

Weeks Act Summary
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- Section 1 Agreement between United States and several states for the purpose of conserving the forests and water supply of the states
- Section 2 Appropriation (\$200,000.00) for fire protection in the watersheds *Provided* that the state has appropriated an equivalent amount for a system of forest fire protection, for the same fiscal year.
- Section 3 Appropriation (\$1million for fiscal 1910, and \$2million thereafter until 1915) for examination, survey and acquirement of lands. Limited to headwaters of navigable streams *or those which are being or which may be developed for navigable purposes.*
- Section 4 Established a National Forest Reservation Commission
- Section 5 Report of Commission to Congress
- Section 6 Sec'y of Agriculture to recommend and report, with examination by US Geological Survey
- Section 7 Sec'y of Agriculture authorized to purchase land with consent of state legislature
- Section 8 Land title satisfactory to US Atty. General and vested in United States
- Section 9 regarding authorization and title to land, reserving some timber and mineral rights to seller, if specified in conveyance
- Section 10 Resale of small tracts of agricultural land inadvertently included in purchase
- Section 11 Permanently reserved as national forests
- Section 12 State jurisdiction preserved except for punishment of federal offenses
- Section 13 Five per cent of funds received from each forest to state for schools and roads in the counties involved

Section 14 \$ 25,000 appropriated for expenses of Commission