



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 25, 2009

H.R. 481

North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act of 2009

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

H.R. 481 **would** revise the route of the North Country National Scenic Trail, which currently spans an estimated 4,200 miles in seven states from New York to North Dakota. Specifically, the bill would reroute a segment of the trail that runs through northeastern Minnesota, adding around 400 miles to the overall length.

Based on information provided by the National Park Service, which administers the trail, and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 481 would cost less than \$5 million over the 2010-2014 period. Most of this amount would be spent to acquire private land (or easements on that land) along the new trail segment. We estimate that ongoing costs to develop, manage, and maintain the added property would be minimal. Enacting the bill would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

The bill 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.

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