



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 3065

**Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area
and Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Act**

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

S. 3065 would establish the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area and (within that area) the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area on federal land in Colorado. The conservation area (209,600 acres) and the wilderness area (66,280 acres) would both be managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). With the help of a new advisory commission, the agency would have three years to develop a comprehensive management plan for the area.

Based on information provided by BLM, CBO estimates that implementing S. 3065 would have no significant effect on federal spending and would not affect revenues. Most of the acreage to be designated under the bill is already managed by BLM for conservation purposes, and the property generates no significant proprietary receipts. We estimate that the costs of developing the management plan required by the bill would total less than \$300,000 over the next three years, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

The bill 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.

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