



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 382

Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2011

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 14, 2011*

S. 382 would expand the authority of the Forest Service to allow ski concessioners to offer additional recreational services on public lands. Based on information provided by the agency, CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The Forest Service already has authority to allow its concessioners to provide certain off-season and other recreational services at ski resorts. Expanding that authority could increase the agency's collection of fees from ski concessioners (currently yielding offsetting receipts to the Treasury of about \$30 million a year), but CBO estimates that any increase would total less than \$500,000 a year.

Because enacting the legislation could result in additional offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending), pay-as-you-go procedures apply. Enacting S. 382 would not affect revenues.

The legislation 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 June 27, 2011, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 765, the Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2011, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 15, 2011. The two pieces of legislation are similar, and CBO's estimate of their budgetary impact is the same.

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