

Removal of buildings and fences from lands
formally relinquished to the United States under
the provisions of the act of June 4, 1897,
(30 Stat - 34-36) and abandoned claims within forest reserve

To Forest Officers:

Gentlemen; Improvements upon lands
relinquished to the United States, becomes the property
of the government with the relinquished land on
which they stand.

Improvements upon abandoned "squatter" locations,
canceled homestead claims, and abandoned mining
claims within a forest reserve, are the property of the
government.

Locators of unperfected homestead claims, proposing
to leave the reserve and reside elsewhere, may desire
to remove the improvements therefrom.

There is no objection to the removal of improvements
from any class of lands above mentioned, provided
they can be removed without detriment to the forest
reserve; and provided that they can serve no useful
purpose to the government for the accommodation of its
forest officers in the administration of forest reserve
affairs.

The removal of buildings is sometimes deemed
advisable rather than leaving them to unlawful
use by trespassers, or occupancy by
undesirable characters.

You are instructed to first report to this office
in the case of any contemplated removal of
improvements from relinquished or other forest
reserve lands belonging to the government.

Comply with the following requirements
in such cases:

1. Submit application for removal.
2. Describe the improvements and the location
of the land upon which they stand.

3. State whether or not they are of any use to the government, for ranger's cabins or other purposes in the administration of forest reserve affairs.
4. State whether they can be removed without injury to the forest reserve.
5. Report any other information which you may suggest itself to you as necessary for this office to have in determining its action in this office.
6. State your recommendation with reasons therefor.

Signed Very Respectfully
W. A. Richards
Commissioner,