

2010 Payments to Counties Wayne National Forest

In 2010, Ohio counties received an average of \$2.49/acre (\$2.06-\$3.75/acre) for National Forest lands within their counties. Each of the 12 counties received an average of \$0.38/acre in mineral revenues. In addition monies were also paid for road projects, cooperative law enforcement, and volunteer fire department support.

As of the end of Fiscal Year 2010, the Wayne had 241,117 acres within the Forest boundary. Although national forests do not pay property taxes for the land managed by the federal government, there are funds paid in lieu of taxes to compensate local governments for the land taken off the tax rolls.

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 – no Ohio Counties chose to do this. 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. There were also different options for funds received and Lawrence County made a different choice than the other counties.

Counties also receive payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) funds granted under the PILT Act. The US Department of Interior administers PILT funds for all government agencies. Counties received different amounts of PILT dollars based on the amount of other federal dollars received in the past year. Because counties also made different choices in past years their PILT payments vary considerably.

County	NF acreage	Entitlement Acres* for PILT Payment	PILT payment	Title I Payments to States	Mineral Payments	Total Payment to County	Average \$ Per Acre
Athens	18,633	18,633	\$6,143	\$40,259	\$7,230	\$53,632	2.88
Gallia	17,563	17,563	6,292	27,198	6,616	40,106	2.28
Hocking	26,000	26,000	8,572	47,848	10,089	66,509	2.56
Jackson	1,701	1,701	560	3,586	660	4,806	2.83
Lawrence	73,415	73,415	138,663	12,413	27,071	178,147	2.43
Monroe	24,415	24,415	8,049	40,742	9,423	58,214	2.38
Morgan	3,334	3,328	1,098	8,631	1,292	11,021	3.31
Noble	694	694	229	2,104	269	2,602	3.75
Perry	22,330	22,271	7,342	52,548	8,596	68,486	3.07
Scioto	11,626	11,626	3,832	21,128	4,511	25,639	2.21
Vinton	1,869	1,869	616	5,200	725	6,541	3.50
Washington	39,537	39,537	13,758	52,451	15,273	81,482	2.06
TOTAL	241,117	241,052	\$195,154	\$314,108	\$91,755	\$601,017	2.49

*All acres managed as national forest are not entitled to PILT payments.