ALASKA

FOREST SERVICE US DEPT OF AGRICULTURE
1907

— NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARY
SCALE

DIAGRAM FORMING A PART OF PROCLAMATION
DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 1907

