



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 940
**A bill to provide for the conveyance of National Forest System land
in the state of Louisiana**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Agriculture on July 29, 2009

H.R. 940 would direct the Forest Service to sell about 80 acres of land within the Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana. Under the bill, Collins Camp Properties, Incorporated, would have right of first refusal on the property and would be responsible for the administrative costs of the sale. Proceeds from the sale of the property would be available to the Forest Service without further appropriation to acquire other lands and interests in the Kisatchie National Forest.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 940 would have no net impact on the federal budget. Any offsetting receipts earned from the sale—which we estimate would be less than \$1 million—would be offset by additional spending, most of which would occur over the next five years. Moreover, we expect that the property to be sold currently generates no significant receipts from commercial activities such as timber sales and is not expected to do so over the next 10 years. Therefore, selling the land would not result in any loss of income to the Forest Service.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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