



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

October 6, 2000

S. 2691

An act to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon, and for other purposes

As passed by the Senate on October 5, 2000

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2691 would cost \$10 million in 2001, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. The act would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2691 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.

S. 2691 would add about 2,890 acres of federal lands to the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit in Oregon and amend current law to prohibit timber harvesting within that unit. The act also would require the reclassification of other public lands, but we estimate that those provisions would have no significant budgetary impact. Finally, S. 2691 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million for a grant to Clackamas County, Oregon, to support watershed restoration activities near the management unit. We expect that grant would be provided in 2001, assuming appropriation of the authorized amount.

Based on information from the Forest Service and BLM, we estimate that prohibiting timber harvesting within the management unit would not affect federal receipts and subsequent payments to states over the next 10 years. Under the act, that prohibition would apply to roughly 7,000 acres of lands where timber harvesting is currently allowed. According to the agencies, those lands currently generate no significant receipts, and the agencies do not expect them to generate significant receipts from timber harvests in the near future.

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