

March 2, 1909.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Zuni National Forest, Ariz. and N. Mex. Preamble.

WHEREAS, it appears that the public good will be promoted by utilizing as a National Forest certain unreserved public lands, within the Territory of New Mexico, which are in part covered with timber or undergrowth; and certain public lands within said Territory, in part covered with timber and undergrowth, which constitute a part of the Zuni Indian Reservation, established by Executive Order dated March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and modified by subsequent Executive Orders; and certain public lands within the Territories of New Mexico and Arizona, in part covered with timber and undergrowth, which constitute a part of the Navajo Indian Reservation included in the extension made to said Reservation by Executive Order dated January sixth, eighteen hundred and eighty, and subsequent Executive Orders; all of which said lands are separately shown upon two parts of a diagram hereto attached and forming a part hereof.

National Forest, Arizona and New Mexico. Vol. 26, p. 1103.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the power in me vested by section twenty-four of the Act of Congress, approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled, "An Act to repeal timber-culture laws, and for other purposes," do proclaim that there are hereby reserved from settlement or entry and set apart as a public reservation, for the use and benefit of the people, all the tracts of lands, in the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico, shown as the Zuni National Forest on the two parts of the said diagram, and such National Forest shall, except as hereinafter provided, be subject to all the laws affecting National Forests including the mineral land laws of the United States; *Provided*, that nothing herein shall, for the term of twenty-five years from the date hereof, operate to terminate or abridge the rights of the Secretary of the Interior and of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, under existing laws, to allot to individual Indians any of such of the above described lands as were included in said Zuni and Navajo Indian Reservations by the said Executive Orders, modified as aforesaid; to use any of such lands or the timber thereon for Agency, school, or other tribal purposes; to permit the use of any of such lands for grazing purposes; to permit the free use by individual Indians of timber and stone from any of said lands necessary for domestic use upon their allotments; to dispose of the proceeds arising from grazing as provided for by law for other Indian funds; and to dispose of the dead timber standing or fallen upon such lands; *Provided further*, that said powers and rights of the Secretary of the Interior and Commissioner of Indian Affairs or permittees under or through them or either of them, and of individual Indians, except as to allotments to such Indians, shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of Agriculture may from time to time prescribe for the protection of the National Forest; and said powers and rights shall not be construed to apply to any land except such parts of said Zuni Indian Reservation and Navajo Indian Reservation as are included in the Forest by this proclamation, and all said powers and rights except the rights of individual Indians and their heirs to hold and enjoy their allotments, shall cease and determine twenty-five years after the date hereof, and thereafter the occupancy and use of the unallotted parts of said lands shall in all respects be subject to the laws governing National Forests.

Proviso.
Use for Indians.

Regulations, etc.

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 or used for Indian Agency, school, or church purposes,

or reserved for any public purpose other than for Indian occupancy and use under such Executive Orders, be subject to, and shall not interfere with, or defeat legal rights under such appropriation, or 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.

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 second day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-third.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:

ROBERT BACON

Secretary of State.



