

117TH CONGRESS
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To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. COTTON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Butterfield Overland
5 National Historic Trail Designation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF THE BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND**
2 **NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.**

3 Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16
4 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(31) BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND NATIONAL HIS-
7 TORIC TRAIL.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Butterfield Over-
9 land National Historic Trail, a trail of approxi-
10 mately 3,292 miles following the route operated
11 by the Butterfield Overland Mail Company,
12 known as the ‘Ox-Bow Route’, to transport mail
13 and passengers between the eastern termini of
14 St. Louis, Missouri, and Memphis, Tennessee,
15 and extending westward through the States of
16 Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and
17 Arizona, to the western terminus of San Fran-
18 cisco, California, as generally depicted on the
19 maps numbered 1 through 15, entitled ‘Study
20 Route Maps’, and contained in the report pre-
21 pared by the National Park Service entitled
22 ‘Butterfield Overland Trail National Historical
23 Trail Special Resource Study’ and dated May
24 2018.

25 “(B) MAPS.—The maps described in sub-
26 paragraph (A) shall be on file and available for

1 public inspection in the appropriate offices of
2 the National Park Service.

3 “(C) ADMINISTRATION.—The trail estab-
4 lished by subparagraph (A) shall be adminis-
5 tered by the Secretary of the Interior.

6 “(D) LAND ACQUISITION.—The United
7 States shall not acquire for the trail established
8 by subparagraph (A) any land or interest in
9 land outside of the exterior boundary of any
10 federally administered area without the consent
11 of the owner of the land or interest in land.”.