



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 2943

Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Act of 2008

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 16, 2008*

S. 2943 would designate a route totaling approximately 1,200 miles from Montana to Washington as a scenic trail in the National Trails System. The trail would start at the continental divide in Glacier National Park and end at the Pacific Ocean Trail in Olympic National Park. The Forest Service would administer the trail and coordinate the efforts of public and private entities to plan, develop, and maintain it.

Based on information provided by the Forest Service and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that establishing and administering the proposed scenic trail would cost about \$3 million over the 2009-2013 period. Additional funding of several million dollars could be required after 2013 to purchase rights-of-way and easements for access along the trail, but such amounts also would be subject to the availability of appropriations.

S. 2943 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.

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