

**H.R. 5093, Wind River Administrative Site Conveyance Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 6, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2027	2022-2032
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	*	*
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2033?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 5093 would direct the Forest Service to convey 23 acres of federal land in Skamania County, Washington, without consideration and subject to valid existing rights, if the county requests to acquire the land. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the county, which currently leases the federal land from the Forest Service, would submit such a request.

Although the conveyance could occur under existing authorities, CBO expects that the county will continue to lease the property under current law, though in recent years, the agency has waived lease payments. Those payments are recorded in the budget as offsetting receipts, or reductions in direct spending, and are available for the Forest Service to spend without further appropriation. Using information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that any future lease payments will total less than \$50,000 annually and will be spent soon after their collection. Under H.R. 5093, the agency would forgo those payments and the associated spending; thus, the net effect on direct spending would be negligible.

Under the bill, the county would pay the closing costs of the conveyance. CBO estimates that any costs incurred by the Forest Service to conduct a land survey and other reviews would be insignificant; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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