



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 2907
Federal Land Avalanche Protection Act of 2010
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on June 21, 2010*

SUMMARY

S. 2907 would authorize the appropriation of \$16 million over the 2011-2014 period for the Forest Service to provide grants to reduce the risk of avalanches on public land. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$16 million over the 2011-2015 period. Enacting S. 2907 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 2907 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2907 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2011- 2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	4	4	4	4	0	16
Estimated Outlays	3	4	4	4	1	16

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted in 2010 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar Forest Service programs.

S. 2907 would authorize the appropriation of \$4 million a year over the 2011-2014 period for the Forest Service to provide grants to reduce the risk of avalanches on public land. Under current law, the agency, in coordination with other public and private entities, conducts an avalanche protection program in recreation areas on federal lands. In 2010, the agency spent about \$1 million to carry out activities related to that program. The grants authorized under the bill would provide additional support for those activities. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$16 million over the 2011-2015 period.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 2907 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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