



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

July 21, 1998

H.R. 1779

An act to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improvements

As cleared by the Congress on July 17, 1998

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1779 would not have a significant impact on the federal budget. Because H.R. 1779 could affect offsetting receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply; however, CBO estimates that any such effect would be negligible.

H.R. 1779 would reduce the area of the Devils Backbone Wilderness within the Mark Twain National Forest by excluding about two acres of wilderness now occupied by a private party. Enacting H.R. 1779 could affect direct spending by increasing offsetting receipts because the Forest Service would be likely to sell the property to the private party under the Small Tracts Act (16 U.S.C. 521d) once the property is removed from wilderness designation. Therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply to the bill. However, CBO estimates that any such increase in receipts would total less than \$10,000.

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