



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 213

Rio Arriba County Land Conveyance Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 28, 2005*

S. 213 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey, for no consideration, 171 acres of federal land in New Mexico to the county of Rio Arriba. As a condition of the proposed conveyance, the bill would require the county to use that land for public purposes.

CBO estimates that S. 213 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. According to the Bureau of Land Management, the land to be conveyed currently generates no significant receipts and is not expected to do so over the next 10 years. Therefore, we estimate that the bill would not significantly affect offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending). Because the bill specifies that the county would pay any costs associated with the conveyance, we also estimate that the agency's administrative costs to complete the proposed transaction, which would be subject to appropriation, would be negligible. Enacting S. 213 would not affect revenues.

S. 213 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 land conveyance authorized by this bill would benefit Rio Arriba county, and they would incur any associated costs voluntarily.

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