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"CHUPADERO"

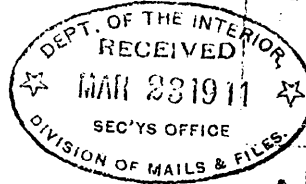
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 21, 1911

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The Honorable, *Mr. A. S. ...*
The Secretary of the Interior.



Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the creation
of the Chupadero National Monument within the Manzano
National Forest, New Mexico, with boundaries as indicated
on the attached diagram. The proposed National Monument
consists of approximately 180 acres of unsurveyed land.

Examination has been made by Forest officers
of the area to be reserved and this examination shows
the existence of ancient Spanish ruins of great historic
value which should be included within a National Monument.

I enclose for your information a memorandum
covering the points of particular interest regarding
this area contained in the reports of the Forest officers
who made the examination.

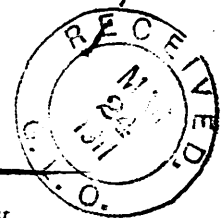
I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

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Acting Secretary.



Enclosure.



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March 31, 1911.

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A Sir :

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter A, dated March 28th, in relation to the creation of a National Monument to include certain Pueblo ruins situated about eight miles southwest of the so-called Gran Quivira, in township 1 S., Range 7 E., New Mexico.

In response thereto I beg leave to say that while these ruins have not been examined by any member of the Smithsonian Institution, so far as information respecting them and the history of the section in which they are situated are available, they have no great historical interest. As these remains are evidently generally similar to hundreds of others scattered throughout the Southwest, it is not believed that the public interests will be especially subserved by creating a National Monument for their protection.

Yours respectfully,

W. A. ...

Secretary.

The Commissioner of the
General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

April 11, 1911.

The Secretary of Agriculture.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith a form, in triplicate, for a proclamation creating, under the provisions of the act approved June 8, 1909, the Chupadero National Monument within the Manzano National Forest, New Mexico. Under the provisions of the said act the President is authorized "to declare by public proclamation historic land marks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest . . .", and it has been the practice of this Department, under these restrictions, to carefully consider whether the objects sought to be preserved by the creation of National Monuments fall within the purview of the limitations set forth in the act as quoted, and it has been our practice, with the concurrence of the Bureau of Ethnology and the Smithsonian Institution, to reserve only the more important and striking prehistoric ruins among those which are scattered over the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico in the southwest. The Forest Service has submitted a description of

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the alleged ruins which are sought to be preserved and I find that the same are described chiefly as a number of mounds, and this description contains no evidence whatever leading to a conclusion that there are important pueblo or other standing ruins within the tract. Ruins of this character are found everywhere in the territories indicated above.

The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, in his letter to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated March 31, 1911, says:

While these ruins have not been examined by any member of the Smithsonian Institution, so far as information respecting them and the history of the section in which they are situated are available, they have no great historic interest. As these remains are evidently generally similar to hundreds of others scattered throughout the southwest, it is not believed that the public interest will be especially subserved by creating a National Monument for their protection.

As this opinion appears to be in conflict with the reasons given in the communication from your Department recommending the creation of this Monument, I shall appreciate any further information you may have upon the subject.

Very respectfully,

Walter Dill Scott
Secretary.

Acknowledgment dated Apr 15 1911
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April 15, 1911.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Interior.

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of April 11 with reference to the crea-
tion of the Chupadero National Monument in the Manzano
National Forest, New Mexico, further information cover-
ing which you request. The matter is being again re-
ferred to the District Forester for further considera-
tion. I shall be glad to inform you of any new facts
that may develop pertaining to the situation.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten Signature]
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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WASHINGTON, D. C.



May 6, 1911.

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to report with reference to the creation of the Chupadero National Monument in the Manzano National Forest as follows:

It appears that no additional information other than that already furnished can be supplied concerning the past history or present conditions of these ruins. Since it is felt that the facts already presented are not sufficient to warrant the withdrawal of these ruins as a National Monument it is respectfully recommended that no further action be taken in the matter.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully; . . .

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Payne
Acting Secretary.

Copy to G. L.
May 11/1911