

(C) describe the estimated cost and duration of the proposed studies and analyses; and

(D) designate as a study priority the compilation of a water budget analysis for the Verde Valley.

(b) VERDE VALLEY WATER BUDGET ANALYSIS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, not later than 14 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with the Director, shall prepare and submit to the Partnership a report that provides a water budget analysis of the portion of the Verde River Basin within the Verde Valley.

(2) COMPONENTS.—The report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) a summary of the information available on the hydrologic flow regime for the portion of the Middle Verde River from the Clarkdale streamgaging station to the city of Camp Verde at United States Geological Survey Stream Gauge 09506000;

(B) with respect to the portion of the Middle Verde River described in subparagraph (A), estimates of—

(i) the inflow and outflow of surface water and groundwater;

(ii) annual consumptive water use; and

(iii) changes in groundwater storage; and

(C) an analysis of the potential long-term consequences of various water use scenarios on groundwater levels and Verde River flows.

(c) PRELIMINARY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 16 months after the date of enactment of this Act, using the information provided in the report submitted under subsection (b) and any other relevant information, the Partnership shall submit to the Secretary, the Governor of Arizona, and representatives of the Verde Valley communities, a preliminary report that sets forth the findings and recommendations of the Partnership regarding the long-term available water supply within the Verde Valley.

(2) CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Secretary may take into account the recommendations included in the report submitted under paragraph (1) with respect to decisions affecting land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary, including any future sales or exchanges of Federal land in the Verde River Basin after the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) EFFECT.—Any recommendations included in the report submitted under paragraph (1) shall not affect the land exchange process or the appraisals of the Federal land and non-Federal land conducted under sections 103 and 104.

#### SEC. 205. VERDE RIVER BASIN PARTNERSHIP FINAL REPORT.

Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Partnership shall submit to the Secretary and the Governor of Arizona a final report that—

(1) includes a summary of the results of any water resource assessments conducted under this title in the Verde River Basin;

(2) identifies any areas in the Verde River Basin that are determined to have groundwater deficits or other current or potential water supply problems;

(3) identifies long-term water supply management options for communities and water resources within the Verde River Basin; and

(4) identifies water resource analyses and monitoring needed to support the implementation of management options.

#### SEC. 206. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

The Secretary (acting through the Chief of the Forest Service) and the Secretary of the Interior, shall enter into a memorandum of

understanding authorizing the United States Geological Survey to access Forest Service land (including stream gauges, weather stations, wells, or other points of data collection on the Forest Service land) to carry out this title.

#### SEC. 207. EFFECT.

Nothing in this title diminishes or expands State or local jurisdiction, responsibilities, or rights with respect to water resource management or control.

### UINTAH RESEARCH AND CURATORIAL CENTER ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 182) to provide for the establishment of the Uintah Research and Curatorial Center for Dinosaur National Monument in the States of Colorado and Utah, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment, as follows:

[Strike the parts shown in black brackets and insert the parts shown in italic.]

S. 182

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “*Uintah Research and Curatorial Center Act*”.

#### SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) CENTER.—The term “*Center*” means the Uintah Research and Curatorial Center.

(2) MAP.—The term “*map*” means the map entitled “*Proposed Location of the [Uintah] Uinta Research and Curatorial Center*”, numbered 122/80,080, and dated May 2004.

(3) MONUMENT.—The term “*Monument*” means the Dinosaur National Monument in the States of Colorado and Utah.

(4) SECRETARY.—The term “*Secretary*” means the Secretary of the Interior.

#### SEC. 3. UINTAH RESEARCH AND CURATORIAL CENTER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—To provide for the unified and cost-effective curation of the paleontological, natural, and cultural objects of the Monument and the surrounding area, the Secretary shall establish the Uintah Research and Curatorial Center on land located outside the boundary of the Monument acquired under subsection (b).

(b) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—The Secretary may acquire by donation land for the Center consisting of not more than 5 acres located in Uintah County, in the vicinity of Vernal, Utah, as generally depicted on the map.

(c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

(d) USE.—The Center shall be used for the curation of, storage of, and research on items in—

(1) the museum collection of the Monument; and

(2) any collection maintained by an entity described in subsection (e)(2) that enters into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary.

(e) ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

(A) administer the land acquired under subsection (b); and

(B) promulgate any regulations that the Secretary determines to be appropriate for the use and management of the land.

(2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter into a cooperative agree-

ment with a Federal, State, and local agency, academic institution, Indian tribe, or nonprofit entity to provide for—

(A) the curation of and research on the museum collection at the Center; and

(B) the development, use, management, and operation of the Center.

(3) LIMITATION.—The land acquired by the Secretary under subsection (b) shall not—

(A) be a part of the Monument; or

(B) be subject to the laws (including regulations) applicable to the Monument.

#### SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act \$8,800,000.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill (S. 182), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

### LAND CONVEYANCE TO BEAVER COUNTY, UTAH

The bill (S. 52) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 52

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE TO BEAVER COUNTY, UTAH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall, without consideration and subject to valid existing rights, convey to Beaver County, Utah (referred to in this Act as the “*County*”), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the approximately 200 acres depicted as “*Minersville State Park*” on the map entitled “*S. 2285, Minersville State Park*” and dated April 30, 2004, for use for public recreation.

(b) RECONVEYANCE BY BEAVER COUNTY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), Beaver County may sell, for not less than fair market value, a portion of the property conveyed to the County under this section, if the proceeds of such sale are used by the County solely for maintenance of public recreation facilities located on the remainder of the property conveyed to the County under this section.

(2) LIMITATION.—If the County does not comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) in the conveyance of the property under that paragraph—

(A) the County shall pay to the United States the proceeds of the conveyance; and

(B) the Secretary of the Interior may require that all property conveyed under subsection (a) (other than the property sold by the County under paragraph (1)) revert to the United States.

### NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM ACT AMENDMENTS

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 54) to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments, as follows:

[Strike the parts shown in black brackets and insert the parts shown in italic.]

S. 54

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

**SECTION 1. REVISION OF FEASIBILITY AND SUITABILITY STUDIES OF EXISTING NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAILS.**

Section 5 of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1244) is amended by inserting the following new subsection:

“(g) The Secretary shall revise the feasibility and suitability studies for certain national trails for consideration of possible additions to the trails.

“(1) IN GENERAL.—

“(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(i) ROUTE.—The term ‘route’ includes a trail segment commonly known as a cutoff.

“(ii) SHARED ROUTE.—The term ‘shared route’ means a route that was a segment of more than one historic trail, including a route shared with an existing national historic trail.

“(B) STUDY REQUIREMENTS AND OBJECTIVES.—The study requirements and objectives specified in subsection (b) shall apply to a study required by this subsection.

“(C) COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF STUDY.—A study listed in this subsection shall be completed and submitted to the Congress not later than three complete fiscal years from the date funds are made available for the study.

“(2) OREGON NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—  
“(g) REVISION OF FEASIBILITY AND SUITABILITY STUDIES OF EXISTING NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAILS.—

“(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(A) ROUTE.—The term ‘route’ includes a trail segment commonly known as a cutoff.

“(B) SHARED ROUTE.—The term ‘shared route’ means a route that was a segment of more than one historic trail, including a route shared with an existing national historic trail.

“(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR REVISION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall revise the feasibility and suitability studies for certain national trails for consideration of possible additions to the trails.

“(B) STUDY REQUIREMENTS AND OBJECTIVES.—The study requirements and objectives specified in subsection (b) shall apply to a study required by this subsection.

“(C) COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF STUDY.—A study listed in this subsection shall be completed and submitted to Congress not later than 3 complete fiscal years from the date funds are made available for the study.

“(3) OREGON NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

“(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Interior shall undertake a study of the routes of the Oregon Trail listed in subparagraph (B) and generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Western Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’ and dated 1991/1993, and of such other routes of the Oregon Trail that the Secretary considers appropriate, to determine the feasibility and suitability of designation of one or more of the routes as components of the Oregon National Historic Trail.

“(B) COVERED ROUTES.—The routes to be studied under subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

“(i) Whitman Mission route.

“(ii) Upper Columbia River.

“(iii) Cowlitz River route.

“(iv) Meek cutoff.

“(v) Free Emigrant Road.

“(vi) North Alternate Oregon Trail.

“(vii) Goodale’s cutoff.

“(viii) North Side alternate route.

“(ix) Cutoff to Barlow road.

“(x) Naches Pass Trail.

“(3) (4) PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall un-

dertake a study of the approximately 20-mile southern alternative route of the Pony Express Trail from Wathena, Kansas, to Troy, Kansas, and such other routes of the Pony Express Trail that the Secretary considers appropriate, to determine the feasibility and suitability of designation of one or more of the routes as components of the Pony Express National Historic Trail.

“(4) (5) CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

“(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Interior shall undertake a study of the Missouri Valley, central, and western routes of the California Trail listed in subparagraph (B) and generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Western Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’ and dated 1991/1993, and of such other and shared Missouri Valley, central, and western routes that the Secretary considers appropriate, to determine the feasibility and suitability of designation of one or more of the routes as components of the California National Historic Trail.

“(B) COVERED ROUTES.—The routes to be studied under subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

“(i) MISSOURI VALLEY ROUTES.—

“(I) Blue Mills-Independence Road.

“(II) Westport Landing Road.

“(III) Westport-Lawrence Road.

“(IV) Fort Leavenworth-Blue River route.

“(V) Road to Amazonia.

“(VI) Union Ferry Route.

“(VII) Old Wyoming-Nebraska City cutoff.

“(VIII) Lower Plattsmouth Route.

“(IX) Lower Bellevue Route.

“(X) Woodbury cutoff.

“(XI) Blue Ridge cutoff.

“(XII) Westport Road.

“(XIII) Gum Springs-Fort Leavenworth route.

“(XIV) Atchison/Independence Creek routes.

“(XV) Fort Leavenworth-Kansas River route.

“(XVI) Nebraska City cutoff routes.

“(XVII) Minersville-Nebraska City Road.

“(XVIII) Upper Plattsmouth route.

“(XIX) Upper Bellevue route.

“(ii) CENTRAL ROUTES.—

“(I) Cherokee Trail, including splits.

“(II) Weber Canyon route of Hastings cutoff.

“(III) Bishop Creek cutoff.

“(IV) McAuley cutoff.

“(V) Diamond Springs cutoff.

“(VI) Secret Pass.

“(VII) Greenhorn cutoff.

“(VIII) Central Overland Trail.

“(iii) WESTERN ROUTES.—

“(I) Bidwell-Bartleson route.

“(II) Georgetown/Dagget Pass Trail.

“(III) Big Trees Road.

“(IV) Grizzly Flat cutoff.

“(V) Nevada City Road.

“(VI) Yreka Trail.

“(VII) Henness Pass route.

“(VIII) Johnson cutoff.

“(IX) Luther Pass Trail.

“(X) Volcano Road.

“(XI) Sacramento-Coloma Wagon Road.

“(XII) Burnett cutoff.

“(XIII) Placer County Road to Auburn.

“(5) (6) MORMON PIONEER NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

“(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Interior shall undertake a study of the routes of the Mormon Pioneer Trail listed in subparagraph (B) and generally depicted in the map entitled ‘Western Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’ and dated 1991/1993, and of such other routes of the Mormon Pioneer Trail that the Secretary considers appropriate, to determine the feasibility and suitability of designation of one or more of the routes as components of the Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail.

“(B) COVERED ROUTES.—The routes to be studied under subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

“(i) 1846 Subsequent routes A and B (Lucas and Clarke Counties, Iowa).

“(ii) 1856-57 Handcart route (Iowa City to Council Bluffs).

“(iii) Keokuk route (Iowa).

“(iv) 1847 Alternative Elkhorn and Loup River Crossings in Nebraska.

“(v) Fort Leavenworth Road; Ox Bow route and alternates in Kansas and Missouri (Oregon and California Trail routes used by Mormon emigrants).

“(vi) 1850 Golden Pass Road in Utah.

“(6) (7) SHARED CALIFORNIA AND OREGON TRAIL ROUTES.—

“(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Interior shall undertake a study of the shared routes of the California Trail and Oregon Trail listed in subparagraph (B) and generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Western Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’ and dated 1991/1993, and of such other shared routes that the Secretary considers appropriate, to determine the feasibility and suitability of designation of one or more of the routes as shared components of the California National Historic Trail and the Oregon National Historic Trail.

“(B) COVERED ROUTES.—The routes to be studied under subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

“(i) St. Joe Road.

“(ii) Council Bluffs Road.

“(iii) Sublette cutoff.

“(iv) Applegate route.

“(v) Old Fort Kearny Road (Oxbow Trail).

“(vi) Childs cutoff.

“(vii) Raft River to Applegate.”.

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill (S. 54), as amended, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 54

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“(C) COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF STUDY.—A study listed in this subsection shall be completed and submitted to Congress not later than 3 complete fiscal years from the date funds are made available for the study.

“(3) OREGON NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

“(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Interior shall undertake a study of the routes of the Oregon Trail listed in subparagraph (B) and generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Western Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’ and dated 1991/1993, and of such other routes

of the Oregon Trail that the Secretary considers appropriate, to determine the feasibility and suitability of designation of one or more of the routes as components of the Oregon National Historic Trail.

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“(5) CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

“(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Interior shall undertake a study of the Missouri Valley, central, and western routes of the California Trail listed in subparagraph (B) and generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Western Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’ and dated 1991/1993, and of such other and shared Missouri Valley, central, and western routes that the Secretary considers appropriate, to determine the feasibility and suitability of designation of one or more of the routes as components of the California National Historic Trail.

“(B) COVERED ROUTES.—The routes to be studied under subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

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- “(I) Blue Mills-Independence Road.
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“(7) SHARED CALIFORNIA AND OREGON TRAIL ROUTES.—

“(A) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Interior shall undertake a study of the shared routes of the California Trail and Oregon Trail listed in subparagraph (B) and generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Western Emigrant Trails 1830/1870’ and dated 1991/1993, and of such other shared routes that the Secretary considers appropriate, to determine the feasibility and suitability of designation of one or more of the routes as shared components of the California National Historic Trail and the Oregon National Historic Trail.

“(B) COVERED ROUTES.—The routes to be studied under subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

“(i) St. Joe Road.

“(ii) Council Bluffs Road.

“(iii) Sublette cutoff.

“(iv) Applegate route.

“(v) Old Fort Kearny Road (Oxbow Trail).

“(vi) Childs cutoff.

“(vii) Raft River to Applegate.”.

## RIO GRANDE NATURAL AREA ACT

The bill (S. 56) to establish the Rio Grande Natural Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 56

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Rio Grande Natural Area Act”.

### SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission” means the Rio Grande Natural Area Commission established by section 4(a).

(2) NATURAL AREA.—The term “Natural Area” means the Rio Grande Natural Area established by section 3(a).

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

### SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF RIO GRANDE NATURAL AREA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Rio Grande Natural Area in the State of Colorado to conserve, restore, and protect the natural, historic, cultural, scientific, scenic, wildlife, and recreational resources of the Natural Area.

(b) BOUNDARIES.—The Natural Area shall include the Rio Grande River from the southern boundary of the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge to the New Mexico State border, extending ¼ mile on either side of the bank of the River.

(c) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall prepare a map and legal description of the Natural Area.

(2) EFFECT.—The map and legal description of the Natural Area shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act, except that the Secretary may correct any minor errors in the map and legal description.

(3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal description of the Natural Area shall be available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

### SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Rio Grande Natural Area Commission.

(b) PURPOSE.—The Commission shall—

(1) advise the Secretary with respect to the Natural Area; and

(2) prepare a management plan relating to non-Federal land in the Natural Area under section 6(b)(2)(A).

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall be composed of 9 members appointed by the Secretary, of whom—

(1) 1 member shall represent the Colorado State Director of the Bureau of Land Management;

(2) 1 member shall be the manager of the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, ex officio;

(3) 3 members shall be appointed based on the recommendation of the Governor of Colorado, of whom—

(A) 1 member shall represent the Colorado Division of Wildlife;

(B) 1 member shall represent the Colorado Division of Water Resources; and

(C) 1 member shall represent the Rio Grande Water Conservation District; and

(4) 4 members shall—

(A) represent the general public;

(B) be citizens of the local region in which the Natural Area is established; and

(C) have knowledge and experience in the fields of interest relating to the preservation, restoration, and use of the Natural Area.

(d) TERMS OF OFFICE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except for the manager of the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, the term of office of a member of the Commission shall be 5 years.

(2) REAPPOINTMENT.—A member may be reappointed to the Commission on completion of the term of office of the member.

(e) COMPENSATION.—A member of the Commission shall serve without compensation for service on the Commission.

(f) CHAIRPERSON.—The Commission shall elect a chairperson of the Commission.

(g) MEETINGS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall meet at least quarterly at the call of the chairperson.

(2) PUBLIC MEETINGS.—A meeting of the Commission shall be open to the public.

(3) NOTICE.—Notice of any meeting of the Commission shall be published in advance of the meeting.

(h) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary and the heads of other Federal agencies