

CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL FOREST
ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO
(THIRD PROCLAMATION)

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

WHEREAS an Executive Order dated July second, nineteen hundred and eight, directed that the Chiricahua National Forest within the Territory of Arizona and the Peloncillo National Forest within the territory of New Mexico be consolidated under the name of the Chiricahua National Forest; and

WHEREAS it appears that the public good will be promoted by eliminating from the Chiricahua National Forest certain lands within the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico, and by adding to said Forest certain public lands within the Territory of Arizona which are in part covered with timber, together with certain lands which were made a part of the Coronado National Forest, Arizona, by an Executive Order dated July second, nineteen hundred and eight;

Now, therefore, I, WILLIAM H. TAFT, 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 Chiricahua National Forest are hereby changed and that they are now as shown on the diagram forming a part hereof.

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.

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 Chiricahua 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, except that on the same date as the lands eliminated become subject to settlement, the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico may, if the lands eliminated are subject to such selection, select as indemnity in the satisfaction of their common school grants, not to exceed two sections of land in each entire township restored, or one section in each fractional portion of a township where the restored area thereof exceeds five thousand (5,000) acres, and no person will be permitted to acquire or exercise any right whatever under any settlement or occupancy begun prior to such date, and all such settlement or occupation is hereby forbidden.

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
[SEAL.] the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and
ten, and of the Independence of the United States
the one hundred and thirty-fourth.

WM H TAFT

By the President:

HUNTINGTON WILSON

Acting Secretary of State.

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