

# Transfer Act of 1905

- Act of February 1, 1905 (33 Stat. 628; 16 U.S.C. 472, 524, 554)

Sec. 1. The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture Shall, from and after the passage of this Act, execute or cause to be executed all laws affecting public lands heretofore or hereafter reserved under the provisions of section twenty-four of the Act entitled "An Act to repeal the timber-culture laws, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and Acts supplemental to and amendatory thereof, after such lands have been so reserved, excepting such laws as affect the surveying, prospecting, locating, appropriating, entering, relinquishing, reconveying, certifying, or patenting of any such lands. (16 U.S.C. 472)....

Sec. 3. Forest supervisors and rangers shall be selected, when practicable, from qualified citizens of the States or Territories in which the national forests respectively, are situated. (16 U.S.C. 554)

Sec. 4. Rights of way for the construction and maintenance of dams, reservoirs, water plants, ditches, flumes, Pipes, tunnels, and canals, within and across the national forests of the United States, are hereby granted to citizens and corporations of the United States for municipal or mining purposes, and for the purposes of the milling and reduction of ores, during the period of their beneficial use, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, and subject to the laws of the State or Territory in which said reserves are respectively situated. (16 U.S.C. 524)

USDA Forest Service. *The Principal Laws Relating to Forest Service Activities*. Agriculture Handbook No. 453. 1974. - p.116.