

December 7, 1908.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
A PROCLAMATION

Wheeler National  
Monument, Colo.  
Preamble.  
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WHEREAS, certain volcanic formations in the State of Colorado, within the Rio Grande and Cochetopa National Forests, are of unusual scientific interest as illustrating erratic erosion, and it appears that the public interests would be promoted by reserving said formations as a National Monument;

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 Act of Congress, approved June eighth, nineteen hundred and six, entitled, "An Act For the preservation of American antiquities," do proclaim that there are hereby reserved from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, subject to all prior valid adverse claims, and set apart as a National Monument, all the tracts of land, in the State of Colorado, shown as the Wheeler National Monument on the diagram forming a part hereof.

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The reservation made by this proclamation is not intended to prevent the use of the lands for forest purposes under the Executive Orders establishing the Rio Grande and Cochetopa National Forests, but the two reservations shall both be effective on the land withdrawn, but the National Monument hereby established shall be the dominant reservation and any use of the land which interferes with its preservation or protection as a National Monument is hereby forbidden.

Forest uses not affected.

Warning is hereby given to all unauthorized persons not to appropriate, injure, or destroy any feature of this National Monument, or to locate or settle upon any of the lands reserved by this proclamation.

Reserved from settlement, etc.

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

Done at the City of Washington this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-third.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President:

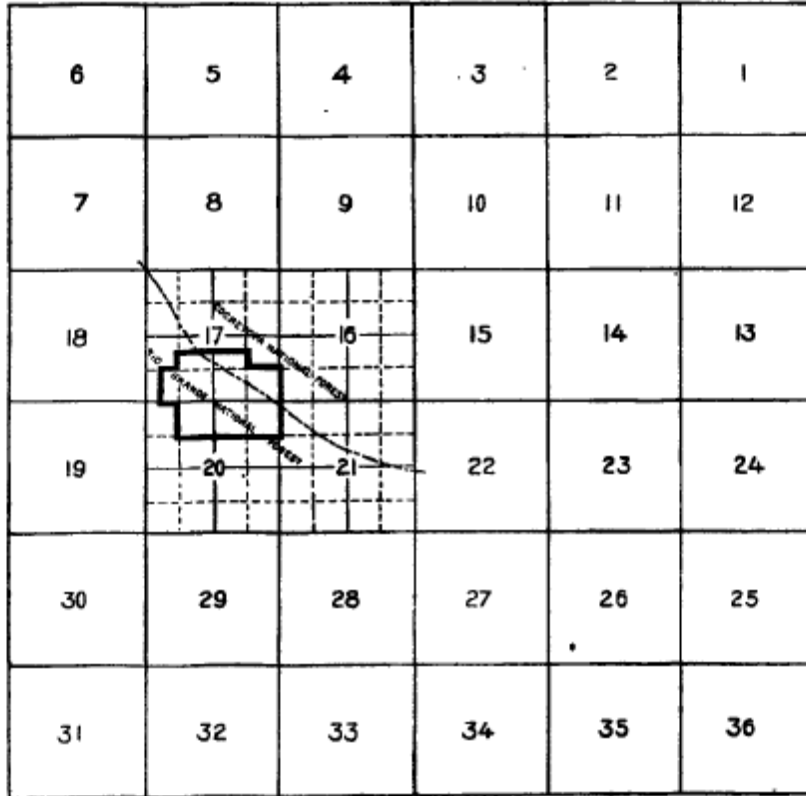
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Secretary of State.

FOREST SERVICE, U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

**WHEELER NATIONAL MONUMENT**  
WITHIN COCHETOPA AND RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FORESTS  
COLORADO

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