



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 3100

A bill to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 6, 2010*

CBO estimates that implementing S. 3100 would have no net effect on the federal budget. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 3100 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.

S. 3100 would authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to extend the deadline for beginning construction of a hydroelectric project (number 12063) in Lincoln County, Idaho. The proposed extension could have a small impact on FERC's workload. Because FERC recovers 100 percent of its costs through user fees, any change in its administrative costs would be offset by an equal change in fees that the commission charges. Therefore, the legislation's provisions would have no net budgetary impact.

Because FERC's administrative costs are controlled through annual appropriation acts, enacting S. 3100 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

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