

ESTABLISHING THE TUSKEGEE NATIONAL FOREST, ALABAMA, THE OCONEE NATIONAL FOREST, GEORGIA, AND THE TOMBIGBEE NATIONAL FOREST, MISSISSIPPI

**By the President of the United States
of America
A Proclamation**

November 27, 1959
[No. 3326]

WHEREAS certain lands in the States of Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi have been acquired by the United States under the authority of the National Industrial Recovery Act, approved June 16, 1933 (48 Stat. 202), the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935, approved April 8, 1935 (49 Stat. 115), or Title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, approved July 22, 1937 (50 Stat. 525), as amended (7 U.S.C. 1010-1012), for use in connection with the Tuskegee, Piedmont, North Central, Northeast Mississippi, and Natchez Trace Land Utilization Projects; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the transfer effected by Executive Order No. 7908 of June 9, 1938, as amended by Executive Order No. 8531 of August 31, 1940, such projects are now being administered pursuant to Title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act; and

3 CFR Cum.
Supp., pp. 336, 707.

WHEREAS it appears that such lands are suitable for national-forest purposes and that it would be in the public interest to reserve them as national forests; and

WHEREAS it appears desirable to include within the exterior boundaries of such national forests certain State and privately-owned lands which are so intermingled with the lands owned by the United States that segregation thereof is impracticable; and

WHEREAS some of such lands owned by the United States are under lease to Soil Conservation Districts or to individuals, and it is desirable that such leases remain in force and effect until terminated as provided therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by section 24 of the act of March 3, 1891, 26 Stat. 1103, as amended (16 U.S.C. 471), and upon recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture, do proclaim that, subject to the aforementioned leases and other valid existing rights, there are hereby reserved and set apart as the Tuskegee National Forest, Alabama, the Oconee National Forest, Georgia, and the Tombigbee National Forest, Mississippi, respectively, all lands of the United States within the areas hereinafter described which have been acquired by the United States under authority of the National Industrial Recovery Act, the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935, or Title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, and which are being administered as parts of the aforementioned land utilization projects:

TUSKEGEE NATIONAL FOREST—ALABAMA

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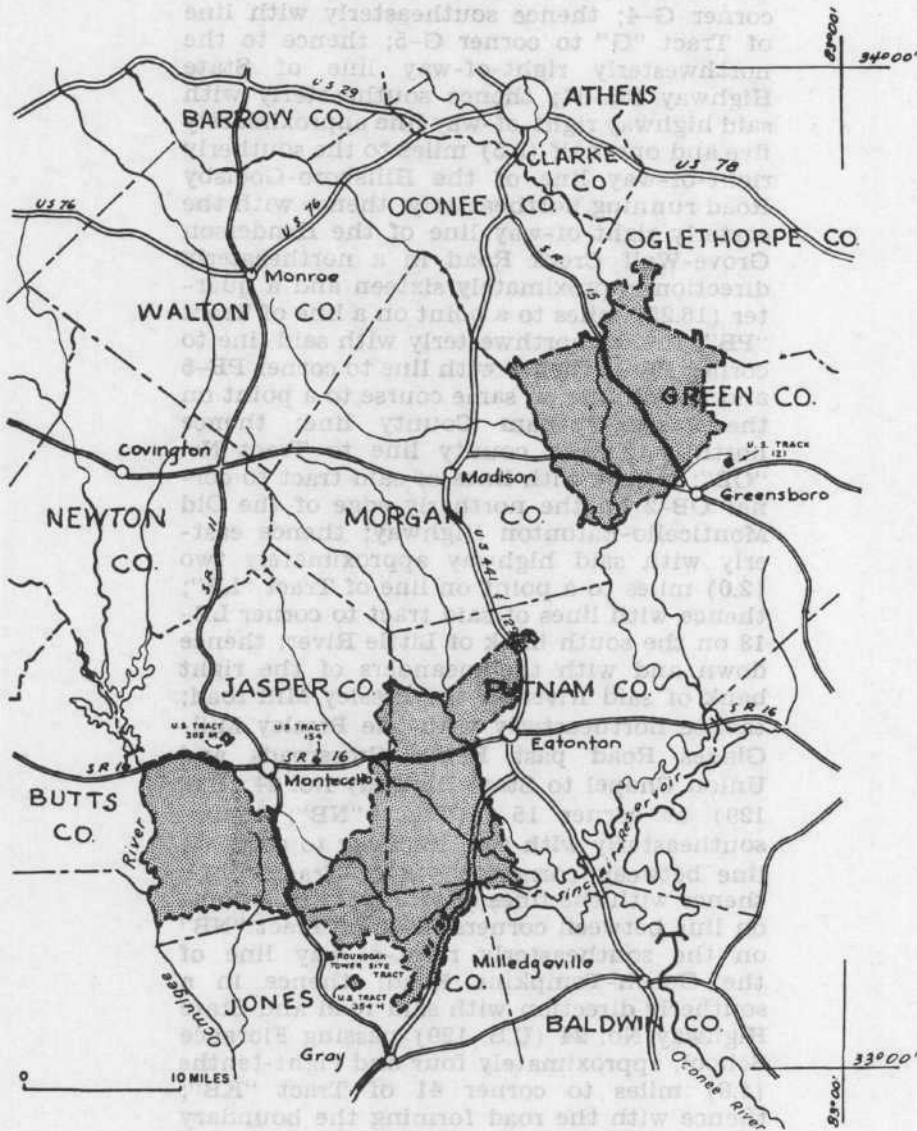
- T. 17 N., R. 24 E.,
 Secs. 1 and 2;
 Sec. 3, that part lying east of Miles Creek;
 Sec. 10, that part lying southeast of Chocatafau Creek;
 Secs. 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 and 33.
- T. 18 N., R. 24 E.,
 Secs. 35 and 36.
- T. 17 N., R. 25 E.,
 Secs. 4 to 8, inclusive, secs. 17 and 18.
- T. 18 N., R. 25 E.,
 Secs. 31 and 32.

OCONEE NATIONAL FOREST—GEORGIA

Beginning at a point where State Highway 16 crosses the Ocmulgee River, thence along the north right-of-way line of said highway approximately six-tenths (0.6) of a mile to the intersection of line S-1 to S-2 of U.S. Tract No. "S"; thence northeasterly with said line to corner S-1; thence southeasterly with line S-1 to S-7, to the northerly right-of-way line of State Highway No. 16; thence along the northerly right-of-way line of said highway approximately six miles to the Shepherd Farm—Apalachian Mineral Company Road;

thence in a southeasterly direction with said road approximately four and one-half (4.5) miles to a point on the east side of said road; thence in a northeasterly direction in line with corners G-3 and G-4 of Tract "G" to corner G-4; thence southeasterly with line of Tract "G" to corner G-5; thence to the northwesterly right-of-way line of State Highway No. 11; thence southeasterly with said highway right-of-way line approximately five and one-half (5.5) miles to the southerly right-of-way line of the Hillsboro-Goolsby Road running northeasterly; thence with the easterly right-of-way line of the Henderson Grove-Wolf Creek Road in a northeasterly direction approximately sixteen and a quarter (16.25) miles to a point on a line of Tract "PB"; thence northwesterly with said line to corner PB-4; thence with line to corner PB-5 and continuing on same course to a point on the Jasper-Putnam County line; thence north with said county line to Tract No. "OB"; thence with lines of said tract to corner OB-2 on the northerly edge of the Old Monticello-Eatonton Highway; thence easterly with said highway approximately two (2.0) miles to a point on line of Tract "LB"; thence with lines of said tract to corner LB-13 on the south bank of Little River; thence down and with the meanders of the right bank of said River to the Presley Mill road; thence northeasterly with the Presley Mill-Glades Road past Reid's Crossroads and Union Chapel to State Highway No. 24 (U.S. 129) at corner 15 of Tract "NB"; thence southeasterly with said highway to point on line between corners 17-18 of Tract "NB"; thence with the lines of said tract to a point on line between corners 22-23 of Tract "NB" on the southeasterly right-of-way line of the Gooch-Tompkins Road; thence in a southerly direction with said road and State Highway No. 24 (U.S. 129) passing Florence School, approximately four and eight-tenths (4.8) miles to corner 41 of Tract "KB"; thence with the road forming the boundary of said tract to its intersection with the Eatonton-Reid's Crossroads Road; thence following the Hearn Farm Road southeasterly and in a general westerly direction to a point on the Imperial Mills-Little River Road northeast of corner 8 of Tract "KB"; thence southwesterly and in line with corners 8-9 of said tract to corner No. 9; thence on line projected to corner No. 4 of Tract "MB"; thence with tract boundaries, corners 4, 5, 6 to corner No. 7, a point on the north bank of Little River; thence down with the meanders of the left bank of said River to a point

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 [Stippled Area] NATIONAL FOREST

DIAGRAMMATIC MAP FORMING AN OFFICIAL
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northeast of corner 11 of Tract "CB"; thence southwest in line with corners CB-11, CB-12 to corner 12 on the northeasterly side of the Resseau Store to Sinclair Lake Road; thence in a southeasterly and southwesterly direction with Sinclair Lake Road to the north bank of Cedar Creek, the Putnam-Baldwin County Line; thence westerly up with the meanders of the left bank of Cedar Creek to the east right-of-way line of State Highway No. 44 (U.S. 129); thence down and with the easterly right-of-way line of said Highway passing the communities of Ethridge and Blountsville to a point east of corner No. 40 of Tract "O"; thence west to corner No. 40 of said tract; thence with the lines of Tract "O" to corner No. 18 on the northerly right-of-way line of the Stewart's Chapel-Round Oak Road; thence northwesterly with said right-of-way of the Stewart's Chapel Road to a point on line between corners 42-43 of Tract "D"; thence with the lines of Tracts "D" and "D-1" to a point on the easterly right-of-way line of State Highway No. 11 (corner D1W); thence up and with said right-of-way line to the Jones-Jasper County Line; thence southwesterly with said county line to the intersection of a line projected between the easterly lines of Piedmont Wildlife Refuge Tracts 227-A and 282; thence north and west with said line of Refuge tracts No. 227-A, 1261, 213, 1276, 158, 1261-A, and 238; thence with old road from the northwest corner of Tract 238 to the north corner of tract 382-C; thence southwesterly and southeasterly with Refuge tract No. 382-C to the intersection with said old road on southwesterly line of said tract; thence west with said old road to northeasterly corner of Refuge tract No. 215-A; thence west, northwest and southwest to the most westerly corner of said tract; thence southwesterly on a projected line of northwest line of Refuge tract 215-A to the Ocmulgee River; thence northerly up said River to point of beginning; and U.S. tracts 305-M and 154 located in Jasper County, and tract 354-H and the Round Oak Fire Tower tract located in Jones County.

Beginning at a point on the east and left bank of the Apalachee River near the confluence of the Oconee River; thence up and with the left bank of the Apalachee River to the north edge of Sword's Road; thence in a southwesterly direction, across the Apalachee River and with five (5) lines of U.S. Tract No. 179 to a point on the east and left bank of the Apalachee River; thence up and with

the left bank of said river to the Greene-Oconee County line; thence northerly, easterly and southerly with four (4) lines of Tract U.S. 105, within Oconee County, to the Greene-Oconee County line; thence northeasterly with said county line to U.S. Tract 178; thence northerly, easterly and southerly with the lines of said tract to the Greene-Oconee County line; thence with said county line to the east bank of the Oconee River; thence up and with the east and left bank of the Oconee River to U.S. Tract 174; thence northerly, easterly and southerly with the lines of Tracts 174, 171, 176 and 50-A to a point on the Oglethorpe-Greene County line; thence in a southeasterly direction with said county line to a point on the west side of U.S. Tract No. 160; thence northerly, easterly and southerly with the lines of said tract to the Oglethorpe-Greene County line; thence continuing with said county line to the McWhorter Chapel School Road; thence in a southerly direction with said road to U.S. Tract No. 93; thence easterly and southerly with the lines of Tracts No. 93 and No. 119 to a point on the Woodville-Shiloh Church Road; thence westerly to the Penfield-Carey Station Road; thence southerly and southwesterly with said Road to a point on the east boundary of U.S. Tract No. 120; thence southerly and westerly with the lines of Tract 120 to the place of beginning; and U.S. Tract 121 located in Greene County.

The boundaries of the Oconee National Forest described above are graphically shown on the diagram attached hereto and made a part hereof.

TOMBIGBEE NATIONAL FOREST—MISSISSIPPI

CHICKASAW MERIDIAN

- T. 12 S., R. 3 E.,
 Sec. 1, secs. 11 to 15, inclusive, secs. 22 to 27, inclusive, and secs. 34 to 36, inclusive.
- T. 13 S., R. 3 E.,
 Secs. 1 to 3, inclusive, secs. 11 to 14, inclusive, secs. 22 to 26, inclusive, and sec. 36.
- T. 11 S., R. 4 E.,
 Secs. 32, 33 and 34.
- T. 12 S., R. 4 E.,
 Secs. 2 to 11, inclusive, secs. 14 to 19, inclusive, and sec. 30.
- T. 13 S., R. 4 E.,
 Secs. 7, 8, secs. 17 to 22, inclusive, secs. 26 to 35, inclusive.

CHOCTAW MERIDIAN

- T. 16 N., R. 11 E.,
Secs. 1 to 4, inclusive, secs. 9 to 15, inclusive, secs. 22 to 27, inclusive, and secs. 34 to 36, inclusive.
- T. 17 N., R. 11 E.,
Secs. 22 to 27, inclusive, and secs. 33 to 36, inclusive.
- T. 15 N., R. 12 E.,
Secs. 1 to 18, inclusive.
- T. 16 N., R. 12 E.,
Secs. 1 to 36, inclusive.
- T. 17 N., R. 12 E.,
Sec. 31, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
- T. 15 N., R. 13 E.,
Secs. 3 to 6, inclusive.
- T. 16 N., R. 13 E.,
Secs. 2 to 22, inclusive;
Sec. 23, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and that part lying north and west of the Louisville-Starkville road;
Sec. 24, that part lying north and west of the Louisville-Starkville road;
Sec. 26, W $\frac{1}{2}$;
Secs. 27 to 34, inclusive.
- T. 17 N., R. 13 E.,
Sec. 33, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
- T. 16 N., R. 14 E.,
Sec. 7;
Sec. 8, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$;
Secs. 17, 18 and 19, those parts lying north and west of the Louisville-Starkville road.

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

DONE at the City of Washington this twenty-seventh day of November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-fourth.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:

DOUGLAS DILLON,
Acting Secretary of State.