

## A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, it appears that the public good would be promoted by adding to the Chugach National Forest within the Territory of Alaska certain lands, and by excluding certain areas therefrom 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 March 3, 1891 (26 Stat., 1095), entitled, "An Act To repeal timber-culture laws, and for other purposes", and also by the act of Congress approved June 4, 1897 (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 Chugach National Forest are hereby changed to include the areas indicated as additions upon the diagram hereto annexed and forming a part hereof and to exclude the areas indicated thereon as eliminations:

Provided, That this proclamation shall not be so construed as to deprive any person of any valid right possessed under the Treaty<sup>a</sup> for the cession of the Russian possessions in North America to the United States, concluded at Washington on March 30, 1867, or acquired under any act of Congress relating to the Territory of Alaska.

The withdrawal made by this proclamation shall, as to all lands<sup>a</sup> 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.

And I do further proclaim and make known that pursuant to Public Resolution No. 29 of February 14, 1920 (41 Stat., 434), as amended by Resolutions Nos. 36 and 79, approved January 21 and December 28, 1922, 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 applicable homestead laws requiring residence 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 ninety-one days beginning with the sixty-third day from and after the date hereof, and thereafter 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.

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 29th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five,  
[SEAL] and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-ninth.

CALVIN COOLIDGE