

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, it is provided by section two of the Act of Congress, approved June 8, 1906, entitled, "An act for the preservation of American antiquities," "That the President of the United States is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to declare by public proclamation historic land marks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States to be national monuments, and may reserve as a part thereof parcels of land, the limits of which in all cases shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected";

Montezuma Castle National Monument, Ariz. Preamble. Acte, p. 225.

And, whereas, the prehistoric structure known as Montezuma's Castle in the Territory of Arizona, situated upon public lands owned by the United States, is of the greatest ethnological value and scientific interest and it appears that the public good would be promoted by reserving this ruin as a national monument with as much land as may be necessary for the proper protection thereof;

Now, therefore, I, THEODORE ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the power in me vested by section two of the aforesaid Act of Congress, do hereby set aside as the Montezuma Castle National Monument the prehistoric structure aforesaid and for the proper protection thereof do hereby reserve from settlement, entry or other disposal, all those certain tracts, pieces or parcels of land lying and being in the Territory of Arizona, and within, what will be when surveyed, the tracts particularly described as follows, to wit:

National monument, Ariz.

The northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section sixteen, the north half of the northeast quarter and northeast quarter of

Description.

northwest quarter of section seventeen, township fourteen north, range five east, Gila and Salt River Meridian, as shown upon the map hereto attached and made a part of this proclamation.

Reserved from settlement, etc.

Warning is hereby expressly given to all persons not to appropriate, excavate, injure or destroy said monument or to settle upon any of the lands reserved by this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done: at the city of Washington this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty first.

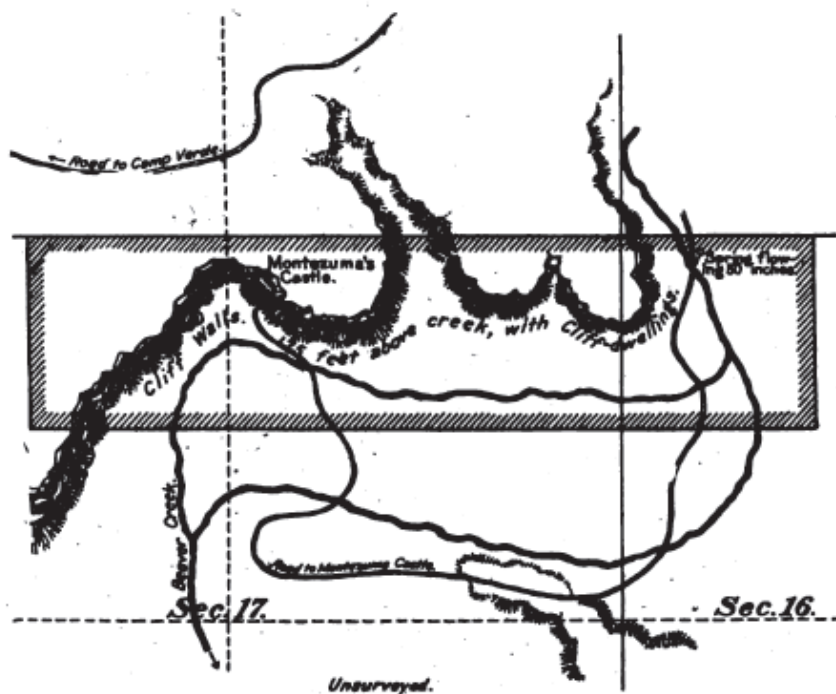
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THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President
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Secretary of State.

MONTEZUMA CASTLE NATIONAL MONUMENT,

Embracing the NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 16, the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE. $\frac{1}{4}$
and NE. $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 17, T. 14 N., R. 5 E. of
Gila and Salt River Meridian,
ARIZONA,
Containing 160 acres.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
Wm. A. Richards, Commissioner.

[MAP ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THE PROCLAMATION
DATED DECEMBER 6, 1906.]