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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. JONES, and Mr. SALMON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Travel and Resource
3 Access Including Local Stakeholders Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONDITIONS ON BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**
5 **ACCESS TRAVEL MANAGEMENT ACTIONS FOR**
6 **UNITS OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGE-**
7 **MENT DERIVED FROM THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) ACCESS TRAVEL MANAGEMENT ACTION.—

10 The term “access travel management action” means
11 any Bureau of Land Management action regarding
12 public lands that—

13 (A) will, or can reasonably be expected to,
14 alter public access to public lands, including
15 any change in access to mining claims or access
16 using motorized vehicles or nonmotorized means
17 resulting from—

18 (i) the decommissioning in whole or in
19 part of a road, trail, or combination road
20 and trail system;

21 (ii) a change in the status of a road
22 as open or closed; or

23 (iii) a change in road densities; and

24 (B) requires the preparation of an environ-
25 mental impact statement or environmental as-

1 sessment under the National Environmental
2 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4331 et seq.).

3 (2) AFFECTED COUNTY.—The term “affected
4 county” means—

5 (A) a political subdivision whose bound-
6 aries contain public lands affected by an access
7 travel management action; or

8 (B) a political subdivision adjacent to a po-
9 litical subdivision described in subparagraph
10 (A).

11 (3) POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.—The term “polit-
12 ical subdivision” means any county, municipality,
13 city, town, or township created pursuant to State
14 law.

15 (4) PUBLIC LANDS.—The term “public lands”
16 has the meaning given that term in section 103(e)
17 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
18 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702).

19 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
21 rector of the Bureau of Land Management.

22 (b) CONSULTATION WITH AFFECTED COUNTIES RE-
23 QUIRED.—As a condition on the preparation of an envi-
24 ronmental impact statement or environmental assessment
25 under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42

1 U.S.C. 4331 et seq.) for a proposed access travel manage-
2 ment action, the Secretary shall consult with each affected
3 county for the purpose of incorporating the needs, uses,
4 and input of affected counties.

5 (c) CONCURRENCE OF AFFECTED COUNTIES RE-
6 QUIRED.—The Secretary may not implement an access
7 travel management action unless and until the Sec-
8 retary—

9 (1) complies with the consultation requirement
10 imposed by subsection (b); and

11 (2) obtains the concurrence of each affected
12 county for implementation of the access travel man-
13 agement action.

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