



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 689

A bill to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on April 29, 2009*

H.R. 689 would transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain lands between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Forest Service. Based on information provided by the agencies, CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would have no significant effect on the federal budget and would not affect revenues or direct spending.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

Under H.R. 689, BLM would assume responsibility for nearly 12,000 acres of land currently administered by the Forest Service. The Forest Service would simultaneously receive about 5,000 acres of land from BLM. The lands affected by the transfer, all of which are in northern California, are already owned by the federal government and would continue to be subject to federal regulations and land-use plans.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.