



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 9, 2014

### **H.R. 2569** **Upper Missisquoi and Trout Wild and Scenic Rivers Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 29, 2014*

H.R. 2569 would designate segments of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the state of Vermont as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The legislation would exclude certain hydroelectric projects from the designation. Based on information provided by the National Park Service (NPS), CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost about \$1 million over the 2015-2019 period, assuming the availability of the necessary amounts. Under the legislation, NPS would administer the river segments in partnership with an advisory committee composed of local representatives. Based on the cost of similar management partnerships in the region, CBO estimates that NPS would provide \$175,000 annually to the advisory committee to manage the river segments.

Enacting H.R. 2569 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 2569 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On January 8, 2014, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1252, the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on November 21, 2013. The two pieces of legislation are similar, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

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