

February 23, 1909.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Datil National Forest, N. Mex.
Preamble.
Ante, p. 2142.
Vol. 34, p. 3349.
Ante, p. 2191.

WHEREAS, an Executive Order signed July second, nineteen hundred and eight, consolidated the Magdalena and San Mateo National Forests under the name of the Magdalena National Forest;

And whereas, it appears that all of the Datil and Magdalena National Forests together with certain lands in the Territory of New Mexico not heretofore reserved, and which are in part covered with timber, should be consolidated into one National Forest to be known as the Datil National Forest;

Consolidation of the Datil and Magdalena National forests.
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 Datil 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 23rd 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.

