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Radanovich Announces Introduction of ‘Right to Ride’ Act *Act Reintroduced to 109th Congress*

WASHINGTON – Congressman George Radanovich (R-Mariposa) announced today the introduction of the ‘Right to Ride Livestock on Federal Land Act’ to the newly convened House of Representatives of the 109th Congress.

“Trails and federal lands must be kept open and accessible to all those who desire to use and enjoy them, including pack and saddle stock,” Radanovich said. “Riding livestock across America’s vast plains and through its extensive wilderness regions is a part of this nation’s history. We cannot allow such a link to our heritage to be threatened or severed by efforts from radical organizations who seek to restrict access to federal lands.”

The bill, which Radanovich originally introduced during the 108th Congress last year, preserves the use of pack and saddle stock as a natural way for visitors to enjoy federal lands. Horseback exploration of the backcountry is enjoyed by scout and church groups as well as families, and provides wilderness access to senior citizens and the disabled--groups who otherwise might not have the opportunity to enjoy such an experience.

The act seeks to preserve and facilitate the continued recreational use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service and Forest Service lands. It passed in the House last year, but did not make it to Senate passage prior to the end of the previous Congress.

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