



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2394
National Forest Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2015**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Agriculture
on May 20, 2015*

SUMMARY

H.R. 2394 would authorize the appropriation of \$3 million a year through 2018 to support the National Forest Foundation. The foundation is a nonprofit corporation established by federal law that awards grants to maintain recreational resources, such as trails, and to restore watersheds, wildlife habitats, and plant species within national forests and grasslands. The foundation also carries out activities to educate individuals about the National Forest System.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$9 million over the 2016-2018 period. Because enacting H.R. 2394 would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 2394 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary effect of H.R. 2394 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted in 2015 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for grants to the National Forest Foundation.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2016- 2020
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION ^a						
Authorization Level	3	3	3	0	0	9
Estimated Outlays	3	3	3	0	0	9

a. In 2015, the National Forest Foundation received an appropriation of \$3 million.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2394 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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