

February 15, 1909.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Sioux National Forest, Mont. and S. Dak. Preamble. Vol. 34, pp. 3129, 3235, 3245. Vol. 33, pp. 2335, 2337.

WHEREAS, an Executive Order dated July second, nineteen hundred and eight, consolidated the Ekalaka and Long Pine National Forests, in the State of Montana, and the Short Pine, Slim Buttes and Cave Hills National Forests, in the State of South Dakota, under the name of the Sioux National Forest;

And whereas, it appears that the public good would be promoted by adding to the Sioux National Forest certain lands within the State of South Dakota, which are in part covered with timber;

Boundaries enlarged. 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 the Sioux National Forest is hereby enlarged and that its boundaries are as shown on the two parts of the diagram forming a part hereof.

Prior rights not affected.

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."

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 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, and [SEAL.] of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-third.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:  
ROBERT BACON  
*Secretary of State.*

