



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 3303

Chimney Rock National Monument Establishment Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 21, 2010*

S. 3303 would establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in southern Colorado. The legislation would require the Forest Service to complete a management plan for the monument and would authorize the agency to construct an education and interpretive center. The bill also would withdraw federal lands that make up the monument (about 5,000 acres) from disposal, mining, or mineral leasing.

Based on information from the Forest Service and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost about \$4 million over the 2011-2015 period. Enacting S. 3303 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO expects that the Forest Service would begin constructing the education and interpretive center after completing a management plan for the monument. Based on information provided by the agency, CBO estimates that constructing the center would cost about \$4 million over the 2014-2015 period and that operating the facility would cost \$350,000 annually after 2014. CBO does not expect that, under current law, the affected lands would generate any offsetting receipts from disposal, mining, and mineral leasing activities over the next 10 years. Thus, we estimate that implementing the legislation would not affect direct spending.

S. 3303 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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