



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3914 **San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act of 2010**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 16, 2010

H.R. 3914 would designate about 33,000 acres of land in Colorado as wilderness areas and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System. The bill also would designate about 22,000 acres of land as a Special Management Area. Finally, under H.R. 3914, those areas, including the Naturita Canyon Area (approximately 6,600 acres), would be unavailable for the development of natural resources.

Based on information provided by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3914 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 3914 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

Because the affected acreage is already protected for conservation or wilderness values, CBO estimates that the costs of implementing the bill would have no significant effect on the cost of administering the area. Additionally, because the affected land currently produces no income (and is not expected to do so in the future), we estimate that enacting the bill would not affect revenues or direct spending.

Section 6 would prohibit the development of new water resource facilities or the enlargement of any existing facility within the areas. Reasonable access to existing facilities for operation, maintenance, or replacement would not be affected. Additionally, water rights already in existence before the date of enactment of the bill would not be affected. CBO estimates that implementing this provision would have no budgetary impact.

H.R. 3914 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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