

fourth section of the first named act, have reported to him that the said Northern Pacific Railroad and Telegraph line, and branch excepting that portion between Wallula, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, declared forfeited by the Act of September 29 1890, have been constructed and fully completed and equipped in the manner prescribed by the act relative thereto, and the same accepted by the President; and

Whereas, there has been filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior evidence showing that the Northern Pacific Railway Company is the lawful successor in interest of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company as to all lands within the limits of the grant made to the said Northern Pacific Railroad Company by the Act of July 2, 1864, and all subsequent legislation, and Whereas, by Act of Congress approved July 1, 1898 (30 Statute, 597-620) authority is given the Northern Pacific Railroad Company or its successors in interest, under certain conditions, expressed therein, to relinquish to the United States certain lands within either the granted or indemnity limits of its grant, and to select in lieu thereof " an equal quantity of Public lands, not mineral or reserved, and not valuable for stone, iron or coal and free from valid adverse claims or not occupied by actual settlers at the time of such selection, situated within any State or Territory into which such railroad grant extends," and it is provided that " patents shall issue for the land so selected as though it had been originally granted; and" Whereas the following described lands have been selected by the duly authorized agent of the Northern Pacific Railway Company under the provisions of the Act of July 1, 1898, aforesaid, and the lands as given as bases therfore are within the limits of the grant, lie opposite the constructed line of the Company's road, and have been duly relinquished to the United States in accordance with the requirements of said Act, and the relinquishment accepted by the Secretary of the Interior, viz:

Willamette Meridian-Washington, Township three north, Range seven East:

The Lots one and two and the west half of the Northeast quarter of Section thirty-three, containing one hundred and fifty five and twenty hundredths acres;

Township thirty eight north Range six east: The northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter the southwest quarter, and the Northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section fifteen containing two hundred forty acres;

Township thirty nine north, Range six East: The west half of Section eleven, containing three hundred twenty acres and the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section thirty five, containing forty acres;

Township thirtytwo north, Range nine East: The East half of the southeast quarter of Section twenty, containing eighty acres, the south half of the southwest quarter of Section twenty-one containing eighty acres;

Township twenty-six north, Range eleven East: The Lots six and Twelve of Section eighteen, containing twenty six and ninety hundredths acres and the Lot five of section twenty, containing ten and forty-five hundredths acres, - and containing in the aggregate, nine hundred fifty two and fifty-five hundredths acres:

Now Know Ye, That the United States of America in consideration of the premises, and pursuant to the said Acts of Congress, Have Given and granted and by these presents do Give and Grant unto the said Northern Pacific Railway Company, its successors in interest to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, the tracts of land selected as aforesaid and embraced in the foregoing: To have and to hold the said tracts, with the appurtenances thereof unto the said Northern Pacific Railway Company, successors aforesaid, and to its successors and assigns, forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made patent and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at the city of Washington, the fifth day of November in the year of our Lord