

IMPROVEMENT OF THE NATIONAL FORESTS: For the construction and maintenance of roads, trails, bridges, fire lanes, telephone lines, cabins, fences, and other permanent improvements necessary for the proper and economical administration, protection, and development of the National Forests, five hundred thousand dollars.

Permanent im-
provements.

Not to exceed fifteen per centum of the total of all sums appropriated under "General Expenses, Forest Service," and under "Improvement of the National Forests," may be used in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture as provided above under "General Expenses, Forest Service," and under "Improvement of the National Forests," for all expenses necessary for the general administration of the Forest Service.

Interchangeable ap-
propriations.

Total for Forest Service, five million five hundred and thirty-three thousand one hundred dollars.

That the head of the department having jurisdiction over the lands be, and he hereby is, authorized and empowered, under general regulations to be fixed by him, to grant an easement for rights of way, for a period not exceeding fifty years from the date of the issuance of such grant, over, across, and upon the public lands, national forests, and reservations of the United States for electrical poles and lines for the transmission and distribution of electrical power, and for poles and lines for telephone and telegraph purposes, to the extent of twenty

Rights of way for
electric lines.
Grants allowed for
fifty years over public
lands, national for-
ests, etc.

Provisos.
Official approval re-
quired.

Forfeiture.

Existing permits.

feet on each side of the center line of such electrical, telephone and telegraph lines and poles, to any citizen, association, or corporation of the United States, where it is intended by such to exercise the right of way herein granted for any one or more of the purposes herein named: *Provided*, That such right of way shall be allowed within or through any national park, national forest, military, Indian, or any other reservation only upon the approval of the chief officer of the department under whose supervision or control such reservation falls, and upon a finding by him that the same is not incompatible with the public interest: *Provided*, That all or any part of such right of way may be forfeited and annulled by declaration of the head of the department having jurisdiction over the lands for nonuse for a period of two years or for abandonment.

That any citizen, association, or corporation of the United States to whom there has heretofore been issued a permit for any of the purposes specified herein under any existing law, may obtain the benefit of this Act upon the same terms and conditions as shall be required of citizens, associations, or corporations hereafter making application under the provisions of this statute.