

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3342

To amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments for such trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 20, 2003

Mr. BERRY (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COLE, Mr. TANNER, Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma, Mr. GORDON, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, and Mr. CRAMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REVISION OF FEASIBILITY AND SUITABILITY**
2 **STUDY OF TRAIL OF TEARS NATIONAL HIS-**
3 **TORIC TRAIL.**

4 Section 5(a)(16) of the National Trails System Act
5 (16 U.S.C. 1244(a)(16)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “sub-
7 sections” and inserting “sections”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 paragraph:

10 “(C) Not later than one complete fiscal year after the
11 date of the enactment of this subparagraph, the Secretary
12 of the Interior shall submit to Congress a study regarding
13 the feasibility and suitability of designating, as additional
14 components of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail,
15 the Benge and Belle routes by which southeastern Indian
16 tribes were removed to present-day Oklahoma. Upon com-
17 pletion of the study, if the Secretary determines that the
18 routes are a feasible and suitable addition to the Trail of
19 Tears National Historic Trail, the Secretary shall des-
20 ignate the routes as components of the Trail of Tears Na-
21 tional Historic Trail. The Secretary shall publish notice
22 of the designation in the Federal Register.”.

