



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 5232

Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge Study Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 21, 2006

H.R. 5232 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the Cherry Valley area of Pennsylvania to determine whether the area is suitable for a national wildlife refuge. The study would include an assessment of fish and wildlife habitat over approximately 30,000 acres in the northeastern part of the state. Under the bill, the department would transmit to Congress a report of its findings, along with a map delineating a possible refuge boundary and an estimate of the costs of acquiring land within that boundary, within 12 months of the bill's enactment. For these purposes, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$200,000.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would spend \$200,000 during fiscal year 2007 to complete the study and report required by H.R. 5232. We estimate that enacting the bill would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

H.R. 5232 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.

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