

**S. 609, Ruby Mountains Protection Act**

As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on February 10, 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)	*	*	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
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. 609 would withdraw roughly 350,000 acres of federal land in the Ruby Mountains in Nevada from mineral leasing, subject to valid existing rights. That is, the bill would not allow new mineral leasing on that land, which is managed by the Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Based on the costs of similar tasks, CBO estimates that any costs incurred by those agencies to implement the withdrawal would be insignificant; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. The affected land contains very low to no potential for leasable minerals such as oil and gas. Thus, under the bill CBO expects that the federal government would not forego any receipts from future mineral leases on that land.

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