

LAKE HILL ADMINISTRATIVE SITE AFFORDABLE
HOUSING ACT

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the
State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Natural
Resources, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 2337]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2337) to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado, 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. 2337 is to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 2337 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell approximately 40 acres of the 386-acre Lake Hill Administrative site, managed as part of the White River National Forest, to Summit County, Colorado. The conveyance would be at fair market value.

The parcel, sandwiched between Interstate 70 and a local highway, is no longer suitable to be included in the White River National Forest. Summit County intends to use the site to construct affordable workforce housing. The County is responsible for all processing and transaction costs associated with the conveyance.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 2337 was introduced on June 12, 2013, by Congressman Jared Polis (D-CO). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation. On July 19, 2013, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On July 24, 2013, the full Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation was discharged by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered, and the bill was adopted and ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Natural Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(1) 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 this bill. However, clause 3(d)(2)(B) 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 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII 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 this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

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H.R. 2337 would require the Secretary of Agriculture to sell 40 acres of Forest Service land near Frisco, Colorado. Based on information provided by the agency, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have a negligible impact on the federal budget. Enacting the bill would increase offsetting receipts and associated direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that those changes would have no significant net impact on future budget deficits. Enacting H.R. 2337 would not affect revenues.

The bill would require the Secretary to sell the affected lands to Summit County, Colorado, for fair market value. Based on information provided by the Forest Service, CBO estimates that proceeds from the sale of those lands would increase offsetting receipts by about \$5 million. Under the bill, the agency would be authorized to retain and spend those proceeds, without further appropriation, for capital improvement and maintenance of Forest Service facilities. CBO expects that the agency would complete the sale and spend the proceeds within five years, and we estimate that enacting the bill would have no net impact on the federal budget over that period. In addition, the bill would require the county to pay for any administrative costs associated with the sale.

H.R. 2337 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jeff LaFave. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

2. Section 308(a) of Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures. Based on information provided by the agency, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have a negligible impact on the federal budget.

3. General Performance Goals and Objectives. As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this bill is to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado.

EARMARK STATEMENT

This bill does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

COMPLIANCE WITH H. RES. 5

Directed Rule Making. The Chairman does not believe that this bill directs any executive branch official to conduct any specific rule-making proceedings.

Duplication of Existing Programs. This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program. Such program was not included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111-139 or identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance published pursuant to the Federal Program Information Act (Public Law 95-220, as amended by Public Law 98-169) as relating to other programs.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes in existing law.