



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 310
HALE Scouts Act**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
on December 16, 2009*

H.R. 310 would require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey, at fair market value, approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest, Oklahoma, to the Indian Nations Council, Inc. (a chartered council of the Boy Scouts of America).

Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would have no significant effect on the federal budget. The council would be required to pay any administrative costs associated with the conveyance. Further, the Forest Service would be able to retain the proceeds from the sale of the land to acquire other land. (Such proceeds would be offsetting receipts, a credit against direct spending.) Enacting the legislation would not affect revenues.

H.R. 310 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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