



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

August 1, 2011

**H.R. 473
HALE Scouts Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 20, 2011

H.R. 473 would require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey, at fair market value, approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest, Oklahoma, to the Indian Nations Council, Inc. (a chartered council of the Boy Scouts of America). Based on information provided by the Forest Service, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

Enacting H.R. 473 would reduce direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. Under the bill, proceeds from the sale of the affected land, which CBO estimates would total less than \$300,000, would be deposited in the Treasury as offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending). Enacting the legislation would not affect revenues. Because the council would be required to pay any administrative costs associated with the conveyance, CBO also estimates that implementing the legislation would not affect spending subject to appropriation.

H.R. 473 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.

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