



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3538
Idaho Wilderness Water Facilities Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on December, 16, 2009*

H.R. 3538 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to issue special permits for continued use of historic water diversions for those with valid water rights in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness of Idaho. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3538 would have a negligible effect on the federal budget because any costs to process the permits would be paid by the permit holders.

H.R. 3538 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.

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