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Montana to Receive \$17,269,635 from Interior Under Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program

Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne has announced that Montana will receive \$17,269,635 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," the Secretary said. "We recognize the impact of federal land management on local communities and this money will help 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 Montana will go to 55 counties eligible under the PILT program for tax revenue lost because of the federal land in their jurisdiction. The \$17,269,635 that Montana receives this year represents a \$81, 313 increase over Fiscal Year 2005. The counties receiving the largest payments are Ravalli, Flathead, and Lewis and Clark.

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

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MONTANA PILT 2006

Local Unit of Government	Total Paid This FY
Anaconda-Deer Lodge	\$289,818
Beaverhead	561,020
Big Horn	8,385
Blaine	332,555
Broadwater	369,374
Butte-Silver Bow	308,899
Carbon	534,011
Carter	120,326
Cascade	289,333
Chouteau	191,383
Custer	471,272
Dawson	12,943
Fallon	23,454
Fergus	676,413
Flathead	1,352,023
Gallatin	965,440
Garfield	119,388
Glacier	576,122
Golden Valley	42,805
Granite	142,432
Hill	23,444
Jefferson	636,747
Judith Basin	174,792
Lake	167,131
Lewis and Clark	1,380,519
Liberty	35,100

Local Unit of Government	Total Paid This FY
Lincoln	353,740
Madison	543,762
McCone	170,447
Meagher	124,854
Mineral	130,049
Missoula	687,639
Musselshell	111,854
Park	849,045
Petroleum	48,514
Phillips	278,672
Pondera	139,410
Powder River	120,368
Powell	419,642
Prairie	86,912
Ravalli	1,475,188
Richland	11,002
Roosevelt	867
Rosebud	65,945
Sanders	185,112
Sheridan	360
Stillwater	258,616
Sweet Grass	332,806
Teton	381,729
Toole	43,973
Treasure	151
Valley	440,952
Wheatland	87,774
Wibaux	5,463
Yellowstone	109,660
TOTAL	\$17,269,635