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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH (for himself, Mr. NUNES, Mr. OTTER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HERGER, Mr. REHBERG, and Mr. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Right-to-Ride Live-
3 stock on Federal Lands Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. USE AND ACCESS OF PACK AND SADDLE ANIMALS**
5 **ON PUBLIC LANDS.**

6 (a) NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM LANDS.—Section 12 of
7 Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–7) is amended by add-
8 ing at the end the following new subsection:

9 “(c) USE AND ACCESS OF PACK AND SADDLE ANI-
10 MALS.—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide for the
11 management of National Park System lands to preserve
12 and facilitate the continued use and access of pack and
13 saddle stock animals on such lands, including wilderness
14 areas, national monuments, and other specifically des-
15 ignated areas, where there is a historical tradition of such
16 use. As a general rule, all trails, routes, and areas used
17 by pack and saddle stock shall remain open and accessible
18 for such use. The Secretary may implement a proposed
19 reduction in the use and access of pack and saddle stock
20 animals on such lands only after complying with the full
21 review process required under the National Environmental
22 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).”.

23 (b) BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LANDS.—Sec-
24 tion 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act
25 of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1732) is amended by adding at the
26 end the following new subsection:

1 “(e) USE AND ACCESS OF PACK AND SADDLE ANI-
2 MALS.—The Secretary shall provide for the management
3 of public lands to preserve and facilitate the continued use
4 and access of pack and saddle stock animals on such
5 lands, including wilderness areas, national monuments,
6 and other specifically designated areas, where there is a
7 historical tradition of such use. As a general rule, all
8 trails, routes, and areas used by pack and saddle stock
9 shall remain open and accessible for such use. The Sec-
10 retary may implement a proposed reduction in the use and
11 access of pack and saddle stock animals on such lands only
12 after complying with the full review process required under
13 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
14 4321 et seq.).”.

15 (c) NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM LANDS.—
16 Section 4(d) of the National Wildlife Refuge System Ad-
17 ministration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd(d)) is amend-
18 ed by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

19 “(5) The Secretary shall provide for the management
20 of System lands to preserve and facilitate the continued
21 use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on such
22 lands, including wilderness areas, national monuments,
23 and other specifically designated areas, where there is a
24 historical tradition of such use. As a general rule, all
25 trails, routes, and areas used by pack and saddle stock

1 shall remain open and accessible for such use. The Sec-
2 retary may implement a proposed reduction in the use and
3 access of pack and saddle stock animals on such lands only
4 after complying with the full review process required under
5 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
6 4321 et seq.).”.

7 (d) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS.—Section 15
8 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Plan-
9 ning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1613) is amended—

10 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “The Secretary”;

11 and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(b) The Secretary shall provide for the management
15 of National Forest System lands to preserve and facilitate
16 the continued use and access of pack and saddle stock ani-
17 mals on such lands, including wilderness areas, national
18 monuments, and other specifically designated areas, where
19 there is a historical tradition of such use. As a general
20 rule, all trails, routes, and areas used by pack and saddle
21 stock shall remain open and accessible for such use. The
22 Secretary may implement a proposed reduction in the use
23 and access of pack and saddle stock animals on such lands
24 only after complying with the full review process required

1 under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
2 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).”.

3 (e) ISSUANCE OF RULES.—Not later than 120 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue
6 final rules to define the meaning of a historical tradition
7 of use of pack and saddle stock animals on Federal lands
8 for purposes of the amendments made by this section.

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