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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman, Committee on Energy
and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski:

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The study evaluated 17,043 miles of trail (a total of 77 study routes) in 13 States: California, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The study team evaluated the historic routes under the feasibility study provisions, in accordance with the National Trails System Act (Public Law 90-543, 16 U.S.C. 1244). To be eligible for designation as a National Historic Trail, the trail(s) must be nationally significant, have a documented route through maps or journals, and offer significant potential for public recreational use.

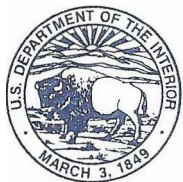
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Sincerely,

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