

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

December 18, 1907.

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the public lands in the State of Arkansas, 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:

Arkansas National
Forest, Ark.
Preamble.
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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 re-

National forest,
Arkansas.
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served from settlement or entry and set apart as a public reservation, for the use and benefit of the people, all the tracts of land, in the State of Arkansas, shown as the Arkansas National Forest on the diagram forming a part hereof;

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force and effect of this proclamation, however, any part of the National Forest hereby established which may have been withdrawn to protect the coal therein, but this proclamation does not vacate any such coal land withdrawal; and provided that these exceptions shall not apply to any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

Coal lands.

Reserved from settlement.

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."

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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 18 day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven,
[SEAL.] and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty second.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:

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Secretary of State.

