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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 27, 1919.

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Restoration - Gila and Salt River Basins
and Meridian, Arizona,
San Bernardino Meridian,
California.

Register and Receiver,

Los Angeles, California.

Sirs:

You are hereby advised and instructed to appropriately note that pursuant to the authority granted by the act of September 30, 1915 (38 Stat., 115), the Assistant Secretary of the Interior on September 15, 1919, vacated the former departmental orders of July 2, August 26, and September 15, 1902; January 31, August 1 and August 5, 1903; February 5, 1903; September 8, 1903; July 1, 1904; September 20, 1904; July 20, 1905; March 16, 1910, and May 16, 1917, in so far as they affect the withdrawal under the first and second forms provided for by the act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat., 386).

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in connection with the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Arizona, and San Bernardino Meridian, California, of the lands described in said departmental order of September 15, 1919, a copy of which is herewith inclosed; and by his authority and subject to valid rights and the provisions of other withdrawals, the land so restored will be subject to homestead entry only on November 3, 1919, at 9 o'clock a. m., standard time of that day, and will become subject to settlement and all proper forms of entry, selection and location on November 10, 1919, at 9 a. m., standard time of that day; provided that during the period of twenty days preceding the date on which such lands shall become subject to entry, selection or location, of the particular form or character which they may severally desire to make, prospective applicants may execute their applications in the manner provided and prescribed by law, and present the same, together with the amount of money requisite for the payment of fees and commissions, to the United States Land Office at the same place, in person, by mail or otherwise. All applications so filed, together with such as may be submitted at the hour fixed for restoration, will be treated as

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though simultaneously filed and will be disposed of as directed by the regulations of May 22, 1914 (circular No. 324 - 43 L. D., 254). If the date on which the lands become subject to entry falls on a legal holiday, the lands shall become subject to entry on the first business day thereafter.

You are directed to notify any contestant who may have a preference right to enter any of the lands, of this restoration, and that he will be allowed thirty days from receipt of notice, mailed to his address shown by the records of your office, to exercise his preference right.

You are also directed to at once post in a conspicuous place in your office a copy of this letter inclosed herewith for that purpose, and to furnish information relative to the restoration to local newspapers as a matter of news without expense to the Government.

Warning is hereby given that no settlement initiated prior to seven days after the date for homestead entry above named will be recognized, but all persons who go upon any of the lands to be restored hereunder and perform any act of settlement thereon, prior to 9 o'clock a. m., standard time, November 10, 1919, or who are on

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or are occupying any part of said lands at such hour, except those having valid subsisting settlement rights initiated prior to withdrawal from settlement and since maintained, will be considered and dealt with as trespassers, and will gain no rights whatever under such unlawful settlement or occupancy; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent persons from going upon and over the lands to examine them with a view to thereafter appropriating them in accordance herewith. Persons having prior settlement rights as above defined, will be allowed to make entry in accordance with existing law and regulations.

Advise each homestead entryman whose entry was made prior to June 25, 1910, and is affected hereby, of this restoration, by ordinary mail, addressed to his address of record, and advise him that he must now re-establish residence upon his entry, if he has been absent therefrom under leave of absence under the provisions of the act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat., 864), and must comply with all the requirements of the general homestead law.

Make the proper notations on the records of

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your office, advise the project manager and acknowledge receipt hereof, reporting action.

Very respectfully,

(sds) C. M. Bruce

Acting Commissioner.