

Patent No. 271.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

Primary Limits

Helena, Bozeman, Billings, Great Falls,

Missoula and Kalispell

Districts.

Montana.

## The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, by the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864 (13 Stat., 365), entitled "An Act granting Lands to aid in the Construction of a Railroad and Telegraph Line from Lake Superior to Puget's Sound, on the Pacific Coast, by the Northern route," and the Joint Resolution of May 31, 1870 (16 Stat., 378), there was granted to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of said railroad and telegraph line, and branch, to the Pacific Coast, "every alternate section of public land, not mineral, designated by odd numbers, to the amount of twenty alternate sections per mile, on each side of said railroad line, as said company may adopt, through the territories of the United States, and ten alternate sections of land per mile on each side of said railroad whenever it passes through any state, and whenever on the line thereof, the United States have full title, not reserved, sold, granted, or other wise appropriated, and free from preemption, or other claims or rights, at the time the line of said road is definitely fixed, and a plat thereof filed in the Office of the Commissioner of the General Land Office;" Provided, further, "That all mineral lands be, and the same are hereby, excluded from the operations of this act," And provided, further, "That the word 'mineral,' when it occurs in this act, shall not be held to include iron or coal;" and

WHEREAS, official statements from the Secretary of the Interior, have been filed in the General Land Office, showing that the Commissioners appointed by the President, under the provisions of the fourth section of the first named act, have reported to him that the said Northern Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Line, and Branch, excepting that portion between Wallula, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, declared forfeited by the act of September 29, 1890, have been constructed and fully completed and equipped in the manner prescribed

by the act relative thereto, and the same accepted by the President;  
and

WHEREAS, there has been filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior evidence showing that the Northern Pacific Railway Company is the lawful successor in interest to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company as to all lands within the limits of the grant made to the said Northern Pacific Railroad Company by the act of July 2, 1864, and all subsequent legislation; and

WHEREAS, certain tracts of land have been listed under the acts aforesaid by the duly authorized agent of said Northern Pacific Railroad, now Northern Pacific Railway Company, as shown by his original lists approved by the local land officers, and now on file in the General Land Office; and

WHEREAS, said tracts of land lie coterminous to the constructed line of road, within the primary limits of the grant and are particularly described as follows, to wit:

Montana Meridian - Montana.

Township fourteen north of Range three east.

The Lots three and four of Section one;

Township fourteen north of Range five east.

The Lots three, four, eleven, twelve, fourteen, fifteen and sixteen of Section nineteen;

Township four north of Range eleven east.

Fractional Sections one, three, five, seven, nineteen, twenty-nine and thirty-one; Sections nine, eleven, thirteen, fifteen, seventeen, twenty-one, twenty-three, twenty-five, twenty-seven, thirty-three and thirty-five;

Township four north of Range twelve east.

Fractional Sections one, three, five, seven, thirteen, nineteen and thirty-one; Sections nine, eleven, fifteen, seventeen, twenty-one,

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twenty-three, twenty-five, twenty-seven, twenty-nine, thirty-three and thirty-five;

Township four north of Range twenty-seven east.

Fractional Sections one, three, five, seven, nineteen and thirty-one; Sections nine, eleven, thirteen, fifteen, seventeen, twenty-one, twenty-three, twenty-five, twenty-seven, twenty-nine, thirty-three and thirty-five;

Township thirteen north of Range one west.

Fractional Sections one, three, five, seven, nineteen and thirty-one; Sections nine, eleven, thirteen, fifteen, seventeen, twenty-five, twenty-seven, twenty-nine, thirty-three and thirty-five;

Township sixteen north of Range two west.

Fractional Sections five, seven, thirteen, seventeen and twenty-five; Sections nine and twenty-three; the Lots nine, ten, eleven, twelve and thirteen, the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter and the east half of the southeast quarter of Section fifteen;

Township seventeen north of Range two west.

The Lots six and seven, the east half of the southwest quarter and the southeast quarter of Section nineteen; Fractional Section thirty-three;

Township eleven north of Range eight west.

The Lots five and six of Section twenty-three;

Township three north of Range nine west.

Fractional Section seven; the Lots one, two, three, four, five, six, seven and eight; of Section eleven; the Lots three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten and eleven, the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and the west half of the southeast quarter of Section thirty-one;

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Township seventeen north of Range twelve west.

Fractional Sections one, three, five, seven, nineteen and thirty-one;  
Sections nine, eleven, thirteen, fifteen, seventeen, twenty-one, twenty-  
three, twenty-five, twenty-seven, twenty-nine, thirty-three and thirty-  
five;

Township seventeen north of Range fourteen west.

Fractional Sections one, three, five, seven, nineteen, thirty-one,  
thirty-three and thirty-five; Sections nine, eleven, thirteen, fifteen,  
seventeen, twenty-one, twenty-three, twenty-five, twenty-seven and twenty-  
nine;

Township eighteen north of Range fourteen west.

Fractional Sections three, five, seven, nineteen and thirty-one;  
Sections one, nine, eleven, thirteen, fifteen, seventeen, twenty-one,  
twenty-three, twenty-five, twenty-seven, twenty-nine, thirty-three and  
thirty-five;

Township twenty-one north of Range sixteen west.

Fractional Sections one, three, five, seven, nineteen and thirty-one;  
Sections nine, eleven, thirteen, fifteen, seventeen, twenty-one, twenty-  
three, twenty-five, twenty-seven, twenty-nine, thirty-three and thirty-  
five;

Township thirteen north of Range seventeen west.

Section thirty-three and Fractional Section thirty-five;

Township eleven north of Range eighteen west.

The Lots one and two and the east half of the northwest quarter of  
Section thirty-one;

Township twenty-two north of Range eighteen west.

Fractional Section twenty-nine and Section thirty-three;

Township nine north of Range nineteen west.

The Lots one and two of Section one; the Lots one, two, three, four,  
six and seven, the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and the  
northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section thirteen; the Lots

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one, two, three, four, five, six, eight and nine, the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter, the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section twenty-five;

Township twenty-one north of Range twenty-eight west.

The Lots five, six and seven of Section twenty-three;

Township twenty-six north of Range thirty west.

Sections one, three, nine and eleven; the north half of the northeast quarter and the north half of the northwest quarter of Section thirteen; the north half of the northeast quarter and the north half of the northwest quarter of Section fifteen; the north half of the northeast quarter and the north half of the northwest quarter of Section seventeen;

Township seven south of Range four east.

The southwest quarter of Section three; the southwest quarter of Section thirteen; Sections fifteen and twenty-three;

Township eight south of Range four east.

Fractional Sections nine and fifteen;

Township nine south of Range five east.

Fractional Section one; the north half of Section eleven;

Township nine south of Range six east.

Fractional Sections one, three and five; the Lots one and two, the east half of the northwest quarter and the northeast quarter of Section seven; Sections nine and eleven; and the north half of the northeast quarter of Section thirteen;

Containing, in the aggregate, one hundred thirteen thousand twenty and eleven-hundredths acres:

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NOW KNOW YE, That the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration of the premises, and pursuant to said Acts of Congress, HAS GIVEN AND GRANTED and by these presents, DOES GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said Northern Pacific Railway Company, successor in interest to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, the tracts of land listed as aforesaid and embraced in the foregoing; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tracts, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Northern Pacific Railway Company, successor as aforesaid, and to its successors and assigns, forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, **Woodrow Wilson**

President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the City of Washington, the **NINETEENTH**  
day of **APRIL** in the year of our Lord one thousand  
nine hundred and **EIGHTEEN** and of the Independence of the  
United States the one hundred and **FORTY-SECOND**.

(SEAL)

By the President:

By

*Woodrow Wilson*  
*W. P. Le Roy* Secretary,  
*S. P. Samar*

Recorder of the General Land Office.

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