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To require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop long-distance bike trails on Federal recreational lands and waters, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. BARRASSO) 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 “Biking on Long-Dis-
5 tance Trails Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS AND
2 WATERS.—The term “Federal recreational lands and
3 waters” has the meaning given the term in section
4 802 of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement
5 Act (16 U.S.C. 6801).

6 (2) LONG-DISTANCE BIKE TRAIL.—The term
7 “long-distance bike trail” means a continuous route,
8 consisting of 1 or more trails or rights-of-way,
9 that—

10 (A) is not less than a total of 80 miles in
11 length on Federal recreational lands and
12 waters;

13 (B) to the maximum extent practicable,
14 makes use of existing trails;

15 (C) is composed generally of a consistent
16 type of trail;

17 (D) may be used for mountain biking,
18 bikepacking, road biking, bicycle touring, or
19 gravel biking; and

20 (E) may include short connections by way
21 of a road or highway.

22 (3) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”
23 means each of—

24 (A) the Secretary; and

25 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture.

1 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 (5) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
4 retary concerned” means—

5 (A) the Secretary, with respect to land
6 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary; or

7 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, with re-
8 spect to land managed by the Forest Service.

9 **SEC. 3. LONG-DISTANCE BIKE TRAILS ON FEDERAL REC-**
10 **REATIONAL LANDS AND WATERS.**

11 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF LONG-DISTANCE BIKE
12 TRAILS.—Subject to subsection (b), the Secretaries
13 shall—

14 (1) identify not fewer than 10 long-distance
15 bike trails, consistent with management require-
16 ments for the Federal recreational lands and waters
17 identified, that make use of trails and roads in exist-
18 ence on the date of enactment of this Act;

19 (2) identify not fewer than 10 areas in which
20 there is an opportunity to develop or complete long-
21 distance bike trails, consistent with the management
22 requirements for the Federal recreational lands and
23 waters identified;

24 (3) coordinate with stakeholders on the feasi-
25 bility of, and identifying any resources necessary for,

1 completing the development of the trails identified
2 under paragraph (2); and

3 (4) incorporate existing applicable research and
4 planning decisions in carrying out this Act.

5 (b) CONFLICT AVOIDANCE WITH OTHER USES.—Be-
6 fore identifying a trail or road as a long-distance bike trail
7 under subsection (a), the Secretary concerned shall ensure
8 that the identification of the long-distance bike trail would
9 not conflict with an existing use of the trail or road, in-
10 cluding horseback riding or use by pack and saddle stock.

11 (c) MAPS, SIGNAGE, AND PROMOTIONAL MATE-
12 RIALS.—For any long-distance bike trail identified under
13 subsection (a), the Secretary concerned may publish and
14 distribute maps, install signage, and issue promotional
15 materials.

16 (d) GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION.—To the extent
17 practicable, the Secretary concerned shall seek to identify
18 long-distance bike trails and areas for the development or
19 completion of long-distance bike trails under subsection
20 (a) in a geographically equitable manner.

21 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
22 of enactment of this Act, the Secretaries, in partnership
23 with interested organizations, shall prepare and publish a

- 1 report that lists the long-distance bike trails identified
- 2 under subsection (a).

