



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 28, 2014

S. 1309

Military Land Withdrawals Act of 2013

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on November 14, 2013*

S. 1309 would require the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw 1.5 million acres of federal land in the western United States from the operation of certain public land laws, including laws that authorize mineral development and grazing on such lands. Those lands would be used for military purposes. The bill also would require the Secretary of the Army to transfer administrative jurisdiction over 2,000 acres of land in New Mexico to the Department of the Interior. In addition, the bill would add 40,000 acres to the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area in California.

CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply because the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues. Nearly all of the provisions of S. 1309 were enacted in Public Law 113-66, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2014.

S. 1309 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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