

Section 510a, act June 13, 1930, ch. 481, 46 Stat. 583, prohibiting the acceptance of applications for the classification and listing of lands in the Custer National Forest for homestead entry with provision for the Secretary of Agriculture to list, in his discretion, limited tracts when in his opinion such action would be in the public interest and would not be injurious to other settlers or users of the national forest, has been omitted in view of the repeal by Pub. L. 87-869, § 4, Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1157, of the provision under which such classification and listing were carried out.

**§ 511. Reinstatement of entries canceled or relinquished**

All homestead entries which have been canceled or relinquished, or are invalid solely because of the erroneous allowance of such entries after the withdrawal of lands for national-forest purposes, may be reinstated or allowed to remain intact, but in the case of entries canceled prior to March 3, 1911, applications for reinstatement must have been filed in the proper local land office prior to July 1, 1912.

(Mar. 3, 1911, ch. 225, § 1, 36 Stat. 1084.)

**§ 512. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section, acts Mar. 4, 1913, ch. 145, §1[part], 37 Stat. 842; Mar. 3, 1925, ch. 462, 43 Stat. 1144; Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1946, § 403, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7876, 60 Stat. 1100, which directed the Secretary of Agriculture to select, classify, and segregate lands within the boundaries of national forests that might be opened to settlement and entry under the homestead laws applicable to the national forests, has been omitted in view of the repeal of the Forest Reserve Homestead Act "as amended and supplemented" by Pub. L. 87-869, § 4, Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1157, which had provided the basic framework under which reserved public domain lands suitable for farming in the national forests had been made available for homesteading.

**§ 513. Repealed. Pub. L. 94-588, § 17(a)(1), (2), Oct. 22, 1976, 90 Stat. 2961**

Section, acts Mar. 1, 1911, ch. 186, §§ 4, 5, 36 Stat. 962; Sept. 21, 1950, ch. 966, 64 Stat. 872, provided for creation and membership of National Forest Reservation Commission.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Section 17(a)(1) of Pub. L. 94-588 provided in part that all functions of National Forest Reservation Commission are transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture.

**§ 514. Repealed. Pub. L. 94-588, § 17(a)(6), Oct. 22, 1976, 90 Stat. 2962**

Section, acts Mar. 1, 1911, ch. 186, §14, 36 Stat. 963; June 26, 1934, ch. 756, § 2, 48 Stat. 1225, authorized appropriations for payment of expenses of National Forest Reservation Commission.

**§ 515. Examination, location, and purchase of forested, cut-over, or denuded lands; consent of State legislature to acquisition of land by the United States**

The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to examine, locate, and purchase such forested, cut-over, or denuded lands within the watersheds of navigable streams as in his judgment may be necessary to the regulation of the flow of navigable streams or for the production of timber. No deed or other instru-

ment of conveyance of lands referred to herein shall be accepted or approved by the Secretary of Agriculture under this Act until the legislature of the State in which the land lies shall have consented to the acquisition of such land by the United States for the purpose of preserving the navigability of navigable streams.

(Mar. 1, 1911, ch. 186, § 6, 36 Stat. 962; June 7, 1924, ch. 348, § 6, 43 Stat. 654; Pub. L. 94-588, § 17(a)(3), Oct. 22, 1976, 90 Stat. 2961.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, means act Mar. 1, 1911, ch. 186, 36 Stat. 961, popularly known as the Weeks Law, which enacted this section, former sections 513 and 514 of this title, and sections 516 to 519, 521, 552, and 563 of this title and amended sections 480 and 500 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 552 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Act Mar. 1, 1911, prior to its amendment, authorized the Secretary to study lands necessary to the regulation of the flow of navigable streams. This authority was enlarged by act June 7, 1924, to include in its scope "lands necessary for the production of timber".

AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-588 substituted "The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to examine, locate, and purchase such forested, cut-over, or denuded lands within the watersheds of navigable streams as in his judgment may be necessary to the regulation of the flow of navigable streams or for the production of timber. No deed or other instrument of conveyance of lands referred to herein shall be accepted or approved by the Secretary of Agriculture under this Act until the legislature of the State in which the land lies shall have consented to the acquisition of such land by the United States for the purpose of preserving the navigability of navigable streams" for "The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to examine, locate, and recommend for purchase such forested, cut-over, or denuded lands within the watersheds of navigable streams as in his judgment may be necessary to the regulation of the flow of navigable streams or for the production of timber and to report to the National Forest Reservation Commission the results of such examination; but before any lands are purchased by the commission said lands shall be examined by the Secretary of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Director of the Geological Survey, and a report made by them to the commission showing that the control of such lands by the Federal Government will promote or protect the navigation of streams or by the Secretary of Agriculture showing that such control will promote the production of timber thereon".

**§ 516. Exchange of lands in the public interest; equal value; cutting and removing timber; publication of contemplated exchange**

When the public interests will be benefited thereby, the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to accept on behalf of the United States title to any lands within the exterior boundaries of national forests which, in his opinion, are chiefly valuable for the purposes of this Act, and in exchange therefor to convey by deed not to exceed an equal value of such national forest land in the same State, or he may authorize the grantor to cut and remove an equal value of timber within such national forests in the same State, the values in each case to be determined by him: *Provided*,