

S. 177, Cerro de la Olla Wilderness Establishment Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on May 3, 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	Mandate Effects	
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.			

S. 177 would designate roughly 13,100 acres of federal land in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument in New Mexico as wilderness and would modify the boundary of the national monument.

Based on the costs of similar tasks, CBO estimates that the cost for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to implement S. 177 would be insignificant; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Designating land as wilderness would reduce its availability for income-generating activities; income from such activities is classified in the budget as offsetting receipts, or reductions in direct spending. Some of those receipts are available for BLM to spend without further appropriation. Using information from the agency, CBO estimates that any receipts forgone under S. 177 would be insignificant over the 2022-2032 period. Because BLM also would forgo any associated spending, the net effect on direct spending would be negligible.

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