



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

July 9, 2013

S. 341

San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on June 18, 2013*

S. 341 would designate about 32,000 acres of federal land in Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System. The bill also would designate more than 21,000 acres of National Forest System land as a Special Management Area. Finally, under the bill, those areas, including the Naturita Canyon Area (approximately 6,600 acres), would be unavailable for development under mining and other resource development laws.

Based on information provided by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, CBO estimates that implementing S. 341 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

Because the affected acreage is already protected for conservation and wilderness values, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no significant effect on administrative costs. Additionally, 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 direct spending or revenues.

S. 341 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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