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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BUNNING introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Lewis and Clark Na-
5 tional Historic Trail Extension Study Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **EASTERN LEGACY SITES.**—The term “East-
4 ern Legacy sites” means the sites associated with
5 the preparation or return phases of the Lewis and
6 Clark expedition, commonly known as the “Eastern
7 Legacy”, including sites in Virginia, the District of
8 Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West
9 Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Mis-
10 souri, and Illinois.

11 (2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of the Interior.

13 (3) **TRAIL.**—The term “Trail” means the Lewis
14 and Clark National Historic Trail designated by sec-
15 tion 5(a)(6) of the National Trails System Act (16
16 U.S.C. 1244(a)(6)).

17 **SEC. 3. LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL EX-**
18 **TENSION STUDY.**

19 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall conduct a
20 study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extend-
21 ing the Trail to include the Eastern Legacy sites.

22 (b) **CONTENTS.**—In conducting the study under sub-
23 section (a), the Secretary shall—

24 (1) evaluate the routes followed by Meriwether
25 Lewis and William Clark, whether independently or
26 together, during—

1 (A) the preparation phase of the expedition
2 starting in Monticello, located near Charlottes-
3 ville, Virginia, and traveling to Wood River, Illi-
4 nois; and

5 (B) the return phase of the expedition
6 from St. Louis, Missouri, to Washington, D.C.;

7 (2) evaluate the suitability and feasibility of
8 adding the Eastern Legacy sites to the Trail;

9 (3) analyze the potential impact that the inclu-
10 sion of the Eastern Legacy sites is likely to have on
11 the Eastern Legacy sites; and

12 (4) analyze the potential impact that the inclu-
13 sion of the Eastern Legacy sites in the Trail is likely
14 to have on tourist visitation to the western half of
15 the Trail.

16 (c) CRITERIA.—The criteria for the study of areas
17 for potential inclusion in the National Park System con-
18 tained in section 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–
19 5) shall apply to the study under subsection (a).

20 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
21 on which funds are first made available for the study
22 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the
23 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
25 Resources of the Senate a report containing—

- 1 (1) the results of the study; and
- 2 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
- 3 Secretary.

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