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**The Petrified Wood Act**

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**AN ACT**

To exclude deposits of petrified wood from appropriation under the United States mining laws.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act of July 23, 1955 (69 Stat. 368; 30 U.S.C. 611), is amended to read: “No deposit of common varieties of sand, stone, gravel, pumice, pumicite, or cinders and no deposit of petrified wood shall be deemed a valuable mineral deposit within the meaning of the mining laws of the United States so as to give effective validity to any mining claim hereafter located under such mining laws: Provided, however, That nothing herein shall affect the validity of any mining location based upon discovery of some other mineral occurring in or in association with such a deposit. ‘Common varieties’ as used in this Act does not include deposits of such materials which are valuable because the deposit has some property giving it distinct and special value and does not include so-called ‘block pumice’ which occurs in nature in pieces having one dimension of two inches or more. ‘Petrified wood’ as used in this Act means agatized, opalized; petrified, or silicified wood, or any material formed by the replacement of wood by silica or other matter.”

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior shall provide by regulation that limited quantities of petrified wood may be removed without charge from those public lands which he shall specify.

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