



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 2524

Bolts Ditch Access and Use Act

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

S. 2524 would require the Forest Service to provide a special use authorization to the town of Minturn, Colorado, to allow the town to manage and maintain a headgate used to divert water to Bolts Lake. Based on analysis of information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would increase offsetting receipts from annual fees associated with the authorization by about \$150 a year; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

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

S. 2524 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would benefit the town of Minturn, Colorado; it would give the town easier access to the Bolts Ditch headgate so that it could repair and maintain the town's water supply.

On July 11, 2016, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 4510, the Bolts Ditch Access and Use Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 15, 2016. S. 2524 and H.R. 4510 are similar, and CBO's estimates of the budgetary effects are the same.

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