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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2966
Right-to-Ride Livestock on Federal Lands Act of 2004

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 5, 2004

H.R. 2966 would direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to issue regulations directing federal land management agencies to preserve and facilitate the continued use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on the lands they administer. Under the bill, as a general rule, trails and areas now used by pack and saddle stock animals would remain open and accessible for such use.

Based on information from the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service, CBO estimates that those agencies would spend less than \$500,000 in 2005 to develop regulations under H.R. 2966, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. We also estimate that implementing those regulations would not significantly affect costs to manage federal lands. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2966 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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