

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3085

To amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2005

Mr. WAMP (for himself, Mr. BERRY, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. BOREN, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. TANNER, Mr. FORD, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. LUCAS, and Mr. COLE of Oklahoma) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REVISION OF FEASIBILITY AND SUITABILITY**
2 **STUDY OF TRAIL OF TEARS NATIONAL HIS-**
3 **TORIC TRAIL.**

4 Section 5(a)(16) of the National Trails System Act
5 (16 U.S.C. 1244(a)(16)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “sub-
7 sections” and inserting “sections”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 paragraph:

10 “(C) Not later than one complete fiscal year after the
11 date of the enactment of this subparagraph, the Secretary
12 of the Interior shall submit to Congress a study regarding
13 the feasibility and suitability of designating, as additional
14 components of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail,
15 the Benge and Bell routes, the land components of the
16 designated water routes in Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas,
17 and Oklahoma, the routes from the collection forts in Ala-
18 bama, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee to the emi-
19 gration depots, and related campgrounds located along
20 such routes and in such land components, by which the
21 Cherokee Nation was removed to Oklahoma. Upon comple-
22 tion of the study, if the Secretary determines that such
23 routes, land components, and campgrounds are a feasible
24 and suitable addition to the Trail of Tears National His-
25 toric Trail, the Secretary shall designate such routes, land
26 components, and campgrounds as components of the Trail

1 of Tears National Historic Trail. The Secretary shall pub-
2 lish notice of the designation in the Federal Register.”.

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