

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3606 Emigrant Wilderness Historical Use Preservation Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 29, 2014

H.R. 3606 would require the Secretary of Agriculture to authorize the use of horses and pack animals by commercial outfitters within the Emigrant Wilderness at a level similar to the level that existed in 1975. The bill also would require the Forest Service to complete an updated wilderness plan for the Emigrant Wilderness. Based on information provided by the Forest Service, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO expects that, under the bill, the authorized level of horse and pack animal use by commercial outfitters in the Emigrant Wilderness would be similar to the level authorized under current law. Based on information provided by the Forest Service, CBO estimates that updating the wilderness plan for the Emigrant Wilderness would cost less than \$20,000, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

H.R. 3606 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.

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