



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

July 30, 2004

H.R. 4481

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Boundary Adjustment Act of 2004

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 14, 2004

H.R. 4481 would expand by about 615 acres the boundary of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in Missouri. The bill would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire the additional acreage and related personal property by purchase, donation, or exchange. Finally, the bill would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary for these purposes.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4481 would cost between \$5 million and \$10 million over the next five years. We expect that the NPS would first purchase a 20-acre parcel containing a Civil War museum, other improvements, and the museum contents, at a cost of between \$3 million and \$4 million. If the NPS later purchases some of the other 595 acres (or easements on that land), total acquisition costs could increase by up to \$6 million over several years. We estimate that additional costs to operate the museum and to develop visitor facilities and interpretive materials would be less than \$0.5 million annually. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 4481 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.

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