

2009 Payments to Counties Hoosier National Forest

Average Forest-wide payment was \$1.67/acre from the Secure Rural School Payments, and \$1.62/acre from Payment in Lieu of Taxes. An average of \$3.29/acre was paid to counties with National Forest land.

On October 3, 2008, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act was reauthorized as part of Public Law 110-343. The funds are distributed to counties based on NF acreage within the county. The money is given as Title I funds which must be used for roads and schools. However 15-20 percent may be designated as Title II or Title III funds. Title II funds must be used for resource management activities, and Title III funds should be used for reimbursement for emergency services on federal lands, community wildfire protection plans, etc. Perry County, which received over \$100,000 is required to allocate a portion of its money to Title II or Title III.

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	Title III	Total
Brown	18,452	18,006	\$33,587	\$19,597	0	53,184
Crawford	24,362	22,068	39,651	52,417	0	92,068
Dubois	412	412	953	325	0	1,278
Jackson	23,280	22,366	38,383	33,768	0	72,151
Lawrence	16,439	13,582	21,483	27,321	0	48,804
Martin	9,550	7,705	12,084	15,109	0	27,193
Monroe	19,007	18,435	36,351	28,414	0	64,765
Orange	31,361	26,383	49,442	59,880	0	109,322
Perry	59,562	57,550	96,699	85,484	15,085	197,268
TOTAL	202,425	186,507	\$328,633	\$322,315	\$15,085	666,033