

July 1, 1908.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Crook National
Forest, Ariz.
Preamble.
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WHEREAS, the Mount Graham National Forest, within the Territory of Arizona, was established by proclamation dated July twenty-second, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, and was enlarged to embrace a portion of the Fort Grant Military Reservation by Executive Order, dated October sixth, nineteen hundred and six, which also provided for the unhampered use by the War Department of the land described in such Executive Order;

Vol. 34, p. 8166.
Ante, p. 2176.

And whereas, it appears that a portion of the Tonto National Forest, all of the Mount Graham National Forest except the area shown on the attached diagram as eliminated, together with certain lands within the Territory of Arizona not heretofore reserved, which are in part covered with timber, should be known as the Crook National Forest;

National Forest,
Arizona.
Vol. 30, p. 36.

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 on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and eight, the boundaries of the Crook National Forest shall be as indicated on the attached diagram.

Prior rights not
affected, etc.

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.

Agricultural
lands.
Vol. 34, p. 233.

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."

The lands hereby eliminated from the Mount Graham National Forest which are not embraced in withdrawals for administrative sites for use in the management of the Forest, or 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.

Lands restored to public domain, etc.

It is not intended by this proclamation to release any land from reservation, or to reserve any land except the areas indicated on the attached diagram as added and eliminated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

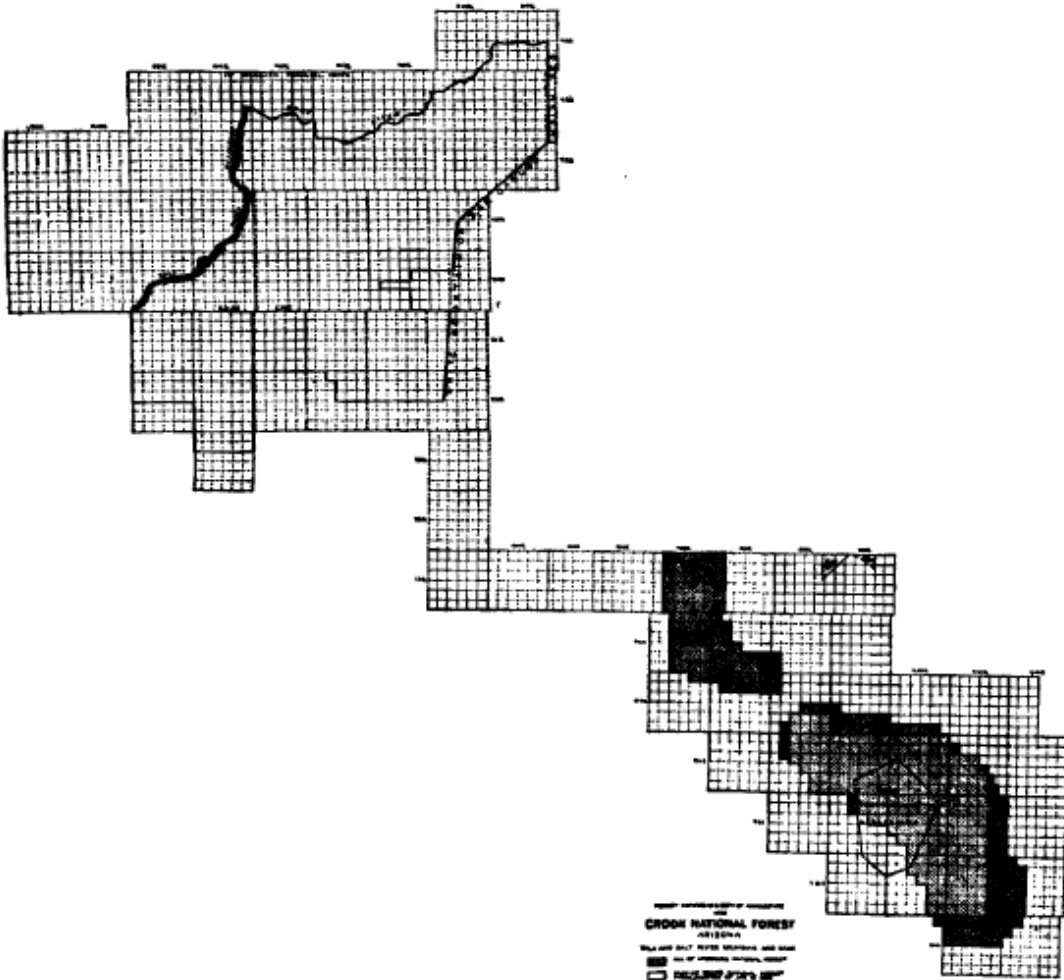
Done at the City of Washington this 1st day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, and [SEAL.] of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-second.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:

ALVEY A. ADEE

Acting Secretary of State.



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