

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4823 Sedona-Red Rock National Scenic Area Act of 2010

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 22, 2010

H.R. 4823 would designate 160,000 acres of land near Sedona, Arizona as a National Scenic Area. Under the bill, the Forest Service could only exchange federal land within the scenic area for nonfederal land that is also located within the scenic area. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

Under current law, the Forest Service already restricts land exchanges within the proposed scenic area in accordance with the Coconino National Forest Plan. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO expects that, under current law, no land exchanges would occur on those lands over the next 10 years. Thus, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would not affect direct spending. CBO also estimates that any additional costs associated with managing the scenic area would be negligible.

H.R. 4823 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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