



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 26, 2013

H.R. 2166 **Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Act of 2013**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 12, 2013

H.R. 2166 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to federal lands for search and recovery missions conducted by eligible individuals or organizations. Under the bill, entities conducting search and recovery missions would not be considered federal employees or volunteers, and the federal government would not be liable for the actions of such entities.

Based on information provided by the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service, CBO expects that the costs of expediting access to federal lands for search and recovery purposes would be minimal, and we estimate that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 2166 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 2166 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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