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By Senators Roach, Rasmussen, McCaslin, Kastama, Honeyford, Zarelli, Stevens, Jacobsen, Sheldon, Hargrove, Morton, Mulliken, Benson, Finkbeiner, Parlette, Pflug, Benton, Schoesler, Schmidt and Hewitt

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1            TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
2            AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
3            REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4            UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

5            We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
6            the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
7            represent and petition as follows:

8            WHEREAS, Recreational pack and saddle stock have historically used  
9            and ridden on trails both on public lands and the backcountry of these  
10           public lands; and

11           WHEREAS, In the past ten years, federal land managers have been  
12           pressured by outside interests, for reasons not substantiated by  
13           scientific evidence or research, to restrict or prohibit access to and  
14           the use of trails by recreational pack and saddle stock on those public  
15           lands; and

16           WHEREAS, A substantial number of these restrictions and  
17           prohibitions violate the National Environmental Policy Act because  
18           public hearings were not, and are not, held prior to enacting these  
19           restrictions and prohibitions; and

1       WHEREAS, Federal policies regarding management of public lands have  
2 a profound impact on the well-being of the citizens of Washington, and  
3 changes to those policies should be conducted in an open public forum;  
4 and

5       WHEREAS, The United States Congress has a bill in the Senate, S.  
6 781, and an identical bill in the House of Representatives, HR 586,  
7 entitled, "Right-to-Ride Livestock on Federal Land Act of 2005";

8       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that the  
9 Congress of the United States enact the Right-to-Ride Livestock on  
10 Federal Land Act of 2005, S. 781 and HR 586.

11       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
12 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
13 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
14 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
15 Washington.

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