



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2197

Hopewell Culture National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on October 10, 2007

H.R. 2197 would expand the boundaries of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in Ohio by nearly 360 acres. The National Park Service (NPS) could acquire that acreage (or lesser property interests such as easements) by purchase, donation, or exchange.

Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2197 would cost about \$1 million over the next five years, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. We estimate that the NPS would spend about \$700,000 of this amount in the first year or two to purchase about 250 acres of private land, including nearly 180 acres at the Spruce Hill Works site and about 70 acres at the Seip Earthworks site. (We expect that 39 acres of land at the Seip Earthworks site would be donated by the Ohio Historical Society; the remaining 70 acres at that site are already owned by the NPS.) We estimate that the NPS would spend \$300,000 over the following few years to construct visitor facilities for the two sites, including trails, parking lots, and wayside exhibits. Finally, we estimate that costs to manage the newly added areas would be minimal. Enacting H.R. 2197 would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2197 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no cost on state, local, or tribal governments.

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