



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

August 8, 2002

**H.R. 1576
James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area Act**

As cleared by the Congress on August 1, 2002

H.R. 1576 would designate as wilderness about 17,195 acres of federal lands within the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado. The legislation also would designate 16,000 acres of other lands within those forests as the James Peak Protection Area. Subject to valid existing rights, H.R. 1576 would withdraw federal lands within the proposed protection area from programs to develop mineral and geothermal resources and would prohibit timber harvesting within the area except under certain circumstances.

Withdrawing lands within the proposed protection area from leasing and development and prohibiting timber harvesting on those lands could reduce offsetting receipts from those activities. Based on information from the Forest Service, however, we estimate that any such forgone receipts would not exceed \$15,000 a year.

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