



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1252
Upper Missisquoi and Trout Wild and Scenic Rivers Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on November 21, 2013*

S. 1252 would designate segments of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the state of Vermont as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The legislation would exclude certain hydroelectric projects from the designation. Based on information provided by the National Park Service (NPS), CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost about \$1 million over the 2014-2018 period, assuming the availability of the necessary amounts. Under the legislation, the NPS would administer the river segments in partnership with an advisory committee composed of local representatives. Based on similar management partnerships in the region, CBO estimates that the NPS would provide \$175,000 annually to the advisory committee to manage the river segments. Enacting S. 1252 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 1252 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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