

## 2011 Payments to Counties Hoosier National Forest

An average of \$2.22/acre (range of \$1.58 - \$3.13) was paid to counties with National Forest land. Of this, and average of \$1.39/acre was from the Secure Rural School Payments, and \$0.83/acre was from Payment in Lieu of Taxes funds.

On October 3, 2008, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act was reauthorized as part of Public Law 110-343. This Act expired September 30, 2011 so this is the last year for these funds. 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, though no Indiana counties did so. Title II funds would have been used for resource management activities, and Title III funds for reimbursement to emergency services on federal lands, community wildfire protection plans, etc.

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	18,451	18,006	\$29,157	\$18,563	47,720	2.59
Crawford	24,362	22,068	10,723	41,221	51,944	2.13
Dubois	412	412	977	314	1,291	3.13
Jackson	23,277	22,366	22,590	28,481	51,071	2.19
Lawrence	16,439	13,582	5,541	23,315	28,856	1.76
Martin	9,549	7,705	3,533	11,594	15,127	1.58
Monroe	19,085	18,513	29,257	24,071	53,328	2.79
Orange	31,732	26,925	26,412	46,170	72,582	2.29
Perry	59,562	57,550	39,248	88,495	127,743	2.14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>202,869</b>	<b>187,127</b>	<b>\$167,438</b>	<b>\$282,223</b>	<b>449,661</b>	<b>2.22</b>