



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1208
Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on April 24, 2013*

H.R. 1208 would establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park from eligible sites in Tennessee, New Mexico, and Washington. Within one year of enactment, the legislation would require the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy (DOE) to finalize the boundaries of the proposed park and to complete an agreement specifying how each department would administer properties included in it. H.R. 1208 also would require the National Park Service (NPS) to complete a general management plan for the park within three years after funds have been made available.

The final costs of implementing H.R. 1208 would depend on which lands are chosen for inclusion in the new park unit. Based on information from the NPS, CBO estimates that if all eligible sites were included, implementing the bill would cost \$21 million over the 2014-2018 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. DOE would continue to operate and manage sites currently under its jurisdiction and the NPS would only be responsible for providing public education and technical assistance at those sites. CBO estimates that the annual operating costs to the NPS could total about \$4 million. CBO estimates that completing the required general management plan would cost about \$750,000 over the next three years. Enacting H.R. 1208 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1208 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.

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