

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 635

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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) 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

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

“(2) OREGON NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

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

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

“(i) Whitman Mission route.

“(ii) Upper Columbia River.

“(iii) Cowlitz River route.

“(iv) Meek cutoff.

“(v) Free Emigrant Road.

“(vi) North Alternate Oregon Trail.

“(vii) Goodale’s cutoff.

“(viii) North Side alternate route.

1 “(ix) Cutoff to Barlow road.

2 “(x) Naches Pass Trail.

3 “(3) 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) CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

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

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

4                   “(i) MISSOURI VALLEY ROUTES.—

5                   “ (I)    Blue    Mills-Independence  
 6                   Road.

7                   “ (II) Westport Landing Road.

8                   “ (III) Westport-Lawrence Road.

9                   “ (IV)   Fort    Leavenworth-Blue  
 10                  River route.

11                  “ (V) Road to Amazonia.

12                  “ (VI) Union Ferry Route.

13                  “ (VII)   Old   Wyoming-Nebraska  
 14                  City cutoff.

15                  “ (VIII)   Lower    Plattsmouth  
 16                  Route.

17                  “ (IX) Lower Bellevue Route.

18                  “ (X) Woodbury cutoff.

19                  “ (XI) Blue Ridge cutoff.

20                  “ (XII) Westport Road.

21                  “ (XIII) Gum Springs-Fort Leav-  
 22                  enworth route.

23                  “ (XIV)   Atchison/Independence  
 24                  Creek routes.

1 “(XV) Fort Leavenworth-Kansas  
2 River route.

3 “(XVI) Nebraska City cutoff  
4 routes.

5 “(XVII) Minersville-Nebraska  
6 City Road.

7 “(XVIII) Upper Plattsmouth  
8 route.

9 “(XIX) Upper Bellevue route.

10 “(ii) CENTRAL ROUTES.—

11 “(I) Cherokee Trail, including  
12 splits.

13 “(II) Weber Canyon route of  
14 Hastings cutoff.

15 “(III) Bishop Creek cutoff.

16 “(IV) McAuley cutoff.

17 “(V) Diamond Springs cutoff.

18 “(VI) Secret Pass.

19 “(VII) Greenhorn cutoff.

20 “(VIII) Central Overland Trail.

21 “(iii) WESTERN ROUTES.—

22 “(I) Bidwell-Bartleson route.

23 “(II) Georgetown/Dagget Pass  
24 Trail.

25 “(III) Big Trees Road.

1 “(IV) Grizzly Flat cutoff.

2 “(V) Nevada City Road.

3 “(VI) Yreka Trail.

4 “(VII) Henness Pass route.

5 “(VIII) Johnson cutoff.

6 “(IX) Luther Pass Trail.

7 “(X) Volcano Road.

8 “(XI) Sacramento-Coloma  
9 Wagon Road.

10 “(XII) Burnett cutoff.

11 “(XIII) Placer County Road to  
12 Auburn.

13 “(5) MORMON PIONEER NATIONAL HISTORIC  
14 TRAIL.—

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

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

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

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

“(iii) Keokuk route (Iowa).

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

“(v) Fort Leavenworth Road; Ox Bow route and alternates in Kansas and Missouri (Oregon and California Trail routes used by Mormon emigrants).

“(vi) 1850 Golden Pass Road in Utah.

“(6) SHARED CALIFORNIA AND OREGON TRAIL ROUTES.—

“(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Interior shall undertake a study of the shared routes of the California Trail and Oregon Trail listed in subparagraph (B) and generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Western Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’ and dated 1991/1993, and of such other shared routes that the



1 Secretary considers appropriate, to determine  
 2 the feasibility and suitability of designation of  
 3 one or more of the routes as shared components  
 4 of the California National Historic Trail and  
 5 the Oregon National Historic Trail.

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

9 “(i) St. Joe Road.

10 “(ii) Council Bluffs Road.

11 “(iii) Sublette cutoff.

12 “(iv) Applegate route.

13 “(v) Old Fort Kearny Road (Oxbow  
 14 Trail).

15 “(vi) Childs cutoff.

16 “(vii) Raft River to Applegate.”.

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Attest:

*Secretary.*

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