

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 8, 2002

S. 3003

Craig Recreation Land Purchase Act

As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on October 8, 2002

S. 3003 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase approximately 350 acres of land from the city of Craig, Alaska, for inclusion in the Tongass National Forest. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that purchasing those lands would cost \$2 million in 2003, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. We also estimate that adding those lands to the Tongass National Forest would not significantly increase the agency's costs to manage that forest. S. 3003 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 3003 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. The purchase authorized by this bill would be voluntary on the part of the city.

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