



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 361
Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions
and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on July 30, 2014*

H.R. 361 would add about 21,500 acres of public land in the state of Washington to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. The bill also would designate about 27 miles of waterways in the area as wild or scenic rivers. Based on information provided by the Forest Service, which administers most of the affected land, and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 361 would cost less than \$300,000 over the 2015-2019 period. Because enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that completing a management plan for the waterways that would be added by H.R. 361 to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System would cost roughly \$250,000 over two years. We expect that any costs to revise brochures, maps, and signs to reflect the new designations would not be significant because most such revisions would take place in conjunction with scheduled reprinting and routine maintenance.

Finally, we estimate that enacting the legislation would have no effect on offsetting receipts because the affected lands, which are already managed for conservation purposes, currently generate no receipts, and CBO expects that they would not generate receipts over the next 10 years.

H.R. 361 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On April 9, 2013, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 112, the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 14, 2013. The two bills are similar, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

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