

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 25, 1999

H.R. 2632 Dugger Mountain Wilderness Act of 1999

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 20, 1999

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2632 would have no significant impact on federal spending. Because enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 2632 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 2632 would designate as wilderness approximately 9,200 acres of federal land in the Talladega National Forest in the state of Alabama. According to the Forest Service, the land is currently being managed as a wilderness study area. Therefore, designating the land as wilderness would have little impact on how the land is currently being administered. Some small additional costs would be incurred to adjust maps and boundaries to reflect the new designation, but the amounts would not be significant. The bill would allow the Forest Service two years to remove a fire tower from the area, which the Forest Service already plans to do under current law.

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