

2011 Payments to Counties Wayne National Forest

In 2011, Ohio counties received an average of \$2.34/acre (\$2.02-\$3.35/acre) for National Forest lands within their counties. In addition monies were also paid for road projects, cooperative law enforcement, and volunteer fire department support.

As of the end of Fiscal Year 2011, the Wayne had 241,191 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. This bill expired September 30, 2011 so this is the last year of funding under this 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 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	18,640	18,633	\$6,143	\$33,996	\$4,536	\$44,675	2.40
Gallia	17,563	17,563	11,239	22,071	4,151	37,461	2.13
Hocking	26,002	26,000	8,571	44,093	6,330	58,994	2.27
Jackson	1,701	1,701	560	3,219	414	4,193	2.47
Lawrence	73,416	73,415	154,153	14,280	16,985	185,418	2.53
Monroe	24,414	24,414	8,049	35,242	5,912	49,203	2.02
Morgan	3,334	3,334	1,099	7,706	810	9,615	2.88
Noble	694	694	229	1,924	169	2,322	3.35
Perry	22,331	22,330	7,361	45,851	5,393	58,605	2.62
Scioto	11,625	11,625	3,832	18,190	2,831	24,853	2.14
Vinton	1,869	1,869	616	4,595	455	5,666	3.03
Washington	39,602	39,537	27,312	46,452	9,583	83,347	2.10
TOTAL	241,191	241,117	\$229,164	\$277,619	\$57,569	\$564,352	2.34

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