



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1691
Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range Transfer Act of 2013

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on May 15, 2013*

H.R. 1691 would require the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over 227,000 acres of land to the Secretary of the Navy. Those lands would be used by the Navy as a gunnery range. Based on information provided by the Bureau of Land Management, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 1691 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

Under current law, the affected lands are temporarily withdrawn for military use. H.R. 1691 would prohibit certain new activities that could generate receipts on the affected lands in the future; however, because CBO expects that those lands would not generate any new receipts over the next 10 years, we estimate that enacting the bill would not affect direct spending. In addition, because those lands are already managed by the federal government, we estimate that implementing the legislation would not affect the costs of managing the lands. Finally, CBO estimates that any additional costs to prepare the legal description of the affected lands, as required under the bill, would total less than \$10,000.

H.R. 1691 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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