



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 1800

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain Federal land to facilitate scientific research supporting Federal space and defense programs

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on November 8, 2017

H.R. 1800 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey, without further consideration, 80 acres of land administered by the Forest Service to Utah State University. The affected lands, which are currently used by the university and certain federal agencies to conduct space-related research, are not expected to generate receipts over the next 10 years. In addition, the bill would require the university to cover any administrative costs associated with the conveyance. Finally, ownership of the affected lands would revert to the Forest Service if the university used them for nonpublic purposes.

Using information from the agency, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 1800 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1800 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 1800 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jeff LaFave. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.