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S. 1354

To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Chilkoot National Historic Trail and to provide for a study of the Alaska Long Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI 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 “Alaska Trails Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF THE CHILKOOT NATIONAL HIS-**
6 **TORIC TRAIL.**

7 Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16
8 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

1 “(31) CHILKOOT NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Chilkoot National
3 Historic Trail, a traditional gold rush route of
4 approximately 16.5 miles within the Klondike
5 Gold Rush National Historical Park, as gen-
6 erally depicted on the map entitled ‘Proposed
7 Chilkoot National Historic Trail’, numbered
8 KLGO-461-173787, and dated October 2020.

9 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map
10 described in subparagraph (A) shall be on file
11 and available for public inspection in the appro-
12 priate offices of the National Park Service.

13 “(C) ADMINISTRATION.—The Chilkoot Na-
14 tional Historic Trail shall be administered by
15 the Secretary of the Interior.

16 “(D) EFFECT.—The designation of the
17 Chilkoot National Historic Trail shall not affect
18 any authorities under Public Law 94-323 (16
19 U.S.C. 410bb et seq.).

20 “(E) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—The
21 Secretary of the Interior may coordinate with
22 public and nongovernmental organizations and
23 institutions of higher education in the United
24 States and Canada, Alaska Native Corpora-
25 tions, and, in consultation with the Secretary of

1 State, the Government of Canada and any polit-
2 ical subdivisions of the Government of Canada
3 for the purposes of—

4 “(i) exchanging information and re-
5 search relating to the Chilkoot National
6 Historic Trail;

7 “(ii) supporting the preservation of,
8 and educational programs relating to, the
9 Chilkoot National Historic Trail;

10 “(iii) providing technical assistance
11 with respect to the Chilkoot National His-
12 toric Trail; and

13 “(iv) working to establish an inter-
14 national historic trail incorporating the
15 Chilkoot National Historic Trail that pro-
16 vides for complementary preservation and
17 education programs in the United States
18 and Canada.”.

19 **SEC. 3. ALASKA LONG NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL STUDY.**

20 Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16
21 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(48) ALASKA LONG TRAIL.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Alaska Long
2 Trail, extending approximately 500 miles from
3 Seward, Alaska, to Fairbanks, Alaska.

4 “(B) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of
5 the Interior, acting through the Director of the
6 Bureau of Land Management (referred to in
7 this paragraph as the ‘Secretary’), shall study
8 the feasibility of designating the trail described
9 in subparagraph (A).

10 “(C) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall
11 conduct the study under this paragraph in con-
12 sultation with—

13 “(i) the Secretary of Agriculture, act-
14 ing through the Chief of the Forest Serv-
15 ice;

16 “(ii) the State of Alaska;

17 “(iii) units of local government in the
18 State of Alaska;

19 “(iv) Alaska Native Corporations; and

20 “(v) representatives of the private sec-
21 tor, including any entity that holds a per-
22 mit issued by the Federal Energy Regu-
23 latory Commission.”.

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