WHEREAS, it appears that certain public lands within the area described in the act of Congress approved June 7, 1924 (Public No. 229), which have been found under the terms of said act to be chiefly valuable for national forest purposes, should be added to the Medicine Bow National Forest, in the State of Wyoming, and designated as a refuge for the protection and propagation of game animals and birds.

Now, therefore, I, CALVIN COOLIDGE, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the power in me vested by the aforesaid act of Congress, entitled, "An Act Authorizing the addition of certain lands to the Medicine Bow National Forest, Wyoming, and for other purposes", do proclaim that the boundaries of the said national forest are hereby changed to include the area indicated as an addition on the diagram hereto annexed and forming a part hereof, and that such area is also hereby set aside as a game refuge and shall be recognized as a breeding place for game animals and birds, and that the hunting, trapping, killing, or capturing of any game animals and birds upon said lands is unlawful except under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture;

Provided, that the reservation made by this proclamation shall not affect any valid existing claim, location, or entry under the land laws of the United States whether for homestead, mineral, right of way, or any other purpose, nor the rights of any claimant, locator, or entryman to the full use and enjoyment of such land.

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 8th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-ninth.

CALVIN COOLIDGE