

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 20, 2000

S. 1972

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the town of Dolores, Colorado, the current site of the Joe Rowell Park

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on July 13, 2000

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1972 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 1972 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey 25 acres of federal land to the town of Dolores, Colorado. That town currently operates a town park on those lands under a special use permit from the Forest Service. According to the Forest Service, the lands currently generate no significant receipts, and the agency does not expect them to generate significant receipts in the future. S. 1972 would require the town to pay for a survey of the land before it could be conveyed. CBO estimates that any administrative costs incurred by the Forest Service to complete the conveyance would be insignificant.

S. 1972 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments. The town of Dolores, Colorado, would benefit not only because it could acquire the Joe Rowell site at almost no cost, but also because it would be able to make improvements to the park without seeking approval from the U.S. Forest Service.

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