

A PROCLAMATION

Prescott National Forest, Ariz. Preamble. Vol. 30, p. 1771. Vol. 31, p. 1958. National forest, Arizona. Vol. 30, p. 36.

WHEREAS, it appears that the public good would be promoted by adding to the Prescott National Forest certain lands, within the Territory of Arizona, 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 Prescott National Forest is hereby enlarged to include the said additional lands, and that the boundaries of the aforesaid National Forest are now as shown on the diagram forming a part hereof;

Post, p. 2218.

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the force and effect of this proclamation, however, any part of the National Forest hereby enlarged which may have been withdrawn to protect the coal therein, but this proclamation does not vacate any such coal land withdrawal; and provided that these exceptions shall not apply to any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 been permitted to remain of record subject to the creation of a permanent reservation.

Lands excepted.

Coal lands.

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.

Reserved from settlement.

Vol. 34, p. 233.

Lands excepted.

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 26th day of November, 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-second.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President: ELIHU ROOT Secretary of State.

