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[Report No. 107-89]

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.

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

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Additional sponsors: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. CANNON, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. SANCHEZ, and Mr. MOORE

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 3, 2001]

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. REVISION OF FEASIBILITY AND SUITABILITY**
4 **STUDIES OF EXISTING NATIONAL HISTORIC**
5 **TRAILS.**

6 *The National Trails System Act is amended by insert-*
7 *ing after section 5 (16 U.S.C. 1244) the following new sec-*
8 *tion:*

9 **“SEC. 5A. REVISION OF FEASIBILITY AND SUITABILITY**
10 **STUDIES OF EXISTING TRAILS FOR POSSIBLE**
11 **TRAIL EXPANSION.**

12 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—*

13 *“(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

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

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

20 *“(2) STUDY REQUIREMENTS AND OBJECTIVES.—*

21 *The study requirements and objectives specified in*
22 *section 5(b) shall apply to a study required by this*
23 *section. The study shall also assess the effect that des-*
24 *ignation of the studied route as a component of an ex-*
25 *isting national scenic trail or national historic trail*

1 *may have on private property along the proposed*
2 *route.*

3 “(3) *COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF STUDY.*—

4 *A study listed in this section shall be completed and*
5 *submitted to the Congress not later than three com-*
6 *plete fiscal years from the date of the enactment of*
7 *this section, or from the date of the enactment of the*
8 *addition of the study to this section, whichever is*
9 *later.*

10 “(4) *IMPLEMENTATION OF STUDY RESULTS.*—

11 *Upon completion of a study required by this section,*
12 *if the Secretary conducting the study determines that*
13 *a studied route is a feasible and suitable addition to*
14 *the existing national scenic trail or national historic*
15 *trail that was the subject of the study, the Secretary*
16 *shall designate the route as a component of that na-*
17 *tional scenic trail or national historic trail. The Sec-*
18 *retary shall publish notice of the designation in the*
19 *Federal Register.*

20 “(b) *OREGON NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.*—

21 “(1) *STUDY REQUIRED.*—*The Secretary of the*
22 *Interior shall undertake a study of the routes of the*
23 *Oregon Trail listed in paragraph (2) and generally*
24 *depicted on the map entitled ‘Western Emigrant*
25 *Trails 1830/1870’ and dated 1991/1993, and of such*

1 *shared routes that the Secretary considers appro-*
 2 *priate, to determine the feasibility and suitability of*
 3 *designation of one or more of the routes as compo-*
 4 *nents of the Oregon National Historic Trail.*

5 “(2) *COVERED ROUTES.*—*The routes to be stud-*
 6 *ied under paragraph (1) are the following:*

7 “(A) *Whitman Mission route.*

8 “(B) *Upper Columbia River.*

9 “(C) *Cowlitz River route.*

10 “(D) *Meek cutoff.*

11 “(E) *Free Emigrant Road.*

12 “(F) *North Alternate Oregon Trail.*

13 “(G) *Goodale’s cutoff.*

14 “(H) *North Side alternate route.*

15 “(I) *Cutoff to Barlow Road.*

16 “(J) *Naches Pass Trail.*

17 “(c) *PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.*—

18 *The Secretary of the Interior shall undertake a study of the*
 19 *approximately 20-mile southern alternative route of the*
 20 *Pony Express Trail from Wathena, Kansas, to Troy, Kan-*
 21 *sas, and such shared routes that the Secretary considers ap-*
 22 *propriate, to determine the feasibility and suitability of des-*
 23 *ignation of one or more of the routes as components of the*
 24 *Pony Express National Historic Trail.*

25 “(d) *CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.*—

1 “(1) *STUDY REQUIRED.*—*The Secretary of the*
2 *Interior shall undertake a study of the Missouri Val-*
3 *ley, central, and western routes of the California*
4 *Trail listed in paragraph (2) and generally depicted*
5 *on the map entitled ‘Western Emigrant Trails 1830/*
6 *1870’ and dated 1991/1993, and of such shared Mis-*
7 *souri Valley, central, and western routes that the Sec-*
8 *retary considers appropriate, to determine the feasi-*
9 *bility and suitability of designation of one or more of*
10 *the routes as components of the California National*
11 *Historic Trail.*

12 “(2) *COVERED ROUTES.*—*The routes to be stud-*
13 *ied under paragraph (1) are the following:*

14 “(A) *MISSOURI VALLEY ROUTES.*—

15 “(i) *Blue Mills–Independence Road.*

16 “(ii) *Westport Landing Road.*

17 “(iii) *Westport–Lawrence Road.*

18 “(iv) *Fort Leavenworth–Blue River*
19 *route.*

20 “(v) *Road to Amazonia.*

21 “(vi) *Union Ferry Route.*

22 “(vii) *Old Wyoming–Nebraska City*
23 *cutoff.*

24 “(viii) *Lower Plattsmouth Route.*

25 “(ix) *Lower Bellevue Route.*

1 “(x) *Woodbury cutoff.*

2 “(xi) *Blue Ridge cutoff.*

3 “(xii) *Westport Road.*

4 “(xiii) *Gum Springs–Fort Leaven-*
5 *worth route.*

6 “(xiv) *Atchison/Independence Creek*
7 *routes.*

8 “(xv) *Fort Leavenworth–Kansas River*
9 *route.*

10 “(xvi) *Nebraska City cutoff routes.*

11 “(xvii) *Minersville–Nebraska City*
12 *Road.*

13 “(xviii) *Upper Plattsmouth route.*

14 “(xix) *Upper Bellevue route.*

15 “(B) *CENTRAL ROUTES.—*

16 “(i) *Cherokee Trail, including splits.*

17 “(ii) *Weber Canyon route of Hastings*
18 *cutoff.*

19 “(iii) *Bishop Creek cutoff.*

20 “(iv) *McAuley cutoff.*

21 “(v) *Diamond Springs cutoff.*

22 “(vi) *Secret Pass.*

23 “(vii) *Greenhorn cutoff.*

24 “(viii) *Central Overland Trail.*

25 “(C) *WESTERN ROUTES.—*

- 1 “(i) *Bidwell–Bartleson route.*
- 2 “(ii) *Georgetown/Dagget Pass Trail.*
- 3 “(iii) *Big Trees Road.*
- 4 “(iv) *Grizzly Flat cutoff.*
- 5 “(v) *Nevada City Road.*
- 6 “(vi) *Yreka Trail.*
- 7 “(vii) *Hennes Pass route.*
- 8 “(viii) *Johnson cutoff.*
- 9 “(ix) *Luther Pass Trail.*
- 10 “(x) *Volcano Road.*
- 11 “(xi) *Sacramento–Coloma Wagon*
- 12 *Road.*
- 13 “(xii) *Burnett cutoff.*
- 14 “(xiii) *Placer County Road to Auburn.*
- 15 “(e) *MORMON PIONEER NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—*
- 16 “(1) *STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the*
- 17 *Interior shall undertake a study of the routes of the*
- 18 *Mormon Pioneer Trail listed in paragraph (2) and*
- 19 *generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Western Emi-*
- 20 *grant Trails 1830/1870’ and dated 1991/1993, and of*
- 21 *such shared routes that the Secretary considers appro-*
- 22 *priate, to determine the feasibility and suitability of*
- 23 *designation of one or more of the routes as compo-*
- 24 *nents of the Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail.*

1 “(2) *COVERED ROUTES.*—*The routes to be stud-*
2 *ied under paragraph (1) are the following:*

3 “(A) *1846 Subsequent routes A and B*
4 *(Lucas and Clarke Counties, Iowa).*

5 “(B) *1856–57 Handcart route (Iowa City to*
6 *Council Bluffs)*

7 “(C) *Keokuk route (Iowa).*

8 “(D) *1847 Alternative Elkhorn and Loup*
9 *River Crossings in Nebraska.*

10 “(E) *Fort Leavenworth Road; Ox Bow route*
11 *and alternates in Kansas and Missouri (Oregon*
12 *and California Trail routes used by Mormon*
13 *emigrants).*

14 “(F) *1850 Golden Pass Road in Utah.*

15 “(f) *SHARED CALIFORNIA AND OREGON TRAIL*
16 *ROUTES.*—

17 “(1) *STUDY REQUIRED.*—*The Secretary of the*
18 *Interior shall undertake a study of the shared routes*
19 *of the California Trail and Oregon Trail listed in*
20 *paragraph (2) and generally depicted on the map en-*
21 *itled ‘Western Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’ and dated*
22 *1991/1993, and of such other shared routes that the*
23 *Secretary considers appropriate, to determine the fea-*
24 *sibility and suitability of designation of one or more*
25 *of the routes as shared components of the California*

1 *National Historic Trail and the Oregon National*
2 *Historic Trail.*

3 “(2) *COVERED ROUTES.*—*The routes to be stud-*
4 *ied under paragraph (1) are the following:*

5 “(A) *St. Joe Road.*

6 “(B) *Council Bluffs Road.*

7 “(C) *Sublette cutoff.*

8 “(D) *Applegate route.*

9 “(E) *Old Fort Kearny Road (Oxbow Trail).*

10 “(F) *Childs cutoff.*

11 “(G) *Raft River to Applegate.*”.

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