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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 1354****[Report No. 117–84]**

To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Chilkoot National Historic Trail and to provide for a study of the Alaska Long Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 22, 2021

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

FEBRUARY 28, 2022

Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, with amendments

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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 “Alaska Trails Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF THE CHILKOOT NATIONAL HIS-**
 2 **TORIC 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) CHILKOOT NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Chilkoot National
 8 Historic Trail, ~~a traditional gold rush route of~~
 9 ~~approximately 16.5 miles within the Klondike~~
 10 ~~Gold Rush National Historical Park an ap-~~
 11 ~~proximately 16.5-mile route within the Klondike~~
 12 ~~Gold Rush National Historical Park that was~~
 13 ~~traditionally used as a trading route by the~~
 14 ~~Tlingit Indian Tribe and Tagish First Nation~~
 15 ~~and as a gold rush route, as generally depicted~~
 16 ~~on the map entitled ‘Proposed Chilkoot Na-~~
 17 ~~tional Historic Trail’, numbered KLGO–461–~~
 18 ~~173787, and dated October 2020.~~

19 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map
 20 described in subparagraph (A) shall be on file
 21 and available for public inspection in the appro-
 22 priate offices of the National Park Service.

23 “(C) ADMINISTRATION.—The Chilkoot Na-
 24 tional Historic Trail shall be administered by
 25 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 “(D) EFFECT.—The designation of the
2 Chilkoot National Historic Trail shall not affect
3 any authorities under Public Law 94–323 (16
4 U.S.C. 410bb et seq.).

5 “(E) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—The
6 Secretary of the Interior may coordinate with
7 public and nongovernmental organizations and
8 institutions of higher education in the United
9 States and Canada, Alaska Native Corpora-
10 tions, and, in consultation with the Secretary of
11 State, the Government of Canada and any polit-
12 ical subdivisions of the Government of Canada
13 for the purposes of—

14 “(i) exchanging information and re-
15 search relating to the Chilkoot National
16 Historic Trail;

17 “(ii) supporting the preservation of,
18 and educational programs relating to, the
19 Chilkoot National Historic Trail;

20 “(iii) providing technical assistance
21 with respect to the Chilkoot National His-
22 toric Trail; and

23 “(iv) working to establish an inter-
24 national historic trail incorporating the
25 Chilkoot National Historic Trail that pro-

1 vides for complementary preservation and
 2 education programs in the United States
 3 and Canada.”.

4 **SEC. 3. ALASKA LONG NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL STUDY.**

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

8 “(48) ALASKA LONG TRAIL.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Alaska Long
 10 Trail, extending approximately 500 miles from
 11 Seward, Alaska, to Fairbanks, Alaska.

12 “(B) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of
 13 the Interior, acting through the Director of the
 14 Bureau of Land Management (referred to in
 15 this paragraph as the ‘Secretary’), shall study
 16 the feasibility of designating the trail described
 17 in subparagraph (A), *including evaluating the*
 18 *potential impacts of the trail on rights-of-way,*
 19 *existing rights, or other recreational uses of the*
 20 *land proposed to be used for the trail.*

21 “(C) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall
 22 conduct the study under this paragraph in con-
 23 sultation with—

1 “(i) the Secretary of Agriculture, act-
2 ing through the Chief of the Forest Serv-
3 ice;
4 “(ii) the State of Alaska;
5 “(iii) units of local government in the
6 State of Alaska;
7 “(iv) Alaska Native Corporations; and
8 “(v) representatives of the private sec-
9 tor, including any entity that holds a per-
10 mit issued by the Federal Energy Regu-
11 latory Commission.”.

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