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Resources

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Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, without amendment

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**AN ACT**

To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study regarding the proposed United States Civil Rights Trail, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “United States Civil  
5 Rights Trail Special Resource Study Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY REGARDING PROPOSED**  
2 **UNITED STATES CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL.**

3 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of the Inte-  
4 rior shall conduct a special resource study for the purpose  
5 of evaluating a range of alternatives for protecting and  
6 interpreting sites associated with the struggle for civil  
7 rights in the United States, including alternatives for po-  
8 tential addition of some or all of the sites to the National  
9 Trails System.

10 (b) **CONSULTATION.**—The Secretary shall conduct  
11 the special resource study in consultation with appropriate  
12 Federal, State, county, and local governmental entities.

13 (c) **STUDY REQUIREMENTS.**—The Secretary shall  
14 conduct the study required under subsection (a) in accord-  
15 ance with section 8(c) of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C.  
16 1a–5(c)) and section 5(b) of the National Trails System  
17 Act (16 U.S.C. 1244(b)), as appropriate.

18 (d) **STUDY OBJECTIVES.**—In conducting the special  
19 resource study, the Secretary shall evaluate alternatives  
20 for achieving the following objectives:

21 (1) Identifying the resources and historic  
22 themes associated with the movement to secure ra-  
23 cial equality in the United States for African Ameri-  
24 cans that, focusing on the period from 1954 through  
25 1968, challenged the practice of racial segregation in

1 the Nation and achieved equal rights for all Amer-  
2 ican citizens.

3 (2) Making a review of existing studies and re-  
4 ports, such as the Civil Rights Framework Study, to  
5 complement and not duplicate other studies of the  
6 historical importance of the civil rights movements  
7 that may be underway or undertaken.

8 (3) Establishing connections with agencies, or-  
9 ganizations, and partnerships already engaged in the  
10 preservation and interpretation of various trails and  
11 sites dealing with the civil rights movement.

12 (4) Protecting historically significant land-  
13 scapes, districts, sites, and structures.

14 (5) Identifying alternatives for preservation and  
15 interpretation of the sites by the National Park  
16 Service, other Federal, State, or local governmental  
17 entities, or private and nonprofit organizations, in-  
18 cluding the potential inclusion of some or all of the  
19 sites in a National Civil Rights Trail.

20 (6) Identifying cost estimates for any necessary  
21 acquisition, development, interpretation, operation,  
22 and maintenance associated with the alternatives de-  
23 veloped under the special resource study.

24 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
25 on which funds are made available to carry out this sec-

1 tion, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Nat-  
2 ural Resources of the House of Representatives and the  
3 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-  
4 ate a report containing the results of the study conducted  
5 under subsection (c) and any recommendations of the Sec-  
6 retary with respect to the route.



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