



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1092**

**Nevada National Forest Land Disposal Act of 2003**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 24, 2003*

CBO estimates that H.R. 1092 would not significantly affect the federal budget. Enacting the bill would increase offsetting receipts and direct spending, but we estimate that the net impact would be less than \$500,000 in any year. H.R. 1092 would not affect revenues.

H.R. 1092 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell 231 acres of National Forest System land in Nevada. Under the bill, the state of Utah and a local water district would each receive 5 percent of the gross proceeds from such sales. The balance of proceeds would be available to the Secretary, without further appropriation, to administer the proposed sales, develop and maintain certain parks, trails, and natural areas in Nevada, and expand a facility to support federal and state wildland firefighting programs.

Based on information from the Forest Service about the value of the lands involved, CBO estimates that selling them would generate offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending) totaling about \$1 million over the 2004-2005 period. We also estimate that the agency would spend those amounts over the same period, resulting in a negligible change in net direct spending in each of those years.

H.R. 1092 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. Enacting this legislation would benefit the state of Utah and a local water district in that state because each would receive a share of the proceeds from the land sales.

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