

The authority is hereby given to [The Union Pacific Railroad Company] to take from the public lands adjacent to the line of said road, earth, stone, timber, and other materials for the construction thereof...The United States shall extinguish as rapidly as may be the Indian titles to all lands falling under the operation of this act.

-United States Congress, "Transcription of Excerpt from "The Pacific Railway Act", or "An Act to aid in the Construction of a Railroad and Telegraph Line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean" (1862) excerpt.