



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

February 26, 2008

**S. 1961**

**A bill to expand the boundaries of the Little River Canyon  
National Preserve in the state of Alabama**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on January 30, 2008*

S. 1961 would expand the boundaries of the Little River Canyon National Preserve in Alabama. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1961 would cost about \$10 million over the 2008-2013 period. Enacting this legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The bill 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.

S. 1961 would add about 1,660 acres of land to the Little River Canyon National Preserve. Based on information provided by the National Park Service, CBO estimates that the federal government would acquire this land over a five-year period. The final cost would depend on future appraisals as well as how many acres within the new boundary are acquired. CBO estimates that expanding the boundary of the preserve would cost about \$10 million over the 2008-2013 period. Because much of the land would be located along the edge of the canyon, we estimate that any additional operational costs would be insignificant.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Daniel Hoople. This estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.