



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 112  
Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions  
and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on March 14, 2013*

S. 112 would add more than 22,000 acres of public land in the state of Washington to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The bill also would designate about 27 miles of waterways in the area as wild or scenic rivers. Based on information provided by the Forest Service, which administers most of the affected land, and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 112 would cost less than \$300,000 over the 2014-2018 period. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that completing a management plan for the waterways added by S. 112 to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System would cost about \$250,000 within two years. We expect that any costs to revise brochures, maps, and signs to reflect the new designations would not be significant because most such revisions would take place in conjunction with scheduled reprinting and routine maintenance.

Finally, we estimate that enacting the legislation would have no effect on offsetting receipts because the affected lands, which are already managed for conservation purposes, currently generate no receipts, and CBO expects that they would not generate receipts over the next 10 years.

S. 112 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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