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**[Report No. 110–95]**

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.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2007

Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

JUNE 26, 2007

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, without amendment

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**A BILL**

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 adding at the end the fol-  
 6 lowing:

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 of the  
 18 Interior shall revise the feasibility and suit-  
 19 ability studies for certain national trails for  
 20 consideration of possible 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 TRAIL.—

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

the feasibility and suitability of designation of one or more of the routes as components of the 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.

“(7) 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 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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