



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

January 6, 2010

**H.R. 1121
Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock
Land Exchange Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on December 16, 2009*

H.R. 1121 would authorize the exchange of about 20 acres of federal land within the boundaries of the Blue Ridge Parkway in exchange for 192 acres of property owned by the town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina. Based on information provided by the National Park Service, which administers the parkway, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1121 would have no significant effect on discretionary spending and no effect on revenues or direct spending. We expect that the acreage to be added to the parkway (probably within the next three years) would remain open space.

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.

On July 21, 2009, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1121, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 9, 2009. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and our cost estimates are the same.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Deborah Reis and Daniel Hoople. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.