



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 241
Cerros del Norte Conservation Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 16, 2013*

S. 241 would designate two parcels of land within the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument as wilderness areas. Based on information provided by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting S. 241 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

Under S. 241, about 21,000 acres of federal land would be designated as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. BLM, which manages the affected acreage, would be required to create new maps for the area. In addition, under the bill, the affected lands would not be available for developing natural resources but would still be available for grazing under existing agreements.

Because the affected lands are already protected for conservation and wilderness values, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no significant effect on the cost of administering the area. We also expect that any costs to modify existing maps and other materials would be minimal. Finally, because the affected lands currently produce no income (and are not expected to do so in the future), we estimate that enacting the bill would not affect offsetting receipts.

S. 241 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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