

2007 Payments to Counties Hoosier National Forest

Average Forest-wide payment was \$0.65/acre from National Forest receipts, and \$0.98 from Payment in Lieu of Taxes. An average of \$1.63/acre was paid to counties with National Forest land.

The National Forest (NF) made 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 act was extended in 2007 for one last distribution of funds under the law. 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).

County	Actual Acres	Entitlement Acres for PILT \$	PILT	Title III	Total
Brown	18,451	18,006	\$20,386	\$11,873	\$32,259
Crawford	24,362	22,068	24,001	15,003	39,004
Dubois	412	412	589	216	805
Jackson	23,277	22,366	23,798	15,219	39,017
Lawrence	16,245	13,398	12,612	10,470	23,082
Martin	9,549	7,705	7,237	6,044	13,281
Monroe	19,007	18,422	22,129	12,736	34,865
Orange	31,153	26,386	30,022	19,536	49,558
Perry	59,011	56,999	57,442	38,857	96,299
TOTAL	201,467	185,762	\$198,216	\$129,954	\$328,170