

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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