



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 816
Orchard Detention Basin Flood Control Act**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 16, 2008*

H.R. 816 would release 70 acres of land currently designated as a wilderness study area in the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area and allow them to be used for other activities. An instant study area is a federal designation that protects environmentally sensitive areas by restricting development.

Based on information from BLM, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 816 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. According to the agency, the land that would be affected by the legislation currently does not generate any significant receipts, and it is unlikely to do so in the next 10 years. Therefore, we estimate that altering the status of this land would not significantly affect federal offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending). Enacting H.R. 816 would not affect revenues.

H.R. 816 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On February 26, 2008, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 816 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on February 13, 2008. The two versions of the legislation are similar; neither version would have any significant cost.

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