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COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1777

A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes

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

S. 1777 would authorize the Forest Service to allow three providers of commercial recreation services in the Salmon-Challis National Forest in Idaho to construct or improve certain facilities. Those recreation services currently operate under special use permits that do not allow those types of projects. Under the bill, if the operators of those recreation services request authorization to undertake those projects, the agency would be required to conduct environmental reviews. Any costs to carry out those reviews would be covered by cost-recovery fees assessed on the recreation services.

Based on information provided by the Forest Service, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would increase offsetting receipts from cost-recovery fees and associated direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that any net effect on direct spending would be negligible. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

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

S. 1777 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.

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