



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2818

A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area in the state of Idaho to resolve an occupancy encroachment dating back to 1971

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on April 24, 2002

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2818 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill would increase offsetting receipts from the sale of federal land; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but we estimate that any such effects would be negligible. H.R. 2818 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 2818 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Sand Hills Resort about 10 acres of federal land within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area in Utah. In exchange, the resort would pay fair market value for the land. According to the Bureau of Land Management, the resort currently pays less than \$500 a year for a special use permit to use the lands that would be conveyed under H.R. 2818. Under the bill, any forgone offsetting receipts from that permit would be more than offset by the net proceeds from the sale. Based on information from the agency and the resort, we estimate such net proceeds would total about \$7,000 in 2003.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.