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To amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of 4 national historic trails and provide for possible additions to such trails.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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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

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## A BILL

To amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of 4 national historic trails and provide for possible additions to such trails.

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. OREGON NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.**

4 Section 5(c)(8) of the National Trails System Act (16  
5 U.S.C. 1244(c)(8)) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(8) OREGON NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Oregon National His-  
8 toric Trail, extending approximately 2000 miles

1 from Independence, Missouri, to near Fort  
 2 Vancouver, Washington.

3 “(B) STUDY.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—To determine the feasi-  
 5 bility and suitability of designating additional  
 6 routes and cutoffs as part of the Oregon Na-  
 7 tional Historic Trail, the Secretary shall con-  
 8 duct a study of—

9 “(I) the routes and cutoffs described  
 10 in clause (ii) and generally depicted on the  
 11 map entitled 11111, dated  
 12 111111, 2001; and

13 “(II) other routes and cutoffs, as the  
 14 Secretary considers appropriate.

15 “(ii) ROUTES.—The routes referred to  
 16 under clause (i)(I) are as follows:

17 “(I) Barlow Road cutoff.

18 “(II) Cowlitz River route.

19 “(III) Free Emigrant Road.

20 “(IV) Goodale’s cutoff.

21 “(V) Meek cutoff.

22 “(VI) Naches Pass Trail.

23 “(VII) North Alternate Oregon Trail.

24 “(VIII) North Side alternate route.

25 “(IX) Upper Columbia River.

1 “(X) Whitman Mission route.

2 “(iii) DESIGNATION AS HISTORIC TRAIL.—

3 On completion of the study under clause (i), the  
4 Secretary shall—

5 “(I) designate the routes and cutoffs  
6 described in clause (ii) as part of the Or-  
7 egon National Historic Trail, if the Sec-  
8 retary determines the routes and cutoffs  
9 are feasible and suitable additions to the  
10 trail; and

11 “(II) publish notice of any designation  
12 under subclause (I) in the Federal Reg-  
13 ister.

14 “(iv) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Sec-  
15 retary shall submit to the Committee on Re-  
16 sources of the House of Representatives and the  
17 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of  
18 the Senate—

19 “(I) the study required under clause  
20 (i); and

21 “(II) the determination of the Sec-  
22 retary under clause (iii)(I).”.

1 **SEC. 2. PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL AND**  
 2 **CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.**

3 Section 5(c)(30) of the National Trails System Act  
 4 (16 U.S.C. 1244(c)(30)) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(30) PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL  
 6 AND CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

8 “(i) PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL HISTORIC  
 9 TRAIL.—The Pony Express National Historic  
 10 Trail, extending from Saint Joseph, Missouri,  
 11 through Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming,  
 12 Utah, Nevada, to Sacramento, California, as in-  
 13 dicated on the map entitled ‘Potential Pony Ex-  
 14 press Trail’, dated October 1983.

15 “(ii) CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HISTORIC  
 16 TRAIL.—The California National Historic Trail  
 17 extends from the vicinity of Omaha, Nebraska,  
 18 and Saint Joseph, Missouri, to various points in  
 19 California, as indicated on a map entitled ‘Po-  
 20 tential California Trail’, dated August 1, 1983.

21 “(B) INITIAL STUDY.—

22 “(i) DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION.—Not-  
 23 withstanding subsection (b), the study under  
 24 this paragraph shall be completed and sub-  
 25 mitted to Congress not later than 2 fiscal years

after the date of enactment of section 1 of Public Law 98–405 (98 Stat. 1483).

“(ii) COMPONENTS.—The study required under clause (i) shall be separated into—

“(I) a portion relating to the Pony Express National Historic Trail; and

“(II) a portion relating to the California National Historic Trail.

“(C) ADDITIONAL STUDIES.—

“(i) PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a study of the approximately 20-mile southern alternative route from Wathena, Kansas, to Troy, Kansas, to determine the feasibility and suitability of designating that route as part of the Pony Express National Historic Trail.

“(II) DESIGNATION AS HISTORIC TRAIL.—On completion of the study under subclause (I), the Secretary shall—

“(aa) designate the route as part of the Pony Express National Historic Trail, if the Secretary determines the

1 route is a feasible and suitable addi-  
 2 tion to the trail; and

3 “(bb) publish notice of any des-  
 4 ignation under item (aa) in the Fed-  
 5 eral Register.

6 “(III) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The  
 7 Secretary shall submit to the Committee  
 8 on Resources of the House of Representa-  
 9 tives and the Committee on Energy and  
 10 Natural Resources of the Senate—

11 “(aa) the study under subclause  
 12 (I); and

13 “(bb) the determination of the  
 14 Secretary under subclause (II)(aa).

15 “(ii) CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HISTORIC  
 16 TRAIL.—

17 “(I) IN GENERAL.—To determine the  
 18 feasibility and suitability of designating ad-  
 19 ditional routes and cutoffs as part of the  
 20 California National Historic Trail, the Sec-  
 21 retary shall conduct a study of—

22 “(aa) the central, Missouri Val-  
 23 ley, and western routes and cutoffs  
 24 described in subclause (II) and gen-  
 25 erally depicted on the map entitled

1 111111, dated 11111,  
 2 2001; and

3 “(bb) other central, Missouri Val-  
 4 ley, and western routes and cutoffs, as  
 5 the Secretary considers appropriate.

6 “(II) ROUTES.—The routes referred  
 7 to under subclause (I)(aa) are as follows:

8 “(aa) CENTRAL ROUTES.—

9 “(AA) Bishop Creek cutoff.

10 “(BB) Central Overland  
 11 Trail.

12 “(CC) Cherokee Trail, in-  
 13 cluding splits.

14 “(DD) Diamond Springs  
 15 cutoff.

16 “(EE) Greenhorn cutoff.

17 “(FF) McAuley cutoff.

18 “(GG) Secret Pass.

19 “(HH) Weber Canyon route  
 20 of Hastings cutoff.

21 “(bb) MISSOURI VALLEY  
 22 ROUTES.—

23 “(AA) Atchison/Independ-  
 24 ence Creek routes.

- 1 “(BB) Blue Mills—Inde-
- 2 pendence Road.
- 3 “(CC) Blue Ridge cutoff.
- 4 “(DD) Fort Leavenworth—
- 5 Blue River route.
- 6 “(EE) Fort Leavenworth—
- 7 Kansas River route.
- 8 “(FF) Gum Springs—Fort
- 9 Leavenworth route.
- 10 “(GG) Lower Bellevue
- 11 Route.
- 12 “(HH) Lower Plattsmouth
- 13 Route.
- 14 “(II) Minersville—Nebraska
- 15 City Road.
- 16 “(JJ) Nebraska City cutoff
- 17 routes.
- 18 “(KK) Old Wyoming—Ne-
- 19 braska City cutoff.
- 20 “(LL) Road to Amazonia.
- 21 “(MM) Union Ferry Route.
- 22 “(NN) Upper Bellevue
- 23 route.
- 24 “(OO) Upper Plattsmouth
- 25 route.



1 “(PP) Westport Landing  
2 Road.

3 “(QQ) Westport—Lawrence  
4 Road.

5 “(RR) Westport Road.

6 “(SS) Woodbury cutoff.

7 “(cc) WESTERN ROUTES.—

8 “(AA) Bidwell-Bartleson  
9 route.

10 “(BB) Big Trees Road.

11 “(CC) Burnett cutoff.

12 “(DD) Georgetown/Dagget  
13 Pass Trail.

14 “(EE) Grizzly Flat cutoff.

15 “(FF) Hennes Pass route.

16 “(GG) Johnson cutoff.

17 “(HH) Luther Pass Trail.

18 “(II) Nevada City Road.

19 “(JJ) Placer County Road  
20 to Auburn.

21 “(KK) Sacramento—Coloma  
22 Wagon Road.

23 “(LL) Volcano Road.

24 “(MM) Yreka Trail.

1           “(III) DESIGNATION AS HISTORIC  
2 TRAIL.—On completion of the study re-  
3 quired under subclause (I), the Secretary  
4 shall—

5                   “(aa) designate the routes and  
6 cutoffs described in subclause (II) as  
7 part of the California National His-  
8 toric Trail, if the Secretary deter-  
9 mines the routes and cutoffs are fea-  
10 sible and suitable additions to the  
11 California National Historic Trail;  
12 and

13                   “(bb) publish notice of any des-  
14 ignation under item (aa) in the Fed-  
15 eral Register.

16           “(IV) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The  
17 Secretary shall submit to the Committee  
18 on Resources of the House of Representa-  
19 tives and the Committee on Energy and  
20 Natural Resources of the Senate—

21                   “(aa) the study under subclause  
22 (I); and

23                   “(bb) the determination of the  
24 Secretary under subclause (III)(aa).”.

1 **SEC. 3. MORMON PIONEER NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.**

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

5 “(41) ADDITIONAL MORMON PIONEER NATIONAL  
6 HISTORIC TRAIL STUDY.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To determine the feasi-  
8 bility and suitability of designating additional routes  
9 and cutoffs as part of the Mormon Pioneer National  
10 Historic Trail, the Secretary shall conduct a study  
11 of—

12 “(i) the routes and cutoffs described in  
13 subparagraph (B) and generally depicted on the  
14 map entitled 11111111, dated  
15 11111111, 2001; and

16 “(ii) other routes and cutoffs, as the Sec-  
17 retary considers appropriate.

18 “(B) ROUTES.—The routes referred to under  
19 subparagraph (A)(i) are as follows:

20 “(i) 1846 Subsequent routes A and B in  
21 Lucas County and Clark County, Iowa.

22 “(ii) 1847 Alternative Elkhorn and Loup  
23 River Crossings, in Nebraska.

24 “(iii) 1850 Golden Pass Road in Utah.

25 “(iv) 1856–57 Handcart route, extending  
26 from Iowa City to Council Bluffs, in Iowa.

1 “(v) Fort Leavenworth Road.

2 “(vi) Keokuk route, in Iowa.

3 “(vii) Ox Bow route and alternates.

4 “(C) DESIGNATION AS HISTORIC TRAIL.—On  
5 completion of the study under subparagraph (A), the  
6 Secretary shall—

7 “(i) designate the routes and cutoffs de-  
8 scribed in subparagraph (B) as part of the  
9 Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail, if the  
10 Secretary determines the routes and cutoffs are  
11 feasible and suitable additions to the trail; and

12 “(ii) publish notice of any designation  
13 under clause (i) in the Federal Register.

14 “(D) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary  
15 shall submit to the Committee on Resources of the  
16 House of Representatives and the Committee on En-  
17 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate—

18 “(i) the study under subparagraph (A);  
19 and

20 “(ii) the determination of the Secretary  
21 under subparagraph (C)(i).

22 “(42) SHARED CALIFORNIA AND OREGON NATIONAL  
23 HISTORIC TRAILS.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To determine the feasi-  
25 bility and suitability of designating additional routes

1 and cutoffs as shared components of the California  
 2 National Historic Trail and Oregon National His-  
 3 toric Trail, the Secretary shall conduct a study of  
 4 the routes and cutoffs described in subparagraph  
 5 (B) and generally depicted on the map entitled  
 6 1111111, dated 1111111, 2001.

7 “(B) ROUTES.—The routes referred to under  
 8 subparagraph (A) are as follows:

9 “(i) Applegate route.

10 “(ii) Childs cutoff.

11 “(iii) Council Bluffs Road.

12 “(iv) Old Fort Kearny Road (Oxbow  
 13 Trail).

14 “(v) Raft River to Applegate.

15 “(vi) St. Joe Road.

16 “(vii) Sublette cutoff.

17 “(C) DESIGNATION AS HISTORIC TRAIL.—On  
 18 completion of the study under subparagraph (A), the  
 19 Secretary shall—

20 “(i) designate the routes and cutoffs de-  
 21 scribed in subparagraph (B) as part of the Cali-  
 22 fornia and Oregon National Historic Trails, if  
 23 the Secretary determines the routes and cutoffs  
 24 are a feasible and suitable addition to the trails;  
 25 and

1                   “(ii) publish notice of any designation  
2                   under clause (i) in the Federal Register.

3                   “(D) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary  
4                   shall submit to the Committee on Resources of the  
5                   House of Representatives and the Committee on En-  
6                   ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate—

7                   “(i) the study under subparagraph (A);  
8                   and

9                   “(ii) the determination of the Secretary  
10                  under subparagraph (C).”.

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