



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 1, 2010

H.R. 2476 **Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on December 16, 2009*

H.R. 2476 would clarify the authority of the Forest Service to allow ski concessioners to offer additional recreational services on public lands. Based on information provided by the agency, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would have no significant effect on the federal budget. The Forest Service already has authority to allow its concessioners to provide off-season and other recreational services at ski resorts. Clarifying that authority could facilitate the agency's collection of offsetting receipts from ski concessioners (currently about \$30 million a year), but CBO estimates that any increase, which would be deposited in the U.S. Treasury, would total less than \$500,000 a year.

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.

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