



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1846

A bill to prohibit oil and gas drilling in Finger Lakes National Forest in the state of New York

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 31, 2002*

S. 1846 would permanently withdraw federal lands within the Finger Lakes National Forest in New York from programs to develop mineral resources. Withdrawing those lands could reduce offsetting receipts from such programs; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. According to the Forest Service, however, the agency does not plan to offer any lands within the Finger Lakes National Forest for mineral leasing and development over the next 10 years. Hence, CBO estimates that any forgone offsetting receipts that might result under S. 1846 would be negligible in any year.

S. 1846 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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