

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
3 INTRODUCE AND SUPPORT A BILL TO ENSURE THE PRESERVATION OF
4 THE RIGHT TO RIDE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

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6 WHEREAS, there have been several "right to ride" bills
7 introduced in congress over the last few years; and

8 WHEREAS, the bills sought to preserve the use of saddle
9 and pack animals on public lands on which there is an
10 historical tradition of the use of saddle and pack animals;
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12 WHEREAS, the bills also sought to preserve access to
13 historical and traditional trails, routes and areas on public
14 lands, including wilderness areas, national monuments and
15 other specifically designated areas administered by the
16 national park service, the bureau of land management, the
17 United States fish and wildlife service or the forest
18 service, where there is an historical tradition of use of
19 saddle and pack animals; and

20 WHEREAS, the right to ride horses on public lands has
21 become severely restricted in recent years; and

22 WHEREAS, it is vitally important to preserve America's
23 history through the preservation and use of historical trails
24 and routes that have been used for centuries by riders and
25 pack animals all over the country, from the earliest Native

1 Americans through the pilgrims in the east and mountain men
2 and pioneers in the west to modern-day hikers, history buffs
3 and riders; and

4 WHEREAS, congress needs to act to ensure that Americans
5 who choose to enjoy public lands on horseback or by using
6 pack animals should be free to do so;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that members of the congressional
9 delegation be requested to introduce and support
10 right-to-ride legislation to ensure use of and access to
11 historical and traditional travel methods and trails and
12 routes on public lands; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to each member of the New Mexico congressional
15 delegation.

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