



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 4253
Bureau of Land Management Withdrawn Military Lands
Efficiency and Savings Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 9, 2014

H.R. 4253 would permanently withdraw 4.6 million acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands from the operation of certain public land laws, including laws that authorize mineral development and grazing on such lands. Based on information provided by BLM, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no effect on the federal budget. Because enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The affected lands are currently withdrawn for military uses. Those withdrawals will expire in 2021 for 3.1 million acres of the affected lands and 2026 for the remaining 1.5 million acres. Under the bill, those expiration dates would be eliminated and the land would remain withdrawn for military use indefinitely. Because CBO expects that, under current law, none of the affected lands will generate offsetting receipts over the next 10 years, we estimate that enacting the bill would not affect the federal budget over that period.

H.R. 4253 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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