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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:

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