



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2834
Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on November 17, 2011*

H.R. 2834 would require federal land management agencies to provide access to certain federal lands for hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting activities. The bill also would require those agencies to prepare annual reports identifying lands that have been closed to such activities. Based on information provided by the affected agencies, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 2834 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

Because the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and other land management agencies have the authority to allow hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting on lands under their jurisdictions, CBO expects that implementing the bill would not significantly affect agency operations. In addition, the activities necessary to complete the annual reports required under the bill are similar to activities performed by the affected agencies under current law. Therefore, we estimate that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the budgets of those agencies.

H.R. 2834 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.

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