



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 765 **Oregon Caves Revitalization Act of 2011**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on November 10, 2011*

SUMMARY

S. 765 would authorize the transfer of 4,070 acres of land from the Forest Service to the National Park Service (NPS) to expand the boundaries of the Oregon Caves National Monument. The bill also would require the Secretary of the Interior to accept the donation of certain grazing permits and to prohibit future grazing on land covered by those permits. Finally, the bill would designate the River Styx as a scenic river and require the Secretary to conduct additional studies regarding the designation of other waterways in Oregon as scenic rivers.

Based on information from the affected agencies, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting S. 765 would reduce offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending) from grazing fees; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that any reduction in receipts would be negligible for each year. Enacting the legislation would not affect revenues.

S. 765 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

CBO estimates that implementing S. 765 would have no significant impact on discretionary spending. Enacting the legislation would probably result in a small loss of offsetting receipts from grazing fees.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

S. 765 would authorize the transfer of 4,070 acres of land from the Forest Service to the NPS to expand the boundaries of the Oregon Caves National Monument. Because lands that would be exchanged under the bill are already administered by a federal agency, CBO expects that federal costs to manage the affected lands would not change significantly. The bill also would require the Secretary of the Interior to designate the River Styx as a scenic river and to study the impact of designating certain other waterways in Oregon as scenic rivers. Based on information from the NPS, CBO estimates that carrying out those activities would have a minimal impact on the agency's budget.

The legislation also would require the Secretary of the Interior to accept donations of certain grazing permits from current permit holders. Under the bill, donated permits would be terminated and future grazing on land covered by those permits would be prohibited. Based on information from the affected agencies, CBO expects that those permits would be donated if the bill is enacted. CBO estimates that, under the bill, offsetting receipts from grazing fees would be reduced by less than \$7,000 over the 2012-2021 period.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS

The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 establishes budget-reporting and enforcement procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or revenues. S. 765 would reduce offsetting receipts (from grazing fees) by prohibiting future grazing on certain land covered by existing permits. However, CBO estimates that any reduction in offsetting receipts would be negligible.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 765 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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