



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1139

National Landscape Conservation System Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 23, 2007*

S. 1139 would provide a statutory basis for the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS), which was established administratively in 2000. The NLCS encompasses about 20 million acres of land administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Based on information provided by that agency, CBO estimates that enacting S. 1139 would have no effect on the NLCS budget, which is currently about \$50 million a year, because BLM already has permanent authority to manage the land in the NLCS, subject to amounts provided in annual appropriations acts. Enacting S. 1139 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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