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The Honorable David Bernhardt  
Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Bernhardt,

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I write to reiterate Congress' direction to the National Park Service (NPS) to work expeditiously to complete the final feasibility study for designating the Chisholm and Great Western cattle trails as national historic trails.

Congress directed the NPS to study the cattle trails for possible addition to the National Trails System in March of 2009. The *Draft Chisholm and Great Western Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment*, published in 2015, found that designating the historic cattle trail routes is "physically feasible", as well as "suitable and desirable, given the apparent level of public support for designation and the opportunities designation would provide for heritage tourism, protection of original trail sites, and public recreation and education." The 60-day comment period on the draft assessment closed on March 20, 2015. Since that time a final feasibility study has yet to be transmitted to Congress for consideration.

The Senate FY 2019 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies report (Report 115-276) states: "The Committee is concerned about the Service's lack of progress in completing a final study on the feasibility of designating the Chisholm and Great Western Trail cattle trails as national historic routes, as directed by Section 5303 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009. The Committee directs the Service to work expeditiously to complete the study in a timely fashion and report back to the Committee on any impediments to completion."

I look forward to hearing back from you regarding efforts to complete the final feasibility study for the trails in a timely manner. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



Jerry Moran

cc: Mr. Dan Smith, National Park Service Deputy Director