

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4680

OFFERED BY MR. HUFFMAN OF CALIFORNIA

After title IV, insert the following:

1 **TITLE V—NATIONAL TRAILS**
2 **SYSTEM ACT AMENDMENTS**

3 **SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the “National Discovery
5 Trails Act”.

6 **SEC. 502. NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM ACT AMENDMENTS.**

7 (a) NATIONAL DISCOVERY TRAILS.—Section 3(a) of
8 the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1242(a)) is
9 amended by inserting after paragraph (4) the following:

10 “(5) National discovery trails, established under
11 section 5, which—

12 “(A) shall be extended, continuous, inter-
13 state trails so located as to provide for out-
14 standing outdoor recreation and travel and to
15 connect representative examples of America’s
16 trails and communities;

17 “(B) should provide for the conservation
18 and enjoyment of significant natural, cultural,
19 and historic resources associated with each trail
20 and should be so located as to represent metro-

1 politan, urban, rural, and back country regions
2 of the Nation;

3 “(C) may be designated on Federal lands
4 and, with the consent of the owner thereof, on
5 any non-Federal lands; and

6 “(D) shall not be construed to modify, en-
7 large, or diminish any authority of the Federal,
8 State, or local governments to regulate any use
9 of land as provide for by law or regulation.”.

10 (b) DESIGNATION OF THE AMERICAN DISCOVERY
11 TRAIL AS A NATIONAL DISCOVERY TRAIL.—Section 5(a)
12 of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding
13 at the end the following:

14 “(____) The American Discovery Trail, a trail
15 of approximately 6,000 miles extending from Cape
16 Henlopen State Park in Delaware to Point Reyes
17 National Seashore in California, extending westward
18 through Delaware, Maryland, the District of Colum-
19 bia, West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky, where near
20 Cincinnati it splits into two routes. The Northern
21 Midwest route traverses Ohio, Indiana, Illinois,
22 Iowa, Nebraska, and Colorado, and the Southern
23 Midwest route traverses Indiana, Illinois, Missouri,
24 Kansas, and Colorado. After the two routes rejoin in
25 Denver, Colorado, the route continues through Colo-

1 rado, Utah, Nevada, and California. The trail is gen-
2 erally described in Volume 2 of the National Park
3 Service feasibility study dated June 1995 which
4 shall be on file and available for public inspection in
5 the office of the Director of the National Park Serv-
6 ice, Department of the Interior, the District of Co-
7 lumbia. The American Discovery Trail shall be ad-
8 ministered by the Secretary of the Interior in co-
9 operation with at least one competent trailwide vol-
10 unteer-based organization and other affected Federal
11 land managing agencies, and State and local govern-
12 ments, as appropriate. No lands or interests outside
13 the exterior boundaries of federally administered
14 areas may be acquired by the Federal Government
15 solely for the American Discovery Trail. The provi-
16 sions of sections 7(e), 7(f), and 7(g) shall not apply
17 to the American Discovery Trail.”.

18 (c) COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL DISCOVERY TRAIL
19 PLAN.—Section 7 of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1246) is further
20 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
21 section:

22 “(1)(1) For purposes of subsection (5)(b), a trail shall
23 not be considered feasible and desirable for designation
24 as a national discovery trail unless it meets all of the fol-
25 lowing criteria:

1 “(A) The trail must link one or more areas
2 within the boundaries of a metropolitan area (as
3 those boundaries are determined under section
4 134(c) of title 23, United States Code). It should
5 also join with other trails, connecting the National
6 Trails System to significant recreation and resources
7 areas.

8 “(B) The trail must be supported by at least
9 one competent trailwide volunteer-based organiza-
10 tion. Each trail should have extensive local and
11 trailwide support by the public, by user groups, and
12 by affected State and local governments.

13 “(C) The trail must be extended and pass
14 through more than one State. At a minimum, it
15 should be a continuous, walkable route.

16 “(2) The appropriate Secretary for each national dis-
17 covery trail shall administer the trail in cooperation with
18 at least one competent trailwide volunteer-based organiza-
19 tion. Where the designation of discovery trail is aligned
20 with other units of the National Trails System, or State
21 or local trails, the designation of a discovery trail shall
22 not affect the protections or authorities provided for the
23 other trail or trails, nor shall the designation of a dis-
24 covery trail diminish the values and significance for which
25 those trails were established. Not later than three com-

1 plete fiscal years after the date of the enactment of any
2 law designating a national discovery trail, the appropriate
3 Secretary shall submit a comprehensive plan for the pro-
4 tection, management, development, and use of the trail,
5 to the Committee on Natural Resources of the United
6 States House of Representatives and the Committee on
7 Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Sen-
8 ate. The responsible Secretary shall ensure that the com-
9 prehensive plan for the entire trail does not conflict with
10 existing agency direction and shall consult with the af-
11 fected land managing agencies, the Governors of the af-
12 fected States, affected county and local political jurisdic-
13 tions, and local organizations maintaining components of
14 the trail. Components of the comprehensive plan include—

15 “(A) policies and practices to be observed in the
16 administration and management of the trail, includ-
17 ing the identification of all significant natural, his-
18 torical, and cultural resources to be preserved, model
19 agreements necessary for joint trail administration
20 among and between interested parties, and an iden-
21 tified carrying capacity for critical segments of the
22 trail and a plan for their implementation where ap-
23 propriate;

24 “(B) general and site-specific trail-related de-
25 velopment including costs; and

1 “(C) the process to be followed by the volun-
2 teer-based organization, in cooperation with the ap-
3 propriate Secretary, to implement the trail marking
4 authorities in subsection (c) conforming to approved
5 trail logo or emblem requirements. Nothing in this
6 Act may be construed to impose or permit the im-
7 position of any landowner on the use of any non-Fed-
8 eral lands without the consent of the owner thereof.
9 Neither the designation of a national discovery trail
10 nor any plan relating thereto shall affect or be con-
11 sidered in the granting or denial of a right of way
12 or any conditions relating thereto.”.

13 **SEC. 503. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

14 The National Trails System Act is amended—

15 (1) in section 2(b) (16 U.S.C. 1241(b)), by
16 striking “scenic and historic” and inserting “scenic,
17 historic, and discovery”;

18 (2) in the section heading to section 5 (16
19 U.S.C. 1244), by striking “AND NATIONAL HIS-
20 TORIC” and inserting “, NATIONAL HISTORIC, AND
21 NATIONAL DISCOVERY”;

22 (3) in section 5(a) (16 U.S.C. 1244(a)), in the
23 matter preceding paragraph (1)—

1 (A) by striking “and national historic” and
2 inserting “, national historic, and national dis-
3 covery”; and

4 (B) by striking “and National Historic”
5 and inserting “, National Historic, and Na-
6 tional Discovery”;

7 (4) in section 5(b) (16 U.S.C. 1244(b)), in the
8 matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “or na-
9 tional historic” and inserting “, national historic, or
10 national discovery”;

11 (5) in section 5(b)(3) (16 U.S.C. 1244(b)(3)),
12 by striking “or national historic” and inserting “,
13 national historic, or national discovery”;

14 (6) in section 7(a)(2) (16 U.S.C. 1246(a)(2)),
15 by striking “and national historic” and inserting “,
16 national historic, and national discovery”;

17 (7) in section 7(b) (16 U.S.C. 1246(b)), by
18 striking “or national historic” each place such term
19 appears and inserting “, national historic, or na-
20 tional discovery”;

21 (8) in section 7(c) (16 U.S.C. 1246(c))—

22 (A) by striking “scenic or national his-
23 toric” each place it appears and inserting “see-
24 nic, national historic, or national discovery”;

1 (B) in the second proviso, by striking “see-
2 nic, or national historic” and inserting “scenic,
3 national historic, or national discovery”; and

4 (C) by striking “, and national historic”
5 and inserting “, national historic, and national
6 discovery”;

7 (9) in section 7(d) (16 U.S.C. 1246(d)), by
8 striking “or national historic” and inserting “na-
9 tional historic, or national discovery”;

10 (10) in section 7(e) (16 U.S.C. 1246(e)), by
11 striking “or national historic” each place such term
12 appears and inserting “, national historic, or na-
13 tional discovery”;

14 (11) in section 7(f)(2) (16 U.S.C. 1246(f)(2)),
15 by striking “National Scenic or Historic Trail” and
16 inserting “national scenic, historic, or discovery
17 trail”;

18 (12) in section 7(h)(1) (16 U.S.C. 1246(h)(1)),
19 by striking “or national historic” and inserting “na-
20 tional historic, or national discovery”; and

21 (13) in section 7(i) (16 U.S.C. 1246(i)), by
22 striking “or national historic” and inserting “na-
23 tional historic, or national discovery”.

