

National Park, California, as to recognize existing equities based on possession or claim established in reliance upon a survey made by the county surveyor of Tulare County, California, and recorded in volume 17 of Maps, page 2, Official Records of the County Records of Tulare County, California. To effectuate the purposes of this Act the Secretary may amend existing patents or relinquish or grant parcels of land within the area to claimants whose equities the Secretary determines are entitled to recognition.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to pay from funds appropriated or hereafter appropriated for the use of his Department, the costs of surveys, investigations, and other services necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Act.

Approved, June 5, 1942.

Costs of surveys,
etc.

[CHAPTER 334]

AN ACT

To authorize the addition of certain lands to the Plumas National Forest, California.

June 5, 1942
[H. R. 1595]
[Public Law 574]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That within the following-described areas any lands not in Government ownership which are found by the Secretary of Agriculture to be chiefly valuable for national-forest purposes may be offered in exchange under the provisions of the Act of March 20, 1922 (Public, Numbered 173; 42 Stat. L. 465), as amended by the Act of February 28, 1925 (Public, Numbered 513), upon notice as therein provided and upon acceptance of title, shall become parts of the Plumas National Forest; and any of such described areas in Government ownership found by the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to be chiefly valuable for national-forest purposes and not now parts of any national forest may be added to said national forest as herein provided by proclamation of the President, subject to all valid claims and provisions of existing withdrawals: *Provided,* That any lands received in exchange under the provisions of this Act shall be open to mineral locations, mineral development, and patent in accordance with the mining laws of the United States:

Plumas National
Forest, Calif.
Exchange and addition
of certain lands.

16 U. S. C. §§ 485,
486.
43 Stat. 1090.

Proviso.
Mineral locations,
etc.

Township 18 north, range 7 east, Mount Diablo base and meridian, California: Sections 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 22, 23, 26, and 27.

Description.

Approved, June 5, 1942.

[CHAPTER 335]

AN ACT

Validating a certain conveyance, heretofore made by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, and its lessee, Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, involving certain portions of right-of-way in the town of Indio, in the county of Riverside, State of California, acquired under section 23 of the Act of March 3, 1871 (16 Stat. 573).

June 5, 1942
[H. R. 2307]
[Public Law 575]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the conveyance hereinafter particularly described and heretofore executed by Southern Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, and its lessee, Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, involving certain lands or interest therein, in the town of Indio, in the county of Riverside, State of California, and forming a part of the right-of-way of said Southern Pacific Railroad Company, granted by the Government of the United States of America by section 23 of the Act of March 3, 1871 (16 Stat. 573), is hereby legalized, validated, and confirmed with the same force and effect as if the land involved therein had been

Southern Pacific
Railroad Co. and
lessee.
Validation of con-
veyance.

held at the time of such conveyance by the corporations making the same under absolute fee-simple title.

Official record.

The conveyance, recorded in the office of the county recorder of Riverside County, California, in book of official records, which is hereby legalized, validated, and confirmed, is as follows: December 15, 1937: Volume 351, page 351, A. L. Wood, John Clinton Estate, Indio Fire Protection District, C. W. Walker, Jane Walker, and Faye Massey: *Provided*, That such legalization, validation, and confirmation shall not in any instance diminish said right-of-way to a width less than fifty feet on either side of the center of the main track or tracks of said Southern Pacific Railroad Company as now established and maintained: *Provided further*, That nothing herein contained is intended or shall be construed to legalize, validate, or confirm any rights, titles, or interests based upon or arising out of adverse possession, prescription, or abandonment, and not confirmed by conveyance heretofore made by Southern Pacific Railroad Company and its lessee, Southern Pacific Company: *And provided further*, That there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, coal, or other minerals in the land, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

Provisos.
Width of right-of-way.

Adverse possession, etc.

Reservation of mineral rights.

Approved, June 5, 1942.

[CHAPTER 336]

AN ACT

June 5, 1942
[H. R. 3488]
[Public Law 576]

To provide that assistant or deputy heads of certain bureaus in the Department of the Interior shall be appointed under the civil-service laws, and for other purposes.

Department of the Interior.
Appointment of certain assistant or deputy commissioners.

42 Stat. 1488; *Post*, p. 733.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674; *Supp.* I, ch. 13.

Functions and duties.

Performance of duties of commissioner in case of death, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter assistant or deputy commissioners of the General Land Office and Bureau of Indian Affairs, in the Department of the Interior, shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, subject to the civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended. Appointments to these positions shall be considered as made under the authority of section 169 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (5 U. S. C., sec. 43). Assistant and deputy commissioners so appointed shall be authorized to sign such letters, papers, and documents and to perform such other duties as may be directed by the commissioner of their respective bureaus. The Secretary may designate for each of the aforementioned bureaus an assistant or deputy commissioner, who shall be authorized to perform the duties of the commissioner in case of the death, resignation, absence, or sickness of the commissioner.

SEC. 2. All provisions of law inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Approved, June 5, 1942.

[CHAPTER 337]

AN ACT

June 5, 1942
[H. R. 3937]
[Public Law 577]

To change the designation of the Fort Marion National Monument, in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, Fla.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the area now within the Fort Marion National Monument, in the State of Florida, shall hereafter be known as the "Castillo de San Marcos National Monument", under which name the aforesaid national monument shall be entitled to receive and to use all moneys heretofore or hereafter appropriated for the Fort Marion National Monument.

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