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North Dakota to Receive \$946,429 from Interior Under Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program

Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne has announced that North Dakota will receive \$946,429 under the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Act to compensate county governments whose jurisdictions contain tax-exempt federal lands.

"These important dollars help states offset the loss of tax revenues to counties that contain federal lands," Kempthorne said. "This money helps pay for essential services such as firefighting, search-and-rescue operations, and a host of other badly needed on-the-ground services."

The money distributed to North Dakota will go to 43 counties eligible under the PILT program for tax revenue lost because of the federal land in their jurisdiction. The counties receiving the largest payments are McLean, McKenzie, and Mountrail.

A table showing North Dakota's 2006 PILT payments by county is attached.

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NORTH DAKOTA PILT 2006

Local Unit of Government	Total Paid This FY
Barnes	\$8,983
Benson	\$4,869
Billings	\$63,252
Bottineau	\$185
Bowman	\$8,007
Burke	\$187
Burleigh	\$20,725
Cavalier	\$1,965
Dickey	\$921
Divide	\$1,934
Dunn	\$15,049
Eddy	\$851
Emmons	\$45,692
Golden Valley	\$17,303
Grand Forks	\$1,707
Grant	\$12,539
Griggs	\$2,420
Kidder	\$3,133
Logan	\$1,211
McHenry	\$3,271
McIntosh	\$663

Local Unit of Government	Total Paid This FY
McKenzie	\$103,432
McLean	215,527
Mercer	18,760
Morton	19,114
Mountrail	71,100
Pierce	4,963
Ramsey	534
Ransom	54,043
Renville	345
Richland	35,644
Rolette	154
Sargent	2,461
Sheridan	42,273
Sioux	44,235
Slope	27,094
Stark	902
Steele	197
Stutsman	13,141
Walsh	673
Ward	457
Wells	12,105
Williams	64,408
TOTAL	\$946,429