

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 454

To amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2009

Mr. WAMP (for himself and Mr. SHULER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Trail of Tears Docu-
5 mentation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO TRAIL OF TEARS NATIONAL HIS-**
2 **TORIC TRAIL.**

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

5 (1) By amending subparagraph (C) to read as
6 follows:

7 “(C) In addition to the areas otherwise
8 designated under this paragraph, the following
9 routes and land components by which the Cher-
10 okee Nation was removed to Oklahoma are
11 components of the Trail of Tears National His-
12 toric Trail, as generally described in the envi-
13 ronmentally preferred alternative of the Novem-
14 ber 2007 Feasibility Study Amendment and
15 Environmental Assessment for Trail of Tears
16 National Historic Trail:

17 “(i) The Bengie and Bell routes.

18 “(ii) The land components of the des-
19 igned water routes in Alabama, Arkan-
20 sas, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

21 “(iii) The routes from the collection
22 forts in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina,
23 and Tennessee to the emigration depots.

24 “(iv) The related campgrounds located
25 along the routes and land components de-
26 scribed in clauses (i) through (iii).”.

1 (2) In subparagraph (D)—

2 (A) by striking the first sentence; and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following:

4 “No lands or interests in lands outside the exte-
5 rior boundaries of any federally administered
6 area may be acquired by the Federal Govern-
7 ment for the Trail of Tears National Historic
8 Trail except with the consent of the owner
9 thereof.”.

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