



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

November 23, 1999

S. 438

**Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation Indian Reserved
Water Rights Settlement and Water Supply Enhancement Act of 1999**

As cleared by the Congress on November 18, 1999

S. 438 would approve and ratify the water rights settlement agreement entered into by the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation and the state of Montana on April 14, 1997. As part of that settlement, S. 438 would require the Bureau of Reclamation to permanently allocate 10,000 acre-feet per year of stored water to the tribe. According to the bureau, the allocation to the tribe would not affect other users over the 2000-2009 period. Because the allocation would reduce the amount of a marketable resource currently owned by the federal government, this provision could eventually reduce offsetting receipts, thus, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. CBO estimates, however, that any such impact would not be significant over the next 10 years.

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