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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1663

An act to clarify the intent of the Congress in Public Law 93-632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wilderness area was designated as wilderness in that public law

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on July 29, 1998

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1663 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because H.R. 1663 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 1663 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 1663 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into an agreement with a non-federal entity to retain, maintain, and operate at private expense 18 concrete dams and weirs in the Emigrant Wilderness within the Stanislaus National Forest, California. According to the Forest Service, under a management decision made in 1989, the Forest Service has maintained 12 structures and allowed the other 6 to deteriorate naturally; however, under revisions to the management plan currently being prepared, the Forest Service is likely to continue maintaining only 7 of the 18 structures. H.R. 1663 would provide for maintenance of all 18 structures—but at private expense. CBO estimates that implementing the act would not result in a significant change in Forest Service spending.

On July 17,1997, CBO prepared a cost estimate for H.R. 1663 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 16, 1997. This version of H.R. 1663 is identical to the House version, as are the estimated costs.

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