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To amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 2005

Mr. HATCH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

MARCH 30, 2005

Reported, under authority of the order of the Senate of March 17, 2005, by Mr. DOMENICI, with amendments

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. REVISION OF FEASIBILITY AND SUITABILITY**
 2 **STUDIES OF EXISTING NATIONAL HISTORIC**
 3 **TRAILS.**

4 Section 5 of the National Trails System Act (16
 5 U.S.C. 1244) is amended by inserting the following new
 6 subsection:

7 “(g) The Secretary shall revise the feasibility and
 8 suitability studies for certain national trails for consider-
 9 ation of possible additions to the trails.

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

11 “(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

12 “(i) ROUTE.—The term ‘route’ in-
 13 cludes a trail segment commonly known as
 14 a cutoff.

15 “(ii) SHARED ROUTE.—The term
 16 ‘shared route’ means a route that was a
 17 segment of more than one historic trail, in-
 18 cluding a route shared with an existing na-
 19 tional historic trail.

20 “(B) STUDY REQUIREMENTS AND OBJEC-
 21 TIVES.—The study requirements and objectives
 22 specified in subsection (b) shall apply to a study
 23 required by this subsection.

24 “(C) COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF
 25 STUDY.—A study listed in this subsection shall
 26 be completed and submitted to the Congress

1 not later than three complete fiscal years from
 2 the date funds are made available for the study.

3 ~~“(2) OREGON NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—~~

4 *“(g) REVISION OF FEASIBILITY AND SUITABILITY*
 5 *STUDIES OF EXISTING NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAILS.—*

6 *“(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:*

7 *“(A) ROUTE.—The term ‘route’ includes a*
 8 *trail segment commonly known as a cutoff.*

9 *“(B) SHARED ROUTE.—The term ‘shared*
 10 *route’ means a route that was a segment of more*
 11 *than one historic trail, including a route shared*
 12 *with an existing national historic trail.*

13 *“(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR REVISION.—*

14 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall re-*
 15 *visе the feasibility and suitability studies for cer-*
 16 *tain national trails for consideration of possible*
 17 *additions to the trails.*

18 *“(B) STUDY REQUIREMENTS AND OBJEC-*
 19 *TIVES.—The study requirements and objectives*
 20 *specified in subsection (b) shall apply to a study*
 21 *required by this subsection.*

22 *“(C) COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF*
 23 *STUDY.—A study listed in this subsection shall*
 24 *be completed and submitted to Congress not later*

1 *than 3 complete fiscal years from the date funds*
 2 *are made available for the study.*

3 “(3) *OREGON NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.*—

4 “(A) *STUDY REQUIRED.*—The Secretary of
 5 the Interior shall undertake a study of the
 6 routes of the Oregon Trail listed in subpara-
 7 graph (B) and generally depicted on the map
 8 entitled ‘Western Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’
 9 and dated 1991/1993, and of such other routes
 10 of the Oregon Trail that the Secretary con-
 11 siders appropriate, to determine the feasibility
 12 and suitability of designation of one or more of
 13 the routes as components of the Oregon Na-
 14 tional Historic Trail.

15 “(B) *COVERED ROUTES.*—The routes to be
 16 studied under subparagraph (A) shall include
 17 the following:

18 “(i) Whitman Mission route.

19 “(ii) Upper Columbia River.

20 “(iii) Cowlitz River route.

21 “(iv) Meek cutoff.

22 “(v) Free Emigrant Road.

23 “(vi) North Alternate Oregon Trail.

24 “(vii) Goodale’s cutoff.

25 “(viii) North Side alternate route.

1 “(ix) Cutoff to Barlow road.

2 “(x) Naches Pass Trail.

3 “~~(3)~~ (4) PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL HISTORIC
 4 TRAIL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall under-
 5 take a study of the approximately 20-mile southern
 6 alternative route of the Pony Express Trail from
 7 Wathena, Kansas, to Troy, Kansas, and such other
 8 routes of the Pony Express Trail that the Secretary
 9 considers appropriate, to determine the feasibility
 10 and suitability of designation of one or more of the
 11 routes as components of the Pony Express National
 12 Historic Trail.

13 “~~(4)~~ (5) CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HISTORIC
 14 TRAIL.—

15 “(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
 16 the Interior shall undertake a study of the Mis-
 17 souri Valley, central, and western routes of the
 18 California Trail listed in subparagraph (B) and
 19 generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Western
 20 Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’ and dated 1991/
 21 1993, and of such other and shared Missouri
 22 Valley, central, and western routes that the
 23 Secretary considers appropriate, to determine
 24 the feasibility and suitability of designation of

1 one or more of the routes as components of the
2 California National Historic Trail.

3 “(B) COVERED ROUTES.—The routes to be
4 studied under subparagraph (A) shall include
5 the following:

6 “(i) MISSOURI VALLEY ROUTES.—

7 “(I) Blue Mills-Independence
8 Road.

9 “(II) Westport Landing Road.

10 “(III) Westport-Lawrence Road.

11 “(IV) Fort Leavenworth-Blue
12 River route.

13 “(V) Road to Amazonia.

14 “(VI) Union Ferry Route.

15 “(VII) Old Wyoming-Nebraska
16 City cutoff.

17 “(VIII) Lower Plattsmouth
18 Route.

19 “(IX) Lower Bellevue Route.

20 “(X) Woodbury cutoff.

21 “(XI) Blue Ridge cutoff.

22 “(XII) Westport Road.

23 “(XIII) Gum Springs-Fort Leav-
24 enworth route.

1 “(XIV) Atchison/Independence
2 Creek routes.

3 “(XV) Fort Leavenworth-Kansas
4 River route.

5 “(XVI) Nebraska City cutoff
6 routes.

7 “(XVII) Minersville-Nebraska
8 City Road.

9 “(XVIII) Upper Plattsmouth
10 route.

11 “(XIX) Upper Bellevue route.

12 “(ii) CENTRAL ROUTES.—

13 “(I) Cherokee Trail, including
14 splits.

15 “(II) Weber Canyon route of
16 Hastings cutoff.

17 “(III) Bishop Creek cutoff.

18 “(IV) McAuley cutoff.

19 “(V) Diamond Springs cutoff.

20 “(VI) Secret Pass.

21 “(VII) Greenhorn cutoff.

22 “(VIII) Central Overland Trail.

23 “(iii) WESTERN ROUTES.—

24 “(I) Bidwell-Bartleson route.

1 “(II) Georgetown/Dagget Pass
2 Trail.

3 “(III) Big Trees Road.

4 “(IV) Grizzly Flat cutoff.

5 “(V) Nevada City Road.

6 “(VI) Yreka Trail.

7 “(VII) Henness Pass route.

8 “(VIII) Johnson cutoff.

9 “(IX) Luther Pass Trail.

10 “(X) Volcano Road.

11 “(XI) Sacramento-Coloma
12 Wagon Road.

13 “(XII) Burnett cutoff.

14 “(XIII) Placer County Road to
15 Auburn.

16 “~~(5)~~ (6) MORMON PIONEER NATIONAL HIS-
17 TORIC TRAIL.—

18 “(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
19 the Interior shall undertake a study of the
20 routes of the Mormon Pioneer Trail listed in
21 subparagraph (B) and generally depicted in the
22 map entitled ‘Western Emigrant Trails 1830/
23 1870’ and dated 1991/1993, and of such other
24 routes of the Mormon Pioneer Trail that the
25 Secretary considers appropriate, to determine

1 the feasibility and suitability of designation of
 2 one or more of the routes as components of the
 3 Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail.

4 “(B) COVERED ROUTES.—The routes to be
 5 studied under subparagraph (A) shall include
 6 the following:

7 “(i) 1846 Subsequent routes A and B
 8 (Lucas and Clarke Counties, Iowa).

9 “(ii) 1856–57 Handcart route (Iowa
 10 City to Council Bluffs).

11 “(iii) Keokuk route (Iowa).

12 “(iv) 1847 Alternative Elkhorn and
 13 Loup River Crossings in Nebraska.

14 “(v) Fort Leavenworth Road; Ox Bow
 15 route and alternates in Kansas and Mis-
 16 souri (Oregon and California Trail routes
 17 used by Mormon emigrants).

18 “(vi) 1850 Golden Pass Road in
 19 Utah.

20 “~~(6)~~ (7) SHARED CALIFORNIA AND OREGON
 21 TRAIL ROUTES.—

22 “(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
 23 the Interior shall undertake a study of the
 24 shared routes of the California Trail and Or-
 25 egon Trail listed in subparagraph (B) and gen-

1 erally depicted on the map entitled ‘Western
2 Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’ and dated 1991/
3 1993, and of such other shared routes that the
4 Secretary considers appropriate, to determine
5 the feasibility and suitability of designation of
6 one or more of the routes as shared components
7 of the California National Historic Trail and
8 the Oregon National Historic Trail.

9 “(B) COVERED ROUTES.—The routes to be
10 studied under subparagraph (A) shall include
11 the following:

12 “(i) St. Joe Road.

13 “(ii) Council Bluffs Road.

14 “(iii) Sublette cutoff.

15 “(iv) Applegate route.

16 “(v) Old Fort Kearny Road (Oxbow
17 Trail).

18 “(vi) Childs cutoff.

19 “(vii) Raft River to Applegate.”.

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