



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 128
Cache La Poudre River National Heritage Area Act of 2008
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on January 30, 2008*

SUMMARY

S. 128 would rename the Cache La Poudre River Corridor in Colorado as the Cache La Poudre National Heritage Area (NHA). The bill also would designate the Poudre Heritage Alliance, a local nonprofit organization, as the new management entity for the NHA and would authorize additional funding for the alliance or other eligible entities.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 128 would cost \$5 million over the 2009-2013 period and an additional \$5 million after 2013. Enacting S. 128 would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

S. 128 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 128 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013

CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Estimated Authorization Level	1	1	1	1	1
Estimated Outlays	1	1	1	1	1

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

S. 128 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million, not to exceed \$1 million annually, for financial assistance to the Poudre Heritage Alliance or other eligible entities over the next 15 years. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 128 would cost \$5 million over the 2009-2013 period and \$5 million over the following five to 10 years. Such amounts would be used to cover a portion of the costs of planning, establishing, operating, and interpreting the heritage area.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 128 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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