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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1374

A bill to amend the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003 to authorize the conveyance of an additional tract of National Forest System land under that act, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Agriculture on December 12, 2007

H.R. 1374 would amend the Florida National Forest Land Management Act (FNFLMA) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell approximately 114 acres of Forest Service land. Under the bill, CBO expects that the Forest Service would sell the 114 acres identified in H.R. 1374 and use the proceeds to purchase various inholdings (privately held land surrounded by Forest Service land) in the Apalachicola National Forest.

Under current law, the Forest Service can use proceeds from land sales made under FNFLMA to purchase land inholdings or cover administrative expenses. H.R. 1374 would expand that authority to allow the Forest Service to use proceeds from the sale of lands authorized under FNFLMA to acquire, construct, and maintain Forest Service buildings in Florida.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1374 would have no significant impact on the federal budget because any receipts generated by the sale of land may already be used by the Forest Service. Enacting H.R. 1374 would have no significant effect on net direct spending and would not affect revenues.

H.R. 1374 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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