

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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AN ACT

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.

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) REVISION OF FEASIBILITY AND SUITABILITY
 8 STUDIES OF EXISTING NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAILS.—

9 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

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

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

16 “(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR REVISION.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
 18 revise the feasibility and suitability studies for
 19 certain national trails for consideration of pos-
 20 sible additions to the trails.

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

25 “(C) COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF
 26 STUDY.—A study listed in this subsection shall

1 be completed and submitted to Congress not
2 later than 3 complete fiscal years from the date
3 funds are made available for the study.

4 “(3) OREGON NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

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

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

19 “(i) Whitman Mission route.

20 “(ii) Upper Columbia River.

21 “(iii) Cowlitz River route.

22 “(iv) Meek cutoff.

23 “(v) Free Emigrant Road.

24 “(vi) North Alternate Oregon Trail.

25 “(vii) Goodale’s cutoff.

1 “(viii) North Side alternate route.

2 “(ix) Cutoff to Barlow road.

3 “(x) Naches Pass Trail.

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

14 “(5) CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HISTORIC
15 TRAIL.—

16 “(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
17 the Interior shall undertake a study of the Mis-
18 souri Valley, central, and western routes of the
19 California Trail listed in subparagraph (B) and
20 generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Western
21 Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’ and dated 1991/
22 1993, and of such other and shared Missouri
23 Valley, central, and western routes that the
24 Secretary considers appropriate, to determine
25 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 “(6) MORMON PIONEER NATIONAL HISTORIC
17 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 “(7) SHARED CALIFORNIA AND OREGON TRAIL
21 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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Attest:

Secretary.

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