

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, it appears that the public good will be promoted by excluding certain areas from the Lincoln National Forest, in the State of New Mexico, and restoring the public lands subject to disposition therein to entry by ex-service men in advance of the general public in accordance with existing law;

Now, therefore, I, CALVIN COOLIDGE, 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 (30 Stat., 11 at 34 and 36), 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 Lincoln National Forest are hereby changed to exclude the areas indicated as eliminations upon the diagram hereto annexed and forming a part thereof.

And I do further proclaim and make known that pursuant to Public Resolution No. 29 of February fourteenth, nineteen hundred and twenty (41 Stat., 434), as amended by Public Resolutions Nos. 36 and 79 approved January twenty-first and December twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, respectively (42 Stat., 358, 1067), it is hereby ordered that the public lands in the excluded areas, subject to valid rights and the provisions of existing withdrawals, shall be opened only to entry under the homestead and desert-land laws by qualified ex-service men of the war with Germany, under the terms and conditions of said resolutions and the regulations issued thereunder, for a period of 91 days, beginning with the 63rd day from and after the date hereof, and thereafter any of said lands remaining unentered will be subject to appropriation under any public land law applicable thereto by the general public. Subsequent to the date hereof and prior to the date of restoration to general disposition as herein provided, no rights may be acquired to the excluded lands by settlement in advance of entry, or otherwise except strictly in accordance herewith.

Prospective applicants may, during the period of twenty days preceding the date on which the lands shall become subject to entry, selection or location of the form desired under the provisions of this proclamation, execute their applications in the manner provided by law and present the same, accompanied by the required payments, to the United States land offices at Roswell, New Mexico, in person by mail or otherwise, and all applications so filed, together with such as may be submitted at 9 o'clock a. m., standard time, on the dates fixed, shall be treated as though simultaneously filed and shall be disposed of in the manner prescribed by existing regulations. Under such regulations conflicts of equal rights will be determined by a drawing.

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 17th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four,
[SEAL.] and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-ninth.

CALVIN COOLIDGE