



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 566**

**Methow Headwaters Protection Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on March 30, 2017*

S. 566 would withdraw 340,000 acres of federal land in the state of Washington from programs to develop any geothermal and mineral resources on that land. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO expects that the affected lands will not generate any income over the next 10 years under current law, and costs to administer the land would not significantly change under the bill. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply because enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 566 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

S. 566 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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