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# S. 213

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 Oregon  
7                         National Historic Trail, if the Secretary  
8                         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 Register.

14                         “(iv) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary  
15                         shall submit to the Committee on Resources  
16                         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 Secretary  
22                         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

1 after the date of enactment of section 1 of Pub-  
2 lic Law 98–405 (98 Stat. 1483).

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

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

7 “(II) a portion relating to the Cali-  
8 fornia National Historic Trail.

9 “(C) ADDITIONAL STUDIES.—

10 “(i) PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL HISTORIC  
11 TRAIL.—

12 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary  
13 shall conduct a study of the approximately  
14 20-mile southern alternative route from  
15 Wathena, Kansas, to Troy, Kansas, to de-  
16 termine the feasibility and suitability of  
17 designating that route as part of the Pony  
18 Express National Historic Trail.

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

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

1 route is a feasible and suitable addition to the trail; and  
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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 1111111, dated  
15 1111111, 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 111111, dated 111111, 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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