

S. 904, Modernizing Access to Our Public Land Act

As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on February 28, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	47	47
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

S. 904 would authorize the appropriation of specific amounts totaling \$47 million over the 2022-2025 period for the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the Interior, and the Army Corps of Engineers to develop and adopt interagency standards on outdoor recreation data and to make mapping data on federal lands open for recreation publicly available.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted late in fiscal year 2022. Based on historical spending patterns for similar activities and assuming that the authorized amounts will be appropriated each year, CBO estimates that implementing S. 904 would cost \$47 million over the 2022-2026 period.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).



**Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under S. 904**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2022-2026
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Department of Agriculture						
Authorization	3	6	6	6	0	19
Estimated Outlays	*	7	6	6	1	19
Department of Interior						
Authorization	3	6	6	6	0	19
Estimated Outlays	*	7	6	6	1	19
Army Corps of Engineers						
Authorization	2	3	3	3	0	9
Estimated Outlays	*	3	3	3	1	9
Total Changes						
Authorization	7	14	14	14	0	47
Estimated Outlays	*	17	14	14	3	47

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding. *= between zero and \$500,000.

On September 15, 2021, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for [H.R. 3113](#), the MAPLand Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 14, 2021. The bills are similar; however, the Senate bill would authorize the appropriation of about \$2 million more, in total, for the program than would the House bill. CBO’s estimates reflect those differences.

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