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[CHAPTER 179]

AN ACT

April 8, 1948
[H. R. 5049]
[Public Law 477]

To reopen the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands to exploration, location, entry, and disposition under the general mining laws.

Revested Oregon and California Railroad, etc., grant lands. Exploration, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any provisions of the Act of August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 874), or any other Act relating to the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands, all of such revested or reconveyed lands, except power sites, shall be open for exploration, location, entry, and disposition under the mineral-land laws of the United States, and all mineral claims heretofore located upon said lands, if otherwise valid under the mineral-land laws of the United States, are hereby declared valid to the same extent as if such lands had remained open to exploration, location, entry, and disposition under such laws from August 28, 1937, to the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided*, That any person who under such laws has entered since August 28, 1937, or shall hereafter enter, any of said lands, shall not acquire title, possessory or otherwise, to the timber, now or hereafter growing thereon, which timber may be managed and disposed of as is or may be provided by law, except that such person shall have the right to use so much of the timber thereon as may be necessary in the development and operation of his mine until such time as such timber is disposed of by the United States: *Provided further*, That locations made prior to August 28, 1937, may be perfected in accordance with the laws under which initiated.

Timber.

Unpatented mining claim.

The owner of any unpatented mining claim located upon any of such lands shall file for record in the United States district land office of the land district in which the claim is situated (1) within one hundred and eighty days after the effective date of this Act, as to locations heretofore made, or within sixty days of locations, as to locations hereafter made, a copy of the notice of location of the claim; (2) within sixty days after the expiration of any annual assessment year, a statement under oath as to the assessment work done or improvements made during the previous assessment year, or as to compliance, in lieu thereof, with any applicable relief Act.

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[CHAPTER 180]

AN ACT

April 9, 1948
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[Public Law 478]

To amend the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, and for other purposes.

Interstate Commerce Act, amendments. Securities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is hereby declared to be in aid of the national transportation policy of the Congress, as set forth in the preamble of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, in order to promote the public interest in avoiding the deterioration of service and the interruption of employment which inevitably attend the threat of financial difficulties and which follow upon financial collapse and in order to promote the public interest in increased stability of values of railroad securities with resulting greater confidence therein of investors, to assure, insofar as possible, continuity of sound financial condition of common carriers subject to part I of said Act, to enhance the marketability of railroad securities impaired by large and continuing accumulations of interest on income bonds and dividends on preferred stock and to enable said common carriers, insofar as possible, to avoid prospective financial difficulties,

24 Stat. 379.
49 U. S. C. § 27.