

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6442

To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2016

Mr. FORTENBERRY 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. CHIEF STANDING BEAR NATIONAL HISTORIC**
4 **TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

5 Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16
6 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

1 “(46) CHIEF STANDING BEAR NATIONAL HIS-
2 TORIC TRAIL.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Chief Standing
4 Bear Trail, extending approximately 550 miles
5 from Niobrara, Nebraska, to Ponca City, Okla-
6 homa, which follows the route taken by Chief
7 Standing Bear and the Ponca people during
8 Federal Indian removal, and approximately 550
9 miles from Ponca City, Oklahoma, through
10 Omaha, Nebraska, to Niobrara, Nebraska,
11 which follows the return route taken by Chief
12 Standing Bear and the Ponca people, as gen-
13 erally depicted on the map entitled ‘Chief
14 Standing Bear National Historic Trail Feasi-
15 bility Study’, numbered 903/125,630, and dated
16 November 2014.

17 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map
18 described in subparagraph (A) shall be on file
19 and available for public inspection in the appro-
20 priate offices of the Department of the Interior.

21 “(C) COMPONENTS.—The feasibility study
22 conducted under subparagraph (A) shall include
23 a determination on whether the Chief Standing
24 Bear Trail meets the criteria described in sub-

1 section (b) for designation as a national historic
2 trail.

3 “(D) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting
4 the feasibility study under subparagraph (A),
5 the Secretary of the Interior shall consider
6 input from owners of private land within or ad-
7 jacent to the study area and shall not consider
8 acquiring any land or interest in land outside
9 the exterior boundaries of any federally admin-
10 istered area.

11 “(E) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the
12 feasibility study under subparagraph (A), the
13 Secretary of the Interior shall consult with the
14 Nebraska Natural Resources Districts.”.

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