



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 1, 2018

S. 90

Red River Gradient Boundary Survey Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on October 2, 2018*

S. 90 would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to commission a survey to identify the boundary between federal and nonfederal lands along the Red River in Texas and Oklahoma. The bill would require officials from those states to select licensed surveyors. Under the bill, BLM would submit the results of the survey to state officials for approval; federal approval would not be required. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 90 would cost \$1 million.

Enacting S. 90 could affect direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. Under current law, 100 percent of the receipts (which are recorded in the budget as reductions in direct spending) from mineral leasing on the affected federal lands are distributed without further appropriation to the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache tribes and to the state of Oklahoma. Those amounts totaled less than \$50,000 in 2018. Any reclassification of lands resulting from the survey could affect the amount of receipts collected and distributed thereafter. However, because any change in receipts would be offset by an equal change in direct spending, CBO estimates that the net effect on direct spending would be negligible. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 90 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

S. 90 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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