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I would now like to recognize myself on H.R. 6337.

First, I would like to acknowledge the leadership of Senator Lujan—an avid mountain biker—who introduced this bill in the Senate. I’m sure I speak for everyone here when I say we’re all thinking of him this week, and my wife Andrea and I send him and his family our best wishes in his recovery.

Our bill, the Biking on Long Distance Trails, or BOLT Act, would provide additional outdoor recreation opportunities for communities around the country, including in my state of Colorado.

I was proud to introduce this bipartisan bill along with my colleagues Representative Curtis of Utah, Representative Lee of Nevada, and Representative Armstrong of North Dakota.

The BOLT Act would require the Departments of Interior and Agriculture to identify at least ten existing long-distance biking trails and ten areas where there are opportunities to develop long-distance bike trails. The bill also asks for those Departments to publish maps and signage for those trails when appropriate.

The completion of additional long-distance biking trails will provide opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts all across our nation to enjoy the outdoors and boost our economies.

I look forward to working with the Departments of Interior and Agriculture and other stakeholders on this bill, to ensure that the language meets our shared goals of bolstering local economies and enhancing access to recreation on our public lands.

Thank you to my colleagues for working with me on this important legislation, and with that, I yield back.