

## 2006 Payments to Counties Hoosier National Forest

Average Forest-wide payment was \$0.65/acre from National Forest receipts, and \$0.97 from Payment in Lieu of Taxes. An average of \$1.62/acre was paid to counties with National Forest land.

The National Forest (NF) makes payments to the state under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act passed by Congress in 2000 (Title III or P.L. 106-393). These funds temporarily replaced the former federal revenue sharing of 25 percent of all fees collected on National Forest land from activities such as camping, special use permit fees, and timber sales. The funds are distributed to counties based on NF acreage within the county. The last distribution of funds under the law were made in 2006. Title III funds must be used for roads and schools.

Congress 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 also made to the counties based on acres of NF land within the county (entitlement acres exclude tax exempt lands acquired from state or local governments).

<b>County</b>	<b>Actual Acres</b>	<b>Entitlement Acres for PILT \$</b>	<b>PILT</b>	<b>Title III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Brown	18,451	18,006	\$20,294	\$11,897	\$32,191
Crawford	24,362	21,992	23,806	15,034	38,840
Dubois	412	412	602	216	818
Jackson	23,277	22,366	23,066	15,250	38,316
Lawrence	16,245	13,398	12,582	10,491	23,073
Martin	9,549	7,705	7,220	6,057	13,277
Monroe	18,994	18,423	21,984	12,763	34,747
Orange	31,156	26,524	30,097	19,577	49,674
Perry	59,011	56,649	56,655	38,937	95,592
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>201,457</b>	<b>185,475</b>	<b>\$196,306</b>	<b>\$130,222</b>	<b>\$326,528</b>