

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 addi-
tion of certain lands.

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

Provido.
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.