



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

July 31, 2003

H.R. 622

An act to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 23, 2003*

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 622 would not significantly affect the federal budget. The act would affect direct spending (including offsetting receipts), but we estimate that any net change in direct spending would be insignificant. H.R. 622 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. 622 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to two private parties about 330 acres of federal lands in Arizona in exchange for roughly 760 acres of other lands owned by those parties. If those lands are not equal in value, the Secretary could make or accept cash equalization payments. The act would authorize the Secretary to spend any receipts from such payments to acquire nonfederal lands in Arizona.

CBO estimates that enactment of H.R. 622 would result in an insignificant increase in direct spending. According to the agency, the federal lands to be conveyed currently generate offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending) from special use permits totaling less than \$20,000 a year. Those receipts would be forgone if H.R. 622 is enacted. Based on information from the agency, we estimate that any cash equalization payments received under H.R. 622 would total less than \$500,000. We also estimate that the agency would spend receipts from such payments in the same year they are received and that any resulting net change in direct spending would be negligible.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.