

2012 Payments to Counties Hoosier National Forest

An average of \$2.28/acre (range of \$1.66 - \$3.21) was paid to counties with National Forest land. Of this, and average of \$1.27/acre was from the Secure Rural School Payments, and \$0.96/acre was from Payment in Lieu of Taxes funds.

On July 6, 2012, the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) and Community Self-Determination Act was reauthorized as part of Public Law 112-141. This was a one year reauthorization of the former Act. 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 20 percent may be designated as Title II or Title III funds – no Indiana 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.

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	18,452	18,006	\$30,810	\$18,126	\$48,936	2.65
Crawford	24,362	22,068	15,405	39,462	54,867	2.25
Dubois	412	412	1,018	303	1,321	3.21
Jackson	23,280	22,366	24,794	27,183	51,977	2.23
Lawrence	16,439	13,582	7,461	21,292	28,753	1.75
Martin	9,550	7,705	5,080	10,798	15,878	1.66
Monroe	19,085	18,513	30,210	25,228	55,438	2.90
Orange	31,730	26,962	31,793	44,178	75,971	2.39
Perry	59,562	57,550	46,985	82,433	129,418	2.17
TOTAL	202,872	187,164	\$193,556	\$269,003	\$462,559	2.28