

BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS, LAKE CHELAN NATIONAL  
RECREATION AREA AND WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOR-  
EST, WASHINGTON

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JUNE 3, 1998.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of  
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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Resources,  
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 3520]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3520) to adjust the boundaries of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and the adjacent Wenatchee National Forest in the State of Washington, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 3520 is to adjust the boundaries of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and the adjacent Wenatchee National Forest in the State of Washington. .

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 3520 would allow 88 acres, currently within the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, to become part of the Wenatchee National Forest. Twenty-three of the 88 acres are privately owned by George C. Wall.

The private property owned by Mr. Wall currently falls within both National Park Service (NPS) and U.S. Forest Service jurisdiction. This boundary adjustment would allow the agencies to consolidate management over this specific tract of land. H.R. 3520 would allow the property to be entirely within the jurisdiction of the Forest Service. This would alleviate the confusion caused by working with dual jurisdictions. Most importantly, this legislation

would honor a long-standing commitment made to Mr. Wall by the NPS.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 3520 was introduced on March 19, 1998, by Congressman Doc Hastings (R-WA). The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health and the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands. On April 28, 1998, the Forest Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 3520, where the Administration testified in support with technical amendments. The Administration later withdrew its request for amendments. On May 7, 1998, the Forest Subcommittee met to mark up H.R. 3520. No amendments were offered and the bill was then ordered favorably reported to the Full Committee by voice vote. On May 20, 1998, the Full Resources Committee met to consider H.R. 3520. The Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands was discharged from further consideration of the bill by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered and the bill was then ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by voice vote.

#### COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

With respect to the requirements of clause 2(1)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and clause 2(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 and Article IV, section 3 of the Constitution of the United States grant Congress the authority to enact H.R. 3520.

#### COST OF THE LEGISLATION

Clause 7(a) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out H.R. 3520. However, clause 7(d) of that Rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XI

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1)(3)(B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, H.R. 3520 does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1)(3)(D) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received no report of oversight findings and recommendations from

the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight on the subject of H.R. 3520.

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1)(3)(C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for H.R. 3520 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
*Washington, DC, May 22, 1998.*

Hon. DON YOUNG,  
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,  
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 3520, a bill to adjust the boundaries of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and the adjacent Wenatchee National Forest in the state of Washington.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Victoria V. Heid.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. SUNSHINE  
(For June E. O'Neill, Director).

Enclosure.

*H.R. 3520—A bill to adjust the boundaries of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and the adjacent Wenatchee National Forest in the State of Washington*

CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because H.R. 3520 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 3520 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 3520 would transfer jurisdiction over certain land and water in the state of Washington from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture. The bill would adjust the boundary of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area to exclude a parcel of land and water consisting of about 23 acres of private property and about 60 acres of the surface of Lake Chelan, which is owned by the federal government. The bill would adjust the boundary of the Wenatchee National Forest, managed by the U.S. Forest Service in the Department of Agriculture, to include that same parcel. The private property that would be transferred is currently within the boundaries of both the Lake Chelan Recreation Area and the Wenatchee National Forest. Transferring jurisdiction for that land between agencies would allow the private property to be under the jurisdiction of a single public land unit. We estimate that implementing this jurisdictional transfer would have no net impact on the federal budget.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Victoria V. Heid. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

H.R. 3520 contains no unfunded mandates.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, H.R. 3520 would make no changes in existing law.