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# H. R. 6337

[Report No. 117-]

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## 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.*