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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3682
California Desert and Mountain Heritage Act of 2008

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 16, 2008*

H.R. 3682 would designate about 190,000 acres of land in southern California as wilderness or potential wilderness. The act also would designate over 30 miles of rivers or creeks in the area as wild, scenic, or recreational rivers under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Based on information provided by the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior (DOI), CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3682 would have no significant effect on the federal budget.

The acreage and waterways to be added to the National Wilderness Preservation System and the Wild and Scenic River System are currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, or the Forest Service. CBO estimates that no additional resources would be required to manage the affected areas as a result of the new designations. We expect that any costs to revise brochures, maps, and signs to reflect the new designations would be minimal because most such revisions would take place in conjunction with scheduled reprinting and routine maintenance. Finally, we estimate that enacting the legislation would have no effect on Forest Service or DOI receipts.

H.R. 3682 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On June 2, 2008, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3682 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 14, 2008. The two versions of the legislation are very similar; neither version would have any significant estimated cost.

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