

**S. 162, Smith River National Recreation Area Expansion Act**

As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on July 11, 2023

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2028	2024-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	4	not estimated
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

S. 162 would expand the boundaries of the Smith River National Recreation Area and designate some segments of the North Fork Smith River as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Within five years of enactment, the Forest Service would be required to conduct an environmental assessment of the area. The bill also would authorize the Forest Service to acquire a 555-acre parcel within the recreation area that is owned and managed by the State of Oregon, if the Oregon Land Board adopts a resolution permitting the sale.

Based on the cost of similar activities and information from the Forest Service and the Oregon Land Board, CBO estimates that implementing S. 162 would cost \$4 million over the 2024-2028 period. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Those costs comprise:

- \$2 million for purchasing the 555-acre parcel from Oregon,
- \$1 million for Forest Service to conduct an environmental assessment, and
- \$1 million for designating the river segments and managing the new area, including the costs for revised management plans, new boundary surveys, and updated maps and signs.

See also

[CBO's Cost Estimates Explained](#), [CBO Describes Its Cost-Estimating Process](#), [Glossary](#)



CBO estimates that enacting the bill would not affect federal receipts, which are recorded as changes in direct spending, because the land does not generate any income from timber sales, mining, or other commercial activities.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Emma Uebelhor and Lilia Ledezma. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

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