



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 5180

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain real property in the Dixie National Forest in the state of Utah

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 12, 2002

CBO estimates that H.R. 5180 would not significantly affect the federal budget. The bill would affect direct spending (including offsetting receipts); therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but we estimate that any such effects would be negligible. H.R. 5180 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.

H.R. 5180 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to a private landowner about 112 acres of federal lands within the Dixie National Forest in Utah. The private landowner would pay fair market value for those lands. The bill would authorize the Secretary to use proceeds from the conveyance to acquire other lands and interests for inclusion in the Dixie National Forest.

According to the Forest Service, the lands to be sold currently generate no significant receipts and are not expected to do so over the next 10 years. Based on information from the agency, CBO estimates that proceeds from the proposed sale would total up to \$150,000 in 2003, and that the agency would spend those proceeds over the 2003-2004 period. Hence, we estimate that, under H.R. 5180, the net change in direct spending in those years would be negligible.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.