

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Gila National Forest, in the Territory of New Mexico, was established by proclamation dated July twenty-first, nineteen hundred and five; .

Datil National Forest, N. Mex. Preamble. Vol. 34, p. 3123. Post, p. 2230.

And whereas, it appears that a part of said National Forest together with certain other lands within the Territory of New Mexico not heretofore reserved, which are in part covered with timber, should be known as the Datil National Forest;

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 Datil National Forest shall, from the date of this proclamation, be as shown on the diagram forming a part hereof.

National Forest, New Mexico. Vol. 30, p. 3C.

Ante, p. 2190.

The withdrawal made by this proclamation shall, as to all lands which are at this date legally appropriated under the public land laws or reserved for any public purpose, be subject to and shall not interfere with or defeat legal rights under such appropriation nor prevent the use for such public purpose of lands so reserved, so long as such appropriation is legally maintained, or such reservation remains in force.

Prior rights not affected, etc.

This proclamation shall not prevent the settlement and entry of any lands heretofore opened to settlement and entry 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."

Agricultural lands. Vol. 34, p. 233.

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 18th day of June, 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:
ELIHU ROOT
Secretary of State.

