



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 3998

America's Historical and Natural Legacy Study Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 7, 2008*

H.R. 3998 would direct the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct special resource studies of four 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. Based on information provided by the NPS and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that the agency would spend about \$1 million over the 2009-2011 period to complete the four studies. Enacting H.R. 3998 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

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

On November 20, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3998 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on November 7, 2007. The Senate version of the legislation would require the NPS to conduct fewer studies than the House version. The CBO cost estimates reflect that difference.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.