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To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Arizona National Scenic Trail.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GIFFORDS 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 “Arizona National See-
5 nic Trail Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Arizona Trail is a scenic, nonmotorized
9 trail that stretches for approximately 807 miles

1 through some of the most renowned mountains, can-
2 yon, deserts, and forests in the State of Arizona;

3 (2) the Arizona Trail—

4 (A) is the longest continuous land-based
5 trail in the State of Arizona; and

6 (B) showcases a wide variety of scenic
7 views for a multitude of outdoor enthusiasts, in-
8 cluding hikers, equestrians, mountain bicyclists,
9 cross-country skiers, nature enthusiasts, and
10 other nonmotorized recreationists;

11 (3) the Arizona Trail begins at the Coronado
12 National Memorial near the border between the
13 United States and Mexico, extends to the higher ele-
14 vations of Northern Arizona, and continues across
15 the Coconino Plateau to the Grand Canyon;

16 (4) the Arizona Trail appears on all Arizona
17 State maps;

18 (5) the Arizona Trail is physically possible and
19 financially feasible because—

20 (A) as the Arizona Trail Association re-
21 ports—

22 (i) the Arizona Trail is over 90 per-
23 cent complete; and

24 (ii) 99 percent of the Arizona Trail is
25 located on public land; and

1 (B) the acquisition of additional private
2 land is not required to achieve completion of the
3 Arizona Trail; and

4 (6) because the Arizona Trail is physically pos-
5 sible and financially feasible, no additional feasibility
6 studies to designate the Arizona Trail as a national
7 scenic trail are required.

8 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to des-
9 ignate the Arizona Trail as a national scenic trail.

10 **SEC. 3. ARIZONA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL.**

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

14 “(____) ARIZONA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Arizona Trail, ex-
16 tending approximately 807 miles across the
17 State of Arizona from the border between the
18 States of Arizona and Utah to the international
19 border with Mexico, as generally depicted on
20 the map entitled ‘Arizona National Scenic Trail
21 and Congressional Districts’ and dated April
22 10, 2007, which shall be known as the ‘Arizona
23 National Scenic Trail’ (referred to in this para-
24 graph as the ‘Trail’).

1 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map
2 described in subparagraph (A) shall be on file
3 and available for public inspection in the appro-
4 priate offices of—

5 “(i) the Bureau of Land Management;
6 and

7 “(ii) the Arizona Trail Association.

8 “(C) ADMINISTRATION.—The Trail shall
9 be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
10 culture, acting through the Chief of the Forest
11 Service, in consultation with—

12 “(i) other Federal agencies;

13 “(ii) State, tribal, regional, and local
14 agencies; and

15 “(iii) the Arizona Trail Association.”.

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