

**H.R. 5118, Continental Divide Trail Completion Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on January 19, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2027	2022-2032
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	1	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 2033?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 5118 would direct the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior (DOI) to complete, to the maximum extent possible, the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail as a contiguous recreational route. The agencies would be required to prepare a trail acquisition and development plan and report periodically to the Congress on their progress.

The Forest Service and DOI are already undertaking activities to complete the trail, including optimal location review, land acquisition, and trail construction. On that basis, and the costs of similar tasks, CBO estimates that the agencies would need one employee, at an average annual cost of \$120,000, to support those activities and complete the required plan. In total, we estimate that implementing H.R. 5118 would cost about \$1 million over the 2022-2027 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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