



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

May 9, 2008

H.R. 5151

**Wild Monongahela Act: A National Legacy
for West Virginia's Special Places**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 7, 2008*

H.R. 5151 would designate approximately 38,000 acres of the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia as wilderness. The act also would adjust the boundary of the forest and require the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a plan to enhance trails within the forest.

Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$1.4 million over the 2009-2013 period. The funds would be used to survey and mark the wilderness area as well as to develop the trail plan. Enacting this legislation would have no net impact on direct spending and would not affect revenues.

H.R. 5151 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 April 15, 2008, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 5151 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 2, 2008. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and the estimated costs of enacting the legislation are identical.

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