



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

May 23, 2005

**H.R. 975
Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the
Improvement of Lands Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 18, 2005

H.R. 975 would amend existing laws that govern the protection of federal lands to provide land-management agencies with consistent enforcement authorities. Specifically, the bill would standardize penalty amounts, sentences, and other terms for certain misdemeanor violations established under regulation by the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 975 would have no significant net impact on the federal budget. Implementing the penalties established by the bill could change the amount of revenue collected from fines and penalties, but CBO expects that any net change would be less than \$500,000 annually.

H.R. 975 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.

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