

From the Act of May 23, 1908 (35 Stat. 252, 262, 267): An Act making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nine.

Miscellaneous:

*National Bison Range: The President is hereby directed to reserve and except from the unallotted lands now embraced within the Flathead Indian Reservation, in the State of Montana...for a permanent national bison range for the herd of bison to be presented by the American Bison Society. And, there is hereby appropriated the sum of thirty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to enable the Secretary of the Interior to pay the confederated tribes of the Flathead, Kootenai, and Upper Pend d'Oreille, and such other Indians and persons holding tribal relations or may rightfully belong on said Flathead Indian Reservation, the appraised value of said lands as shall be fixed and determined under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April twenty-third, nineteen hundred and four, entitled "An Act for the survey and allotment of lands now embraced within the limits of the Flathead Indian Reservation, in the State of Montana, and the sale and disposal of all surplus lands after allotment." ...and there is hereby appropriated...in all, forty thousand dollars.*

From the Act of March 4, 1909 (35 Stat. L., 1039, 1051, 1052): An Act making appropriations for the Dept. of Agri. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910.

*For the maintenance of the Montana National Bison Range and other reservations for mammals and birds...and so much of the forty thousand dollars heretofore appropriated for the Montana National Bison Range as remains unexpended is hereby reappropriated, the same to be immediately available...to make the total acreage not to exceed twenty thousand acres, and the President is hereby directed to reserve and except from the unallotted lands now embraced within the Flathead Indian Reservation, in the State of Montana, a sufficient area to enlarge said range as herein provided... .*

From USDA Bur. Biological Survey Leaflet BS-95, Sept. 1937, entitled: Preserves and Ranges Maintained for Buffalo and Other Big Game. By Clara Ruth.

Pages 4-6: *The national movement for the preservation of the buffalo that originated in 1904 was given impetus by the organization of the American Bison Society in December 1905, and through the efforts of the Society, a movement was begun in 1907, for the establishment of a bison herd under Federal supervision in Montana in furtherance of the plan to build up national herds for the perpetuation of the species. Attention was centered on lands within the Flathead Indian Reservation, Mont., which were about to be opened and offered for sale, as a possible site for the preserve... . The definite selection of the site for the game preserve was made later in the year [1908] by officials representing the three Government bureaus concerned, namely C. Hart Merriam, Chief of the Biological Survey; J. P. Martin, engineer of the Forest Service, as that bureau was to cooperate in the construction of the fence; and F. X. Salzman, chairman of the Allotment Commission of the Bureau of Indian Affairs... .*