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H.R. 309

A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on March 7, 2007

H.R. 309 would direct the National Park Service (NPS) to implement a demonstration program for landscape restoration and other projects at national battlefields. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 309 would increase direct spending by negligible amounts over the 2008-2012 period.

The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

Under H.R. 309, the NPS would carry out projects such as landscape restoration at 24 national battlefields or similar sites using receipts earned from sales of timber at those park units. Such receipts would be available without further appropriation. Authority to retain and spend timber receipts at battlefield units would expire after four years.

Based on recent timber receipts at the affected park units, CBO estimates that the NPS would spend, without further appropriation, less than \$20,000 annually over the 2008-2012 period for the projects authorized by the bill. Such amounts—generally between \$3,000 and \$25,000 a year—are currently deposited in the U.S. Treasury and cannot be used without further appropriation.

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