

the powers and duties hereinbefore specifically conferred upon such Commission, the Commission shall collect and correlate factual data and maintain records having a bearing upon the administration of this compact. In connection therewith, the Commission may employ such engineering and other assistance as may be reasonably necessary within the limits of funds provided for that purpose by the States. The Commission may, by unanimous action, adopt rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this compact to govern its proceedings. The salaries and expenses of the members of the Commission shall be paid by their respective States. Other expenses incident to the administration of the compact, including the employment of engineering or other assistance and the establishment and maintenance of compact gaging stations, not borne by the United States shall be assumed equally by the two States and paid directly to the Commission upon vouchers submitted for that purpose.

The United States Geological Survey, or whatever Federal agency may succeed to the functions and duties of that agency, shall collaborate with the Commission in the correlation and publication of water facts necessary for the proper administration of this compact.

ARTICLE IX

This compact shall become operative when ratified by the Legislatures of each of the signatory States and consented to by the Congress of the United States.

In witness whereof, the Commissioners have signed this compact in triplicate original, one copy of which shall be deposited in the archives of the Department of State of the United States of America, and one copy of which shall be forwarded to the Governor of each of the signatory States.

Done in the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the 30th day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-four.

(Signed) CLIFFORD H. STONE
Commissioner for Colorado

(Signed) THOMAS M. McCLURE
Commissioner for New Mexico

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved. Neither this Act nor the compact hereby ratified shall be construed as amending, modifying or affecting in any way the obligations of any of the parties to the Rio Grande Compact, dated March 18, 1938, approved by the Congress by the Act of May 31, 1939 (53 Stat. 785).

Approved June 11, 1946.

[CHAPTER 377]

AN ACT

To protect scenic values along and tributary to the Catalina Highway within the Coronado National Forest, Arizona.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter mining locations made under mining laws of the United States within the following-described lands within the Coronado National Forest, Pima County, Arizona: Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36, and the east half of section 34, township 11 south, range 15 east; sections 30, 31, 32, and 33, and the west half of section 29, township 11 south, range 16 east; sections 1, 2, and 3, township 12 south, range 15 east; sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, and 16, the west half of section 11, the west

Rules and regula-
tions.

Salaries and expen-
ses.

Correlation and
publication of water
facts.

Rights reserved.

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Coronado National
Forest, Ariz.
Right of occupancy
for prospecting, min-
ing, etc.

half of section 14, and the northwest quarter of section 23, township 12 south, range 16 east; Gila and Salt River base and meridian, shall confer on the locator the right to occupy and use so much of the surface of the land covered by the location as may be reasonably necessary to carry on prospecting, mining, and beneficiation of ores including the taking of mineral deposits and timber required by or in the mining and ore reducing 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.

Cutting and removal of timber.

SEC. 2. That hereafter all patents issued under the United States mining laws affecting lands within the above-described area 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 and beneficiation of the mineral deposits, if the timber is cut under sound principles of forest management as defined by the national-forest rules and regulations, 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.

Patents to convey title to mineral deposits.

SEC. 3. That valid mining claims within the said lands, 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 Arizona, may be perfected under this Act, or under the laws under which they were initiated, as the claimant may desire.

Mining claims.

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[CHAPTER 378]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act conferring jurisdiction upon the United States Court of Claims to hear, examine, adjudicate, and render judgment on any and all claims which the Ute Indians, or any tribe, or band thereof, may have against the United States, and for other purposes", approved June 28, 1938.

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[Public Law 410]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 8 of the Act of June 28, 1938 (52 Stat. 1209, 1211), entitled "An Act conferring jurisdiction upon the United States Court of Claims to hear, examine, adjudicate, and render judgment on any and all claims which the Ute Indians, or any tribe, or band thereof, may have against the United States, and for other purposes", approved June 28, 1938, be, and the same hereby is, amended so as to read in full as follows:

Ute Indians.
Jurisdiction of Court of Claims to hear, etc., claims against U. S.

"Upon the final determination of any suit, cause, or action instituted hereunder, whether by judgment, compromise, or otherwise, the Court of Claims, in the event of success by any plaintiff, or in the event any claim asserted by any of said bands of Indians shall be compromised or settled without the institution of any suit hereunder, the Secretary

Attorneys' fees.