

2014 Payments to Counties Hoosier National Forest

An average of \$2.42/acre (range of \$1.94 - \$3.06) was paid to counties with National Forest land. Of this, an average of \$1.22/acre was from the Secure Rural Schools Fund, and \$1.20/acre was from Payment in Lieu of Taxes funds.

In 2015 reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Act failed to pass in time for the initial allocation of funds so a 25 percent allocation was made. Later, Congress passed Public Law 114-10. This law required that SRS payments be paid retroactively for FY 2014. These funds are distributed to counties based on national forest acreage within the county. The money is given as Title I funds which must be used for roads and schools.

Congress also authorizes Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) monies to compensate county governments for private property taxes forgone due to public ownership. PILT amounts vary based on the amount of national forest monies paid in the previous year and congressional appropriations. PILT payments are made to the counties based on entitlement acres within the county (entitlement acres exclude tax exempt lands the national forest has acquired from state or local governments).

County	Actual Acres*	Entitlement Acres for PILT \$	PILT	Title I	Total	Average Paid/Acre
Brown	18,206	17,684	\$32,116	\$15,948	\$48,064	2.64
Crawford	24,286	22,253	24,894	37,144	62,038	2.55
Dubois	427	427	1,069	240	1,309	3.06
Jackson	22,844	21,961	21,961	24,032	45,993	2.01
Lawrence	16,229	13,368	12,932	20,155	33,087	2.04
Martin	9,696	7,881	9,379	9,467	18,846	1.94
Monroe	18,811	18,249	33,060	24,043	57,103	3.04
Orange	32,805	27,557	41,817	40,256	82,073	2.50
Perry	60,195	58,130	66,757	77,740	144,497	2.40
TOTAL	203,499	187,510	\$243,985	\$249,025	\$493,010	2.42

*Data taken from US Forest Service 2014 Land Areas Report.