



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1301  
Oregon Eastside Forests Restoration, Old Growth Protection,  
and Jobs Act of 2013**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on December 19, 2013*

**SUMMARY**

S. 1301 would authorize appropriations totaling \$50 million for the Forest Service to carry out vegetation management and ecological restoration projects in national forests in eastern Oregon. The bill also would establish a panel of experts to advise the Forest Service on managing those forests.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$48 million over the 2015-2019 period. Implementing H.R. 1301 could affect offsetting receipts; however, any increase in receipts would be contingent on future appropriations and not directly attributable to this bill. Enacting S. 1301 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 1301 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1301 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2015-2019
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Estimated Authorization Level	10	10	10	10	10	50
Estimated Outlays	8	10	10	10	10	48

**BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1301 will be enacted near the end of 2014, that the authorized amounts will be appropriated evenly over the 2015-2019 period, and that spending will follow historical patterns for similar activities of the Forest Service.

S. 1301 would authorize the appropriation of \$50 million for the Forest Service to carry out projects aimed at restoring forest lands and increasing the amount of timber harvested in national forests in eastern Oregon. The bill also would establish a panel to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on managing those forests. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$48 million over the 2015-2019 period.

Implementing S. 1301 could affect offsetting receipts; however, any increase in receipts, which CBO estimates could total a few million dollars annually, would be contingent on future appropriations and not directly attributable to this bill.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 1301 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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