

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

[No. 697—Dec. 8, 1906—34 Stat. 3266]

WHEREAS, it is provided by section two of the Act of Congress, approved June 8, 1906, entitled, "An Act for the preservation of American Antiquities." "That the President of the United States is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to declare by public proclamation historic land marks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States to be National Monuments, and may reserve as a part thereof parcels of land, the limits of which in all cases shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the object to be protected;"

AND, WHEREAS, the mineralized remains of Mesozoic forests, commonly known as the "Petrified Forest," in the Territory of Arizona, situated upon the public lands owned and controlled by the United States, are of the greatest scientific interest and value and it appears that the public good would be promoted by reserving these deposits of fossilized wood as a National monument with as much land as may be necessary for the proper protection thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the power in me vested by section two of the aforesaid Act of Congress, do hereby set aside as the Petrified Forest National Monument, subject to any valid and existing rights, the deposits of mineralized forest remains situated in Gila and Apache counties, Arizona, more particularly located and described as follows, to wit:

Sections 1 to 18 inclusive in township 16 north, range 23; sections 20 to 29 inclusive and sections 31 to 36 inclusive in township 17 north, range 23; sections 1 to 12 inclusive and section 18 in township 16 north, range 24; sections 2 to 11 inclusive and sections 14 to 36 inclusive in township 17 north, range 24; sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, in township 16 north, range 25; and sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 and 32 in township 17 north, range 25, all east of the Gila and Salt River Meridian as shown upon the map hereto attached and made a part of this proclamation.

Warning is hereby expressly given to all unauthorized persons not to appropriate, excavate, injure or destroy any of the mineralized forest remains hereby declared to be a National monument or to locate or settle upon any of the lands reserved and made a part of said monument by this proclamation.

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 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six and the
[SEAL] Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-first.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

By the President:
ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of State.