

Public Law 107-325  
107th Congress

An Act

Dec. 4, 2002  
[S. 1946]

Old Spanish  
Trail Recognition  
Act of 2002.  
New Mexico.  
California.  
16 USC 1241  
note.

To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Old Spanish Trail  
as a National Historic Trail.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Old Spanish Trail Recognition Act of 2002”.

**SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.**

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

(1) by redesignating the second paragraph (21) as paragraph (22); and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(23) OLD SPANISH NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Old Spanish National Historic Trail, an approximately 2,700 mile long trail extending from Santa Fe, New Mexico, to Los Angeles, California, that served as a major trade route between 1829 and 1848, as generally depicted on the maps numbered 1 through 9, as contained in the report entitled ‘Old Spanish Trail National Historic Trail Feasibility Study’, dated July 2001, including the Armijo Route, Northern Route, North Branch, and Mojave Road.

“(B) MAP.—A map generally depicting the trail shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Department of the Interior.

“(C) ADMINISTRATION.—The trail shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this paragraph as the ‘Secretary’).

“(D) LAND ACQUISITION.—The United States shall not acquire for the trail any land or interest in land outside the exterior boundary of any federally-managed area without the consent of the owner of the land or interest in land.

“(E) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult with other Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies in the administration of the trail.

“(F) ADDITIONAL ROUTES.—The Secretary may designate additional routes to the trail if—

“(i) the additional routes were included in the Old Spanish Trail National Historic Trail Feasibility Study, but were not recommended for designation as a national historic trail; and

“(ii) the Secretary determines that the additional routes were used for trade and commerce between 1829 and 1848.”.

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