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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3620

A bill to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 13, 2016*

H.R. 3620 would permit certain commercial vehicles to pass through the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and allow the Department of Interior (DOI) to collect an annual fee up to \$200 from the users of those vehicles until September 30, 2020.

The National Park Service (NPS) would be authorized to spend the fees collected to offset the cost of operating the program.

Because the legislation would allow NPS to collect fees from commercial vehicles, H.R. 3620 would increase offsetting receipts from permit fees and associated direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, based on information from NPS, CBO estimates that the net effect on direct spending would be insignificant. Enacting the legislation would not affect revenues.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3620 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 3620 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 February 19, 2016, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3620, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on February 3, 2016. The two versions of the legislation are the same as are CBO's estimates of their budgetary effects.

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