



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

May 31, 2013

S. 349

Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act

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

S. 349 would require the National Park Service (NPS) to study segments of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in Rhode Island and Connecticut for potential additions to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost about \$400,000 over the next three years, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting S. 349 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 349 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.

On May 13, 2013, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 723, the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act, as ordered to be reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 24, 2013. The two bills are similar, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

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