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To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Arizona National Scenic Trail.

### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2007

Ms. GIFFORDS (for herself and Mr. RENZI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

# A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Arizona National Sce-

5 nic Trail Act".

#### 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Arizona Trail is a scenic, nonmotorized
9 trail that stretches for approximately 807 miles

1	through some of the most renowned mountains, can-
2	yon, deserts, and forests in the State of Arizona;
3	(2) the Arizona Trail—
4	(A) is the longest continuous land-based
5	trail in the State of Arizona; and
6	(B) showcases a wide variety of scenic
7	views for a multitude of outdoor enthusiasts, in-
8	cluding hikers, equestrians, mountain bicyclists,
9	cross-country skiers, nature enthusiasts, and
10	other nonmotorized recreationists;
11	(3) the Arizona Trail begins at the Coronado
12	National Memorial near the border between the
13	United States and Mexico, extends to the higher ele-
14	vations of Northern Arizona, and continues across
15	the Coconino Plateau to the Grand Canyon;
16	(4) the Arizona Trail appears on all Arizona
17	State maps;
18	(5) the Arizona Trail is physically possible and
19	financially feasible because—
20	(A) as the Arizona Trail Association re-
21	ports—
22	(i) the Arizona Trail is over 90 per-
23	cent complete; and
24	(ii) 99 percent of the Arizona Trail is
25	located on public land; and

1	(B) the acquisition of additional private
2	land is not required to achieve completion of the
3	Arizona Trail; and
4	(6) because the Arizona Trail is physically pos-
5	sible and financially feasible, no additional feasibility
6	studies to designate the Arizona Trail as a national
7	scenic trail are required.
8	(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to des-
9	ignate the Arizona Trail as a national scenic trail.
10	SEC. 3. ARIZONA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL.
11	Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16
12	U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13	lowing:
14	"(26) Arizona national scenic trail.—
15	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Arizona Trail, ex-
16	tending approximately 807 miles across the
17	State of Arizona from the border between the
18	States of Arizona and Utah to the international
19	border with Mexico, as generally depicted on
20	the map entitled 'Arizona National Scenic Trail
21	and Congressional Districts' and dated April
22	10, 2007, which shall be known as the 'Arizona
23	National Scenic Trail' (referred to in this para-
24	graph as the 'Trail').

1	"(B) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map
2	described in subparagraph (A) shall be on file
3	and available for public inspection in the appro-
4	priate offices of—
5	"(i) the Bureau of Land Management;
6	and
7	"(ii) the Arizona Trail Association.
8	"(C) Administration.—The Trail shall
9	be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
10	culture, acting through the Chief of the Forest
11	Service, in consultation with—
12	"(i) other Federal agencies;
13	"(ii) State, tribal, regional, and local
14	agencies; and
15	"(iii) the Arizona Trail Association.".
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