

having an area of approximately thirty-nine and three hundred and seventy-six one-thousandths square miles, shall confer on the locator the right to occupy and use only so much of the surface of the land covered by the location as may be reasonably necessary to carry on prospecting and mining, including the taking of mineral deposits and timber required by or in the mining operations, and no permit shall be required or charge made for such use or occupancy: *Provided, however,* That the cutting and removal of timber, except where clearing is necessary in connection with mining operations or to provide space for buildings or structures used in connection with mining operations, shall be conducted in accordance with the rules for timber cutting on adjoining national-forest land, and no use of the surface of the claim or the resources therefrom not reasonably required for carrying on mining and prospecting shall be allowed except under the national-forest rules and regulations, nor shall the locator prevent or obstruct other occupancy of the surface or use of surface resources under authority of national-forest regulations, or permits issued thereunder, if such occupancy or use is not in conflict with mineral development.

Proviso.
Cutting and re-
moval of timber.

Regulations appli-
cable to use of surface,
etc.

Patents, title and
rights conveyed un-
der.

Reservation of title
to surface, etc.

Valid existing min-
ing claims.

SEC. 2. That hereafter all patents issued under the United States mining laws affecting lands within the watershed of headwaters of the Bonito River in the Lincoln Forest, in the State of New Mexico, shall convey title to the mineral deposits within the claim, together with the right to cut and remove so much of the mature timber therefrom as may be needed in extracting and removing the mineral deposits, if the timber is removed in accordance with the rules for timber cutting on adjoining national-forest land, but each patent shall reserve to the United States all title in or to the surface of the lands and products thereof, and no use of the surface of the claim or the resources therefrom not reasonably required for carrying on mining or prospecting shall be allowed except under the rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture.

SEC. 3. That valid mining claims within the watershed of the headwaters of the Bonito River in the Lincoln National Forest, within the State of New Mexico, as above described, existing on the date of the enactment of this Act and thereafter maintained in compliance with the law under which they were initiated and the laws of the State of New Mexico, may be perfected under this Act or under the laws under which they were initiated, as the claimant may desire.

Approved, June 13, 1939.

[CHAPTER 202]

AN ACT

To convey certain property to the city of El Campo, Texas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to convey to the city of El Campo, Texas, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in a strip of land on the west side of the present post-office site fifty feet wide and two hundred feet long between Railroad Avenue and First Street. Such conveyance shall be subject to the express condition that the land be used for street purposes.

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Conveyance of land
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