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H. R. 8240

To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Mr. LAHOOD (for himself and Mrs. NAPOLITANO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Route 66 National
5 Historic Trail Designation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF THE ROUTE 66 NATIONAL HIS-**
7 **TORIC TRAIL.**

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

1 “(31) ROUTE 66 NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Route 66 Na-
3 tional Historic Trail, a trail that includes all
4 the alignments of U.S. Highway 66 in existence
5 between 1926 and 1985, extending along a
6 route of approximately 2,400 miles from Chi-
7 cago, Illinois, to Santa Monica, California, as
8 generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Route
9 66 National Historic Trail, Proposed Route’,
10 numbered P26/141,279, and dated December
11 2017.

12 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map
13 described in subparagraph (A) shall be on file
14 and available for public inspection in the appro-
15 priate offices of the National Park Service, De-
16 partment of the Interior.

17 “(C) ADMINISTRATION.—The Route 66
18 National Historic Trail shall be administered by
19 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through
20 the Director of the National Park Service. Such
21 administration shall be conducted in a manner
22 that respects and maintains the idiosyncratic
23 nature of the Route 66 National Historic Trail.

24 “(D) LAND ACQUISITION.—The United
25 States may not acquire for the Route 66 Na-

1 tional Historic Trail any land or interest in
2 land—

3 “(i) outside the exterior boundary of
4 any federally managed area without the
5 consent of the owner of the land or interest
6 in land; or

7 “(ii) that extends more than an aver-
8 age of one-quarter of a mile on either side
9 of the trail.

10 “(E) NO BUFFER ZONE CREATED.—Noth-
11 ing in this Act, the acquisition of the land or
12 an interest in land authorized by this Act, or
13 the management plan for the Route 66 Na-
14 tional Historic Trail shall be construed to cre-
15 ate buffer zones outside of the Trail. That ac-
16 tivities or uses can be seen, heard, or detected
17 from the acquired land shall not preclude, limit,
18 control, regulate, or determine the conduct or
19 management of activities or uses outside of the
20 trail.

21 “(F) ENERGY.—Nothing in this Act, the
22 acquisition of land or an interest in land au-
23 thorized by this Act, or the management plan
24 for the Route 66 National Historic Trail shall

1 prohibit, hinder, or disrupt the development,
2 production, or transmission of energy.

3 “(G) EMINENT DOMAIN OR CONDEMNA-
4 TION.—In carrying out this Act, the Secretary
5 of the Interior may not use eminent domain or
6 condemnation.”.

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