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to develop long-distance bike trails on Federal land.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mr. CURTIS, and Mrs. LEE of Nevada) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Biking on Long-Dis-
5 tance Trails Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS.—The
2 term “Federal recreational lands” has the meaning
3 given the term “Federal recreational lands and
4 waters” in section 802(5) of the Federal Lands
5 Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6801(5)).

6 (2) LONG-DISTANCE BIKE TRAIL.—The term
7 “long-distance bike trail” means a continuous route,
8 consisting of 1 or more trails or rights-of-way,
9 that—

10 (A) is not less than 80 miles in length;

11 (B) primarily makes use of dirt or natural
12 surface trails;

13 (C) may require connections along paved
14 or other improved roads;

15 (D) does not include Federal recreational
16 lands where mountain biking or related activi-
17 ties are not consistent with management re-
18 quirements for those Federal recreational lands;
19 and

20 (E) to the maximum extent practicable,
21 makes use of trails and roads that were on Fed-
22 eral recreational lands on or before the date of
23 the enactment of this Act.

1 (3) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”
2 means the Secretary of the Interior and the Sec-
3 retary of Agriculture, acting jointly.

4 (4) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
5 retary concerned” means the following:

6 (A) The Secretary of the Interior, with re-
7 spect to Federal recreational lands under the
8 jurisdiction of that Secretary.

9 (B) The Secretary of Agriculture, with re-
10 spect to Federal recreational lands under the
11 jurisdiction of that Secretary.

12 **SEC. 3. LONG-DISTANCE BIKE TRAILS ON FEDERAL REC-**
13 **REATIONAL LANDS.**

14 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF LONG-DISTANCE TRAILS.—
15 Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment
16 of this Act, the Secretaries shall identify—

17 (1) not fewer than 10 long-distance bike trails
18 that make use of trails and roads in existence on the
19 date of the enactment of this Act; and

20 (2) not fewer than 10 areas in which there is
21 an opportunity to develop or complete a trail that
22 would qualify as a long-distance bike trail.

23 (b) PUBLIC COMMENT.—The Secretaries shall—

1 (1) develop a process to allow members of the
2 public to comment regarding the identification of
3 trails and areas under subsection (a); and

4 (2) consider the identification, development,
5 and completion of long-distance bike trails in a geo-
6 graphically equitable manner.

7 (c) MAPS, SIGNAGE, AND PROMOTIONAL MATE-
8 RIALS.—For any long-distance bike trail identified under
9 subsection (a), the Secretary concerned may—

10 (1) publish and distribute maps, install signage,
11 and issue promotional materials; and

12 (2) coordinate with stakeholders to leverage any
13 non-Federal resources necessary for the stewardship,
14 development, or completion of trails.

15 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries, in partner-
17 ship with interested organizations, shall prepare and pub-
18 lish a report that lists the trails identified under sub-
19 section (a), including a summary of public comments re-
20 ceived in accordance with the process developed under sub-
21 section (b).

22 (e) CONFLICT AVOIDANCE WITH OTHER USES.—The
23 Secretary concerned shall ensure that each long-distance
24 bike trail or area identified under subsection (a)—

25 (1) does not conflict with—

1 (A) the uses, before the date of the enact-
2 ment of this Act, of any trail or road that is
3 part of that long-distance bike trail;

4 (B) multiple-use areas where biking, hik-
5 ing, horseback riding, or use by pack and sad-
6 dle stock are existing uses on the date of the
7 enactment of this Act;

8 (C) the purposes for which any trail was or
9 is established under the National Trails System
10 Act (16 U.S.C. 1241 et seq.); and

11 (D) any area managed under the Wilder-
12 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.); and

13 (2) complies with land use and management
14 plans of the Federal recreational lands that are part
15 of that long-distance bike trail.

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