



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 607
Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2010

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 21, 2010*

S. 607 would clarify the authority of the Forest Service to allow ski concessioners to offer additional recreational services on public lands. Based on information provided by the agency, CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would have no significant effect on the federal budget. The Forest Service already has authority to allow its concessioners to provide off-season and other recreational services at ski resorts. Clarifying that authority could facilitate the agency's collection of fees from ski concessioners (currently yielding offsetting receipts to the Treasury of about \$30 million a year).

Because enacting the legislation could result in additional offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending), pay-as-you-go procedures apply, but CBO estimates that any increase would total less than \$500,000 a year.

The legislation 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 February 1, 2010, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2476, the Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2010, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on December 16, 2009. On July 8, 2010, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2476 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Agriculture on June 30, 2010. S. 607 and the two versions of H.R. 2476 are similar, as is CBO's estimate of their costs.

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