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To require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop long-distance bike trails on Federal land, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 20, 2021

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mr. CURTIS, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, and Mr. ARMSTRONG) 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

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Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources with an amendment

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on December 20, 2021]

A BILL

To require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop long-distance bike trails on Federal land, and for other purposes.

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:*

8 (1) *FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS.*—*The term*
9 *“Federal recreational lands” has the meaning given*
10 *the term “Federal recreational lands and waters” in*
11 *section 802(5) of the Federal Lands Recreation En-*
12 *hancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6801(5)).*

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

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

17 (B) *primarily makes use of dirt or natural*
18 *surface trails;*

19 (C) *may require connections along paved or*
20 *other improved roads;*

21 (D) *does not include Federal recreational*
22 *lands where mountain biking or related activi-*
23 *ties are not consistent with management require-*
24 *ments for those Federal recreational lands; and*

1 (E) to the maximum extent practicable,
2 makes use of trails and roads that were on Fed-
3 eral recreational lands on or before the date of
4 the enactment of this Act.

5 (3) *SECRETARIES.*—The term “Secretaries”
6 means the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary
7 of Agriculture, acting jointly.

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

10 (A) The Secretary of the Interior, with re-
11 spect to Federal recreational lands under the ju-
12 risdiction of that Secretary.

13 (B) The Secretary of Agriculture, with re-
14 spect to Federal recreational lands under the ju-
15 risdiction of that Secretary.

16 **SEC. 3. LONG-DISTANCE BIKE TRAILS ON FEDERAL REC-**
17 **REATIONAL LANDS.**

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

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

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

4 **(b) PUBLIC COMMENT.**—*The Secretaries shall—*

5 (1) *develop a process to allow members of the*
6 *public to comment regarding the identification of*
7 *trails and areas under subsection (a); and*

8 (2) *consider the identification, development, and*
9 *completion of long-distance bike trails in a geographi-*
10 *cally equitable manner.*

11 **(c) MAPS, SIGNAGE, AND PROMOTIONAL MATE-**
12 **RIALS.**—*For any long-distance bike trail identified under*
13 *subsection (a), the Secretary concerned may—*

14 (1) *publish and distribute maps, install signage,*
15 *and issue promotional materials; and*

16 (2) *coordinate with stakeholders to leverage any*
17 *non-Federal resources necessary for the stewardship,*
18 *development, or completion of trails.*

19 **(d) REPORT.**—*Not later than 2 years after the date*
20 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries, in partnership*
21 *with interested organizations, shall prepare and publish a*
22 *report that lists the trails identified under subsection (a),*
23 *including a summary of public comments received in ac-*
24 *cordance with the process developed under subsection (b).*

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

4 (1) *does not conflict with—*

5 (A) *the uses, before the date of the enact-*
6 *ment of this Act, of any trail or road that is*
7 *part of that long-distance bike trail;*

8 (B) *multiple-use areas where biking, hiking,*
9 *horseback riding, or use by pack and saddle stock*
10 *are existing uses on the date of the enactment of*
11 *this Act;*

12 (C) *the purposes for which any trail was or*
13 *is established under the National Trails System*
14 *Act (16 U.S.C. 1241 et seq.); and*

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

17 (2) *complies with land use and management*
18 *plans of the Federal recreational lands that are part*
19 *of that long-distance bike trail.*