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\$139 Million Distributed to State and County Governments in Full Compensation for FY 2008 Payments in Lieu of Taxes

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne announced today that the Department of the Interior has distributed an additional \$138.7 million in supplemental payments to about 2,200 county and other local governments, providing them full compensation for taxes that could not be levied on federal lands in their jurisdictions during fiscal year 2008.

The additional compensation under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program is authorized by the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, which President Bush signed on Oct. 3. In June of 2008, \$228.5 million in fiscal year 2008 PILT payments were distributed to these jurisdictions. The combined payments – \$367.2 million – will provide these governments their first full PILT entitlement payments since 1994. The reauthorized PILT program will provide more than \$1.5 billion in full compensation through 2012 to local governments that qualify.

“These payments help local governments provide vital services to communities across the country, including education, firefighting, transportation, and emergency response,” Kempthorne said. “These jurisdictions provide support for federal lands throughout the year, every year, earning our appreciation and thanks. I am pleased that they will now receive their full PILT compensation through 2012.”

Since 1994, payments were subject to appropriation and have not matched the full entitlement level. From 1995 through 2008, payments to local jurisdictions funded from 41 to 77 percent of the entitlement levels. The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 makes the PILT program mandatory, so through 2012, payments will equal the full entitlement levels for each county and other local jurisdictions that receive PILT payments.

Eligibility for PILT payments is reserved for local governments (usually counties) that contain National Forests, National Parks, Bureau of Land Management public lands, and lands dedicated to water resource development projects.

By law, the payments are calculated using a mandated formula, based on the number of acres of federal entitlement land, the population within each county or jurisdiction, and adjusted for revenue sharing payments.

Revenue payments are federal payments made to local governments under programs other than PILT during the previous year. Payments are made under the Refuge Revenue Sharing Fund, the National Forest Fund, the Taylor Grazing Act, the Mineral Leasing Act, the Federal Power Act, and the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

The Department of the Interior collects about \$4 billion a year in revenue from commercial activities on federal lands, such as livestock grazing, timber harvesting, and oil and natural gas leasing. Some of these revenues are shared with states and counties in the form of revenue-sharing payments. The balance is deposited in the U.S. Treasury, which in turn pays for a broad array of federal activities, including PILT funding to counties.

Payments to individual counties may vary from the prior year because of changes in acreage data, which is updated yearly by the federal agency administering the land; population data, which is updated based on U.S. Census Bureau data; and the prior year revenue payment, which is reported by states. The per acre and population variables used to compute payments are also adjusted for inflation, using the Consumer Price Index and Census data, as required by 1994 amendments to the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act. Sections 6904 and 6905 of the PILT law provide additional payments for additions to the National Park System and National Forest Wilderness areas.

Attached is a state-by-state chart of PILT payments for fiscal year 2008. A complete list of county-by-county PILT payments is online at:

<http://www.nbc.gov/pilt/pilt/search.cfm>

The attached state list also is online at <http://www.nbc.gov/pilt/pilt/states.cfm>

Payments in Lieu of Taxes Fiscal Year 2008 Summary by State

State	FY 2008 June Payment	FY2008 Nov Payment	FY2008 Total Payment
ALABAMA	434,545	264,027	698,572
ALASKA	15,608,045	9,467,223	25,075,268
ARIZONA	19,090,338	11,584,135	30,674,473
ARKANSAS	2,361,587	1,433,325	3,794,912
CALIFORNIA	20,683,852	12,551,121	33,234,973
COLORADO	17,600,691	10,680,351	28,281,042
CONNECTICUT	17,330	10,614	27,944
DELAWARE	10,550	6,403	16,953
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	15,151	9,194	24,345
FLORIDA	2,762,193	1,677,044	4,439,237
GEORGIA	1,438,778	873,450	2,312,228
GUAM	1,328	806	2,134
HAWAII	194,240	117,867	312,107
IDAHO	16,061,016	9,770,796	25,831,812
ILLINOIS	642,377	390,132	1,032,509
INDIANA	388,114	235,827	623,941

IOWA	263,950	160,210	424,160
KANSAS	654,922	397,483	1,052,405
KENTUCKY	1,458,621	885,877	2,344,498
LOUISIANA	320,822	195,207	516,029
MAINE	193,318	117,702	311,020
MARYLAND	65,140	39,595	104,735
MASSACHUSETTS	60,685	37,424	98,109
MICHIGAN	2,589,429	1,571,472	4,160,901
MINNESOTA	1,628,073	988,564	2,616,637
MISSISSIPPI	892,929	542,465	1,435,394
MISSOURI	1,778,216	1,079,285	2,857,501
MONTANA	16,995,313	10,312,915	27,308,228
NEBRASKA	674,714	409,710	1,084,424
NEVADA	14,071,406	8,538,611	22,610,017
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,024,755	621,950	1,646,705
NEW JERSEY	67,719	41,359	109,078
NEW MEXICO	22,477,619	13,639,561	36,117,180
NEW YORK	85,916	52,431	138,347
NORTH CAROLINA	2,456,991	1,491,110	3,948,101
NORTH DAKOTA	907,749	551,075	1,458,824
OHIO	415,851	252,595	668,446
OKLAHOMA	1,537,362	933,428	2,470,790
OREGON	6,272,913	3,806,587	10,079,500
PENNSYLVANIA	325,067	197,770	522,837
PUERTO RICO	13,505	8,195	21,700
RHODE ISLAND	0	13	13
SOUTH CAROLINA	234,560	142,398	376,958
SOUTH DAKOTA	2,638,151	1,601,199	4,239,350
TENNESSEE	1,448,696	879,153	2,327,849
TEXAS	2,655,845	1,611,904	4,267,749
UTAH	20,044,139	12,162,909	32,207,048
VERMONT	533,472	323,875	857,347
VIRGIN ISLANDS	23,043	13,983	37,026
VIRGINIA	2,341,721	1,421,542	3,763,263
WASHINGTON	6,677,098	4,051,705	10,728,803
WEST VIRGINIA	1,560,496	947,237	2,507,733
WISCONSIN	770,373	468,346	1,238,719
WYOMING	15,036,089	9,123,992	24,160,081
Grand Total	228,506,803	138,693,152	367,199,955

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