

Public Law 108–342  
108th Congress

An Act

Oct. 18, 2004  
[S. 2052]

To amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail.

El Camino Real  
de los Tejas  
National Historic  
Trail Act.  
Texas.  
Louisiana.  
Mexico.  
16 USC 1241  
note.

*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 “El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Act”.

**SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF EL CAMINO REAL DE LOS TEJAS NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.**

Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(24) EL CAMINO REAL DE LOS TEJAS NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—El Camino Real de los Tejas (the Royal Road to the Tejas) National Historic Trail, a combination of historic routes (including the Old San Antonio Road) totaling approximately 2,580 miles, extending from the Rio Grande near Eagle Pass and Laredo, Texas, to Natchitoches, Louisiana, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘El Camino Real de los Tejas’ contained in the report entitled ‘National Historic Trail Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment: El Camino Real de los Tejas, Texas-Louisiana’, dated July 1998.

“(B) MAP.—A map generally depicting the trail shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

“(C) ADMINISTRATION.—(i) The Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this paragraph as ‘the Secretary’) shall administer the trail.

“(ii) The Secretary shall administer those portions of the trail on non-Federal land only with the consent of the owner of such land and when such trail portion qualifies for certification as an officially established component of the trail, consistent with section 3(a)(3). An owner’s approval of a certification agreement shall satisfy the consent requirement. A certification agreement may be terminated at any time.

“(iii) The designation of the trail does not authorize any person to enter private property without the consent of the owner.

“(D) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult with appropriate State and local agencies in the planning and development of the trail.

“(E) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary may coordinate with United States and Mexican public and non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Government of Mexico and its political subdivisions, for the purpose of exchanging trail information and research, fostering trail preservation and educational programs, providing technical assistance, and working to establish an international historic trail with complementary preservation and education programs in each nation.

“(F) LAND ACQUISITION.—The United States shall not acquire for the trail any land or interest in land outside the exterior boundary of any federally-administered area without the consent of the owner of the land or interest in land.”.

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