



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

March 30, 1998

S. 1132

**Bandelier National Monument Administrative Improvement and
Watershed Protection Act of 1997**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on March 11, 1998*

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1132 would cost the federal government between \$3 million and \$6 million over the next two fiscal years. Enacting this legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 1132 would expand the boundaries of the Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico to include about 935 acres of adjacent lands. The bill would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire the additional acreage or interests therein by purchase, donation, transfer, or exchange. Section 6 of the bill would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary for this purpose.

Depending on the outcome of formal property appraisals that would have to be conducted before purchasing the land, CBO estimates that the NPS would spend between \$3 million and \$6 million over the next two years to acquire the 935 acres and to complete mapping, surveying, and fencing the new boundary for the monument. Expenses to develop and manage the additional land and make payments to local governments in lieu of taxes would be minimal. For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1132 would be enacted by the beginning of fiscal year 1999 and that the full amounts needed to purchase all of the additional acreage would be appropriated by fiscal year 2000. This estimate is based on information obtained from the NPS, the Trust for Public Lands, and local property owners.

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