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Mount Olympus National Monument

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAIMATION

WHEREAS, the slopes of Mount Olympus and the adjacent summits of the Olympic Mountains, in the State of Washington, within the Olympic National Forest, embrace certain objects of unusual scientific interest, including numerous glaciers, and the region which from time immemorial has formed the summer range and breeding grounds of the Olympic Elk (*Cervus roosevelti*), a species peculiar to these mountains and rapidly decreasing in numbers;

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 Act of Congress, approved June eighth, nineteen hundred and six, entitled, "An Act For the preservation of American antiquities," do proclaim that there are hereby reserved from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, subject to all prior valid adverse claims, and set apart as a National Monument, all the tracts of land, in the counties of Jefferson, Clallam, Mason and Chehalis, in the State of Washington, shown as the Mount Olympus National Monument on the diagram forming a part hereof, and more particularly located and described as follows, to wit:¹

Beginning at the southeast corner of Section 1, Township 21 North, Range 9 West, Willamette Base and Meridian, Washington; thence motherly along the surveyed and unsurveyed range line between Ranges 8 and 9 West to the southeast corner of unsurveyed Townships 25 and 26 North to the southwest corner of unsurveyed Township 26 North, Range 9 West; thence northly on the unsurveyed range line between Ranges 9 and 10 West to the southwest corner of Township 29 North, Range 9 West; thence easterly on the surveyed and unsurveyed township line between Townships 28 and 29 North to the northeast corner of unsurveyed Township 28 North Range 6 West; thence southerly along the unsurveyed range line between Ranges 5 and 6 West to southeast corner of Township 28 North, Range 6 West; thence easterly along the unsurveyed township line between unsurveyed Townships 27 and 28 North, to the northeast corner of Township 27 North, Range 5 West; thence southerly along the unsurveyed range line between Ranges 4 and 5 West to the southeast corner of unsurveyed Township 25, North, Range 5 West; thence westerly along unsurveyed township line between Townships 24 and 25 North to the Northeast corner of Township 24 North, Range 6 West; thence southerly along the unsurveyed range line between Ranges 5 and 6 West to the southeast corner of Township 23 North, Range 6 West; thence westerly along the unsurveyed township line between Townships 22 and 23 North to the northeast corner of Township 22 North, Range 7 West; thence southerly along the surveyed and unsurveyed range line between Ranges 6 and 7 West to the northeast corner of Section 12, Township 21 North, Range 7 West: thence westerly along section line to the southwest corner of Section 6 of

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said Township; thence northerly along the range line to the northwest corner of said Section, said Township; thence westerly along the township line between Townships 21 and 22 north to the northwest corner of Section 4, T. 21 North, Range 8 West; thence southerly along the section line to the southeast corner of Section 16, said Township; thence westerly along the section line to the southwest corner of Section 18, said Township 21 North, Range 9 West, the place of beginning.

The reservation made by this proclamation is not intended to prevent the use of the lands for forest purposes under the proclamations establishing the Olympic National Forest, but the two reservations shall both be effective on the land withdrawn, but the National Monument hereby established shall be the dominant reservation and any use of the land which interferes with its preservation or protection as a National Monument is hereby forbidden.²

Warning is hereby given to all unauthorized persons not to appropriate, injure, remove, or destroy any feature of this National Monument, or to locate or settle upon any of the lands reserved 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 second day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, and of the Independence of the United

[SEAL] States the one hundred and thirty-third.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President: ROBERT BACON Secretary of State.

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