

UNITED STATES TO NORTHERN PACIFIC RY. CO.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS, BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED JULY 2, 1864 (13 STAT., 365), ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING LANDS TO AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILROAD AND TELEGRAPH LINE FROM LAKE SUPERIOR TO PUGET'S SOUND, ON THE PACIFIC COAST, BY THE NORTHERN ROUTE," AND THE JOINT RESOLUTION OF MAY 31, 1870 (16 STAT., 378), THERE WAS GRANTED TO THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AIDING IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID RAILROAD AND TELEGRAPH LINE, AND BRANCH, TO THE PACIFIC COAST," EVERY ALTERNATE SECTION OF PUBLIC LAND, NOT MINERAL, DESIGNATED BY ODD NUMBERS, TO THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY ALTERNATE SECTIONS PER MILE, ON EACH SIDE OF SAID RAILROAD LINE, AS SAID COMPANY MAY ADOPT, THROUGH THE TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TEN ALTERNATE SECTIONS OF LAND PER MILE ON EACH SIDE OF SAID RAILROAD WHENEVER IT PASSES THROUGH ANY STATE, AND WHENEVER ON THE LINE THEREOF, THE UNITED STATES HAVE FULL TITLE, NOT RESERVED, SOLD, GRANTED, OR OTHERWISE APPROPRIATED, AND FREE FROM PREEMPTION, OR OTHER CLAIMS OR RIGHTS, AT THE TIME THE LINE OF SAID ROAD IS DEFINITELY FIXED, AND A PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE;" AND

WHEREAS, IT IS FURTHER PROVIDED THAT "WHENEVER, PRIOR TO SAID TIME, ANY OF SAID SECTIONS OR PARTS OF SECTIONS SHALL HAVE BEEN GRANTED, SOLD, RESERVED, OCCUPIED BY HOMESTEAD SETTLERS, OR PREEMPTED, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF, OTHER LANDS SHALL BE SELECTED BY SAID COMPANY IN LIEU THEREOF, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, IN ALTERNATE SECTIONS, AND DESIGNATED BY ODD NUMBERS, NOT MORE THAN TEN MILES BEYOND THE LIMITS OF SAID ALTERNATE SECTIONS:" PROVIDED, FURTHER, "THAT ALL MINERAL LANDS BE, AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY EXCLUDED FROM THE OPERATIONS OF THIS ACT," AND PROVIDED, FURTHER, "THAT THE WORD 'MINERAL', WHEN IT OCCURS IN THIS ACT, SHALL NOT BE HELD TO INCLUDE IRON OR COAL;" AND

WHEREAS, OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR HAVE BEEN FILED IN THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, SHOWING THAT THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE 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 (26 STAT., 496), HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED AND FULLY COMPLETED AND EQUIPPED IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE ACT RELATIVE THERETO, AND THE SAME ACCEPTED; 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 TO 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, CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND HAVE BEEN SELECTED UNDER THE ACTS AFORESAID BY THE DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT OF SAID NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, NOW NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, AS SHOWN BY HIS ORIGINAL LISTS APPROVED BY THE LOCAL LAND OFFICERS AND NOW ON FILE IN THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE; AND

WHEREAS, SAID TRACTS OF LAND LIE COTERMINOUS TO THE CONSTRUCTED LINE OF ROAD, BETWEEN THE TWENTY AND THIRTY MILE LIMITS, AND ARE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS

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FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, WASHINGTON.

TOWNSHIP THREE NORTH OF RANGE FIVE EAST.

THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY-THREE, CONTAINING ONE HUNDRED SIXTY ACRES;

NOW KNOW YE, THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PREMISES, AND PURSUANT TO SAID ACTS OF CONGRESS, HAS GIVEN AND GRANTED AND BY THESE PRESENTS, DOES GIVE AND GRANT, UNTO THE SAID NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE TRACT OF LAND SELECTED AS AFORESAID AND EMBRACED IN THE FOREGOING; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAID TRACT WITH THE APPURTENANCES THEREOF, UNTO THE SAID NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, SUCCESSOR AS AFORESAID, AND TO ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, FOREVER. AND THERE IS RESERVED FROM THE LANDS HEREBY GRANTED A RIGHT OF WAY THEREON FOR DITCHES OR CANALS CONSTRUCTED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, CALVIN COOLIDGE, 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, IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THE THIRTIETH DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHTH

BY THE PRESIDENT: CALVIN COOLIDGE

BY VIOLA B. PUGH SECRETARY,

(GENERAL LAND OFFICE)
(SEAL)

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