

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

WHEREAS it appears that the public good will be promoted by eliminating certain lands from the Apache National Forest, Arizona, and by transferring to the Crook National Forest a portion of the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation lands which were included in the Apache National Forest by a proclamation dated March second, nineteen hundred and nine;

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 Apache National Forest are hereby changed and that they are now as shown on the diagram forming a part hereof.

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 Apache 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 Territory of Arizona may, if the lands eliminated are subject to such selection, select as indemnity in the satisfaction of its common school grant, 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.

All the rights, powers, and duties of the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and all rights and privileges of their permittees and the Indians, reserved and confirmed by the proclamation of the President of the United States of March second, nineteen hundred and nine, enlarging the Apache National Forest, shall remain in full force and effect, notwithstanding anything in this proclamation contained.

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 26th day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-fifth.

[SEAL.]

WM H TAFT

By the President:

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Acting Secretary of State.