

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 26, 2008

H.R. 816

Orchard Detention Basin Flood Control Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on February 13, 2008

H.R. 816 would release 65 acres of land currently designated as a wilderness study area in the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area and allow it to be used for other activities. An "instant study area" is a federal designation that protects environmentally sensitive areas by restricting development.

Based on information from BLM, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 816 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. According to the agency, the land that would be affected by the bill currently does not generate any significant receipts, and it is unlikely to do so in the next 10 years. Therefore, we estimate that altering the status of this land would not significantly affect federal offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending). Enacting H.R. 816 would not affect federal revenues.

H.R. 816 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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