

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 25, 2004

H.R. 417

An act to revoke a public land order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on February 11, 2004

CBO estimates that H.R. 417 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill could increase both offsetting receipts and direct spending, but we estimate that any such effects would be negligible. The bill would not affect revenues. H.R. 417 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.

H.R. 417 would revoke Public Land Order 3442 as it pertains to 140 acres of land within the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in California. By doing so, the bill would effectively remove those lands from the refuge and return them to the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). According to BLM, this change would allow the agency to renegotiate a lease with a private concessionaire who currently operates recreational facilities on the affected lands. Based on information from the agency, CBO estimates that any change in offsetting receipts from lease payments, and subsequent spending of those receipts, 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.