



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1138
Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness
Additions Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 9, 2015

H.R. 1138 would require federal agencies to manage 276,000 acres of federal land located in Idaho for conservation purposes. The bill also would require the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Forest Service to convey parcels of federal land totaling roughly 700 acres to various local governments in Idaho. Based on information provided by the affected agencies and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2016-2020 period. Because enacting H.R. 1138 would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The bill would designate 276,000 acres of federal land administered by the Forest Service and BLM as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Based on information provided by the affected agencies, CBO estimates that they would spend less than \$250,000 over the next five years to develop new management plans and install new signs, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

The legislation also would require BLM and the Forest Service to convey parcels totaling roughly 700 acres of federal land in Idaho to various county and city governments. Based on information regarding the cost of carrying out similar activities, CBO estimates that completing the conveyances and removing a barn from one of the parcels, as required under the bill, would cost less than \$250,000, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Because the affected lands are not expected to generate any offsetting receipts over the next 10 years, CBO estimates that completing the conveyances would not affect direct spending.

H.R. 1138 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. The bill would benefit Blaine and Custer Counties and the cities of Challis, Clayton, and Stanley in Idaho. Any costs incurred by those entities resulting from the land conveyances would be incurred voluntarily as conditions of receiving federal assistance.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jeff LaFave. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.