



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 27, 2010

### **S. 2798** **National Forest Insect and Disease Emergency Act of 2010**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on August 5, 2010*

S. 2798 would authorize the Forest Service to carry out certain activities to mitigate fire hazards caused by insect and disease infestations in national forests. Based on information provided by 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 the bill, the Forest Service could enter into contracts with state governments to perform certain restoration activities in national forests. Any amounts paid to states to carry out those activities would be offset by reduced spending for similar activities performed by the agency. In addition, based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that other authorities provided under the bill would not affect the federal budget because those authorities exist under current law.

S. 2798 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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