

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it appears that the public good would be promoted by excluding certain lands in the Territory of New Mexico, from the Lincoln National Forest, set apart and reserved by public proclamation dated April twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and seven;

Lincoln National Forest, N. Mex. Preamble. Vol. 32, p. 2018. Vol. 34, pp. 3175, 3216. Ante, p. 2126. Boundaries modified. Vol. 30, p. 36. Post, p. 2238.

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 aforesaid proclamation is hereby modified and that the boundaries of the aforesaid Lincoln National Forest are hereby changed to exclude therefrom such lands, and are now as shown on the diagram forming a part hereof.

Lands restored to public domain.

The lands hereby excluded from the Lincoln National Forest which are not embraced in other withdrawals, including withdrawals for administrative sites for use in the management of the Forest, or which are not embraced in any other reservation, or appropriation, shall be restored to the public domain and become subject to settlement under the general provisions of the homestead laws on such date and after such notice by publication as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, but shall not become subject to entry, filing, selection, or other form of appropriation until the expiration of thirty days from the date so fixed, and no person will be permitted to gain or exercise any right whatever under any settlement or occupation begun prior to such date, and all such settlement and occupation are hereby forbidden.

Reserved from settlement.

Vol. 34, p. 233.

Warning is hereby given to all persons not to make settlement upon any of the lands in the National Forest as reduced 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."

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 3rd day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, and [SEAL.] of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-second.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:

ROBERT BACON

*Acting Secretary of State.*

