



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 19, 2009

### **H.R. 1002** **Pisgah National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Agriculture  
on July 29, 2009*

H.R. 1002 would expand the boundary of the Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina by about 300 acres and authorize the Forest Service to acquire private land within the new boundary. Based on information provided by the Forest Service and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1002 would cost less than \$1 million over the next year or two. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

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. 1002, about 213 acres of federal land already administered by the Forest Service would be transferred into the national forest, and 88 acres of private land would be purchased from a local conservation group. The new parcels would be used to improve public access to the national forest.

CBO estimates that acquiring the private property would cost about \$700,000 in 2010. Additional upfront costs related to surveying, mapping, and signage (along with minor trail development expenses) are estimated to total a few thousand dollars over the next two years. We expect that the cost of managing the national forest would not change significantly as a result of the expansion.

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