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To amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of 4 national historic trails and provide for possible additions to such trails.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEREUTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

A BILL

To amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of 4 national historic trails and provide for possible additions to such trails.

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

3 **SECTION 1. OREGON NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.**

4 Section 5(c)(8) of the National Trails System Act (16
5 U.S.C. 1244(c)(8)) is amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(A)” after “(8)”; and

7 (2) by inserting at the end the following new
8 subparagraphs:

1 “(B) The Secretary shall undertake a study of the
2 routes and cutoffs listed in subparagraph (C) and gen-
3 erally depicted on the map entitled _____, dated _____,
4 2000, and such other routes and cutoffs that the Secretary
5 considers appropriate, to determine the feasibility and
6 suitability of designation of such routes and cutoffs as
7 components of the Oregon National Historic Trail. Upon
8 completion of the study, if the Secretary determines such
9 routes and cutoffs are a feasible and suitable addition to
10 the Oregon National Historic Trail, the Secretary shall
11 designate the routes and cutoffs as components of the Or-
12 egon National Historic Trail. The Secretary shall publish
13 notice of such designation in the Federal Register and
14 shall submit the study along with the Secretary’s findings
15 to the Committee on Resources of the House of Represent-
16 atives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
17 sources of the Senate.

18 “(C) The routes to be studied in accordance with sub-
19 paragraph (B) are as follows:

20 “(i) Whitman Mission route.

21 “(ii) Upper Columbia River.

22 “(iii) Cowlitz River route.

23 “(iv) Meek cutoff.

24 “(v) Free Emigrant Road.

25 “(vi) North Alternate Oregon Trail.

1 “(vii) Goodale’s cutoff.

2 “(viii) North Side alternate route.

3 “(ix) Cutoff to Barlow Road.

4 “(x) Naches Pass Trail.”.

5 **SEC. 2. PONY EXPRESS AND CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HIS-**
 6 **TORIC TRAILS.**

7 Section 5(c)(30) of the National Trails System Act
 8 (16 U.S.C. 1244(c)(30)) is amended—

9 (1) by inserting “(A)” after “(30)”; and

10 (2) by inserting at the end the following new
 11 subparagraphs:

12 “(B) The Secretary shall undertake a study of the
 13 the approximately 20-mile southern alternative route from
 14 Wathena, Kansas, to Troy, Kansas, to determine the fea-
 15 sibility and suitability of designation of that route as a
 16 component of the Pony Express National Historic Trail.
 17 Upon completion of the study, if the Secretary determines
 18 such route is a feasible and suitable addition to the Pony
 19 Express National Historic Trail, the Secretary shall des-
 20 ignate the route as a component of the Pony Express Na-
 21 tional Historic Trail. The Secretary shall publish notice
 22 of such designation in the Federal Register and shall sub-
 23 mit the study along with the Secretary’s findings to the
 24 Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives

1 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of
2 the Senate.

3 “(C) The Secretary shall also undertake a study of
4 the Missouri Valley, central, and western routes and cut-
5 offs listed in subparagraph (D) and generally depicted on
6 the map entitled ____, dated ____, 2000, and such other
7 Missouri Valley, central, and western routes and cutoffs
8 that that Secretary considers appropriate, to determine
9 the feasibility and suitability of designation of such routes
10 and cutoffs as components of the California National His-
11 toric Trail. Upon completion of the study, if the Secretary
12 determines such routes and cutoffs are a feasible and suit-
13 able addition to the California National Historic Trail, the
14 Secretary shall designate the routes and cutoffs as compo-
15 nents of the California National Historic Trail. The Sec-
16 retary shall publish notice of such designation in the Fed-
17 eral Register and shall submit the study along with the
18 Secretary’s findings to the Committee on Resources of the
19 House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy
20 and Natural Resources of the Senate.

21 “(D) The routes to be studied in accordance with
22 subparagraph (C) are as follows:

23 “(i) MISSOURI VALLEY ROUTES.—

24 “(I) Blue Mills—Independence Road.

25 “(II) Westport Landing Road.

1 “(III) Westport—Lawrence Road.

2 “(IV) Fort Leavenworth—Blue River
3 route.

4 “(V) Road to Amazonia.

5 “(VI) Union Ferry Route.

6 “(VII) Old Wyoming—Nebraska City cut-
7 off.

8 “(VIII) Lower Plattsmouth Route.

9 “(IX) Lower Bellevue Route.

10 “(X) Woodbury cutoff.

11 “(XI) Blue Ridge cutoff.

12 “(XII) Westport Road.

13 “(XIII) Gum Springs—Fort Leavenworth
14 route.

15 “(XIV) Atchison/Independence Creek
16 routes.

17 “(XV) Fort Leavenworth—Kansas River
18 route.

19 “(XVI) Nebraska City cutoff routes.

20 “(XVII) Minersville—Nebraska City Road.

21 “(XVIII) Upper Plattsmouth route.

22 “(XIX) Upper Bellevue route.

23 “(ii) CENTRAL ROUTES.—

24 “(I) Cherokee Trail, including splits.

- 1 “(II) Weber Canyon route of Hastings cut-
- 2 off.
- 3 “(III) Bishop Creek cutoff.
- 4 “(IV) McAuley cutoff.
- 5 “(V) Diamond Springs cutoff.
- 6 “(VI) Secret Pass.
- 7 “(VII) Greenhorn cutoff.
- 8 “(VIII) Central Overland Trail.
- 9 “(iii) WESTERN ROUTES.—
- 10 “(I) Bidwell-Bartleson route.
- 11 “(II) Georgetown/Dagget Pass Trail.
- 12 “(III) Big Trees Road.
- 13 “(IV) Grizzly Flat cutoff.
- 14 “(V) Nevada City Road.
- 15 “(VI) Yreka Trail.
- 16 “(VII) Hennes Pass route.
- 17 “(VIII) Johnson cutoff.
- 18 “(IX) Luther Pass Trail.
- 19 “(X) Volcano Road.
- 20 “(XI) Sacramento—Coloma Wagon Road.
- 21 “(XII) Burnett cutoff.
- 22 “(XIII) Placer County Road to Auburn.”.

1 **SEC. 3. MORMON PIONEER NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.**

2 Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16
3 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new paragraphs:

5 “() ADDITIONAL MORMON PIONEER NATIONAL HIS-
6 TORIC TRAIL STUDY.—(A) The routes and cutoffs listed
7 in subparagraph (B) and generally depicted on the map
8 entitled _____, dated _____, 2000, and such other routes
9 and cutoffs that that Secretary considers appropriate, as
10 components of the Mormon Pioneer National Historic
11 Trail. Upon completion of the study, if the Secretary de-
12 termines such routes and cutoffs are a feasible and suit-
13 able addition to the Mormon Pioneer National Historic
14 Trail, the Secretary shall designate the routes and cutoffs
15 as components of the Mormon Pioneer National Historic
16 Trail. The Secretary shall publish notice of such designa-
17 tion in the Federal Register and shall submit the study
18 along with the Secretary’s findings to the Committee on
19 Resources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
20 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

21 “(B) The routes to be studied in accordance with sub-
22 paragraph (A) are as follows:

23 “(i) 1846 Subsequent routes A and B (Lucas
24 and Clark Counties, Iowa).

25 “(ii) 1856–57 Handcart route (Iowa City to
26 Council Bluffs)

1 “(iii) Keokuk route (Iowa).

2 “(iv) 1847 Alternative Elkhorn and Loup River
3 Crossings in Nebraska.

4 “(v) Fort Leavenworth Road; Ox Bow route
5 and alternates in Kansas and Missouri (OR/CA
6 routes used by Mormon emigrants).

7 “(vi) 1850 Golden Pass Road in Utah.

8 “() SHARED CALIFORNIA AND OREGON NATIONAL
9 HISTORIC TRAILS.—(A) The routes and cutoffs listed in
10 subparagraph (B) and generally depicted on the map enti-
11 tled _____, dated _____, 2000, as shared components of the
12 California National Historic Trail and the Oregon Na-
13 tional Historic Trail. Upon completion of the study, if the
14 Secretary determines such routes and cutoffs are a fea-
15 sible and suitable addition to such trails, the Secretary
16 shall designate the routes and cutoffs as components of
17 the trails. The Secretary shall publish notice of such des-
18 ignation in the Federal Register and shall submit the
19 study along with the Secretary’s findings to the Com-
20 mittee on Resources of the House of Representatives and
21 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
22 Senate.

23 “(B) The routes to be studied in accordance with sub-
24 paragraph (A) are as follows:

25 “(i) St. Joe Road.

- 1 “(ii) Council Bluffs Road.
- 2 “(iii) Sublette cutoff.
- 3 “(iv) Applegate route.
- 4 “(v) Old Fort Kearny Road (Oxbow Trail).
- 5 “(vi) Childs cutoff.
- 6 “(vii) Raft River to Applegate.”.

