

HISTORY OF FOREST PROCLAMATIONS IN REGION 1 FROM 1897 TO 1902

FOREST PROCLAMATIONS OF 1897

Bitter Root - Proclamation of February 22, 1897

Established the Bitter Root Forest Reserve. This was a large reserve and included many lands that were subsequently transferred to a number of other forest reserves and national forests. The lands are currently a part of the following National Forests:

Bitterroot NF - included the area on the west and south sides of the current Bitterroot NF.

Nez Perce NF - included most of the current Nez Perce NF with the exception of a small area in the southwest corner west of the Salmon River. (The Nezperce NF was established on 7/1/1908, by EO 854, from parts of the previously proclaimed Bitter Root and Weiser National Forests)

Clearwater NF - included the southeast portion of the current Clearwater Forest. (The Clearwater NF was established on 7/1/1908, by EO 842, from parts of the previously proclaimed Bitter Root and Coeur D'Alene National Forests.)

Lolo NF - included a small portion of the current Lolo NF in Township 10 N., Ranges 22, 23 and 24 W. (The Lolo NF was established by proclamation dated 9/20/1906 and included that portion of the current Lolo NF lying west of Missoula and south of Interstate 90.)

Salmon NF - also included a small portion of the current Salmon NF in Region 4. (The Salmon NF was established 1908.)

Flathead - Proclamation of 2/22/1897

Established the Flathead Forest Reserve. This was a relatively small Reserve that included the north-eastern portion of the current Flathead NF in addition to Glacier NP.

By Proclamation of 6/9/1903, the above lands were consolidated with the Lewis and Clarke Forest Reserve and the Flathead name was discontinued.

The Flathead was again established on 7/1/1908, by EO 835, from portions of the previously proclaimed Lewis and Clark National Forest. These were lands that are currently within the south half of the Flathead NF; not the lands that were included in the 1897 Flathead Proclamation.

Lewis and Clarke - Proclamation of 2/22/1897

Established the Lewis and Clarke Forest Reserve. This was another fairly large forest reserve and included lands that were subsequently transferred to other reserves and national forests. The lands are currently a part of the following National Forests:

Lewis and Clark - included the area within the Rocky Mountain Ranger District of the current Lewis & Clark NF.

Flathead - included the entire south half of the current Flathead NF. (The northeastern part of the Flathead was established in 1897. It was subsequently transferred to the L&C in 1903 and the name was discontinued. The Flathead was re-established in 1908 from portions of the above 1897 Lewis and Clarke proclamation)

Lolo - included the northeastern part of the Seeley Lake RD of the current Lolo NF. (The Lolo NF was established by proclamation dated 9/20/1906 and included that portion of the current Lolo NF lying west of Missoula and south of Interstate 90.)

Helena - The above Lewis and Clarke proclamation included a small portion of the current Helena NF in Township 17 N., Ranges 8, 9 and 10 West. (The Helena NF was established by proclamation dated 9/12/1906 and included portions of the west side of the current forest.)

Priest River - Proclamation of 2/22/1897

Established the Priest River Forest Reserve. This was another relatively small proclamation that included lands on the west side of the current Kankisu National Forest. (The Kaniksu NF was established 7/1/1908, by EO 845, from portions of the Priest River Forest Reserve. The remaining

portions of the Priest River were transferred to the Pend Oreille NF, and eventually added to the Kankisu NF in 1933 when the Pend Oreille NF was abolished.)

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Gallatin - Proclamation of 2/10/1899.

Established Gallatin Forest Reserve and included even number sections within Townships 3, 4, and 5 S., Range 5, 6, and 7 E.; all of which are within the current Gallatin National Forests.

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Little Belt Mountains - Proclamation of 8/16/1902

Established the Little Belt Mountains Forest Reserve and included lands within the Little Belt Mountain area of the current Lewis & Clark National Forest.

Madison - Proclamation of 8/16/1902

Established the Madison Forest Reserve. The Reserve included lands west of Yellowstone National Park that are now a part of the current Gallatin and Beaverhead National Forests.

Absaroka - Proclamation of 9/4/1902

Established the Absaroka Forest Reserve. The Reserve included lands northeast of Big Timber, Montana that are now a part of the current Gallatin and Lewis & Clark National Forests.