



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 20, 2007

### **H.R. 3998**

### **America's Historical and Natural Resources Legacy Study Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources  
on November 7, 2007*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 3998 would direct the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct special resource studies of ten areas throughout the United States. The studies, which would be completed over a three-year period, would determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the areas to the National Park System. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$3 million over the 2008-2010 period. Enacting the bill would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3998 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

|   | By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars |      |      |      |      |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|
|   | 2008                                   | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| <b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b> |  |      |      |      |      |
| Estimated Authorization Level                       | 1                                      | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    |
| Estimated Outlays                                   | 1                                      | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    |

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that carrying out the 10 required studies would cost about \$300,000 each and would be completed over the next three years. The study areas include:

- The Harry S Truman Birthplace in Missouri,
- Sites in 11 states and the District of Columbia associated with the Lewis and Clark expedition,
- Sites in West Virginia associated with the Battle of Matewan,
- The site of the Battle of Camden in South Carolina,
- Counties in several states along the Mississippi River,
- Fort San Geronimo in Puerto Rico,
- The Wolf House in Arkansas,
- The area known as the Rim of the Valley Corridor in California,
- The Stranahan house, trading post, and campsite in Florida, and
- The Ox-bow Route of the Butterfield Overland Trail, which runs through eight states.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 3998 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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