

## Ravalli County Commissioners Office

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**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon,

Secretary Sally Jewell announced today that about 1,900 local governments around the country are receiving a total of \$436.9 million under the 2014 Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. The payments represent the largest amount ever allocated under the PILT program. Attached is a table of the FY 2014 payments by State and the official News Release with additional information.

The Department was able to issue the payments a few days ahead of schedule. The detailed FY 2014 information will be available on the PILT website on Wednesday, June 18th after 12PM EST at [www.doi.gov/pilt](http://www.doi.gov/pilt)

Please feel free to share any statements or press releases that your office plans to distribute regarding these payments. Let us know if you have any additional questions

Thank you,

*Office of Intergovernmental & External Affairs  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
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## **Secretary Jewell Announces \$436.9 Million in PILT Payments to Support Vital Services in Rural Communities**

*Underscores importance of President's call to extend mandatory, full funding for PILT program that supports firefighters and police, construction of schools and roads and other critical investments*

**WASHINGTON, DC** - As part of the Obama Administration's commitment to rural communities, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell today announced that about 1,900 local governments around the country are receiving a total of \$436.9 million under the 2014 Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program.

The payments represent the largest amount ever allocated under the PILT program to compensate counties and local governments for non-taxable federal land in their jurisdictions. A full list of funding by state and county is available at <http://www.doi.gov/pilt>.

“Rural communities contribute significantly to our nation's economy, food and energy supply, and help define the character of our diverse and beautiful country,” Secretary Jewell said. “President Obama has made job creation and opportunity in rural areas a top priority for his Administration and has fought for continuing the PILT program, which is a lifeline for many local communities.”

PILT program eligibility is reserved for local governments (mostly rural counties) that contain non-taxable federal lands and provide vital services, such as public safety, housing, social services and transportation. These jurisdictions provide significant support for national parks, wildlife refuges and recreation areas throughout the year. PILT seeks to compensate them for their support and foregoing tax revenue from these federal lands.

This year's PILT program is the last to be funded under the Agriculture Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-79), which reauthorized PILT for 2014 and funded full entitlement levels of the program. From 2008 through 2012, the program was funded under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 and the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (P.L. 112-141) provided funding for the program in 2013. The President's fiscal year 2015 budget proposes to extend mandatory full funding for the program for another year while a sustainable long-term funding solution is developed for the PILT program.

“PILT payments help local governments carry out vital services, such as firefighting and police protection, construction of public schools and roads, and search and rescue operations. These critical investments help keep essential public employees on the job,” added Jewell. “President Obama has proposed to fully fund the PILT program, and we encourage Congress to take the required action to make sure this important program continues.”

The Interior Department collects about \$14 billion in revenue annually from commercial activities on federal lands, such as oil and gas leasing, livestock grazing and timber harvesting. A portion of these revenues are distributed to 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 that benefit state and local governments, including PILT funding to counties.

Using a formula provided by statute, the annual PILT payments to local governments are computed based on the number of acres of federal entitlement land within each county or jurisdiction and the population of that county or jurisdiction. The lands include the National Forest and National Park Systems, the areas managed by

Bureau of Land Management, those affected by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation water resource development projects, and others.

Individual county payments may vary from the prior year as a result of changes in acreage data, which is updated yearly by the federal agency administering the land, prior year Federal Revenue Sharing payments reported yearly by the governor of each state, and population data, which is updated using data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Federal Revenue Sharing payments are made to local governments under programs other than PILT during the previous fiscal year. Payments include those made under the Refuge Revenue Sharing Fund, the National Forest Fund and the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, among others.

By statute, the per acre and population variables used in the formula to compute payment amounts are subject to annual inflationary adjustments using the Consumer Price Index. The requirement for annual inflationary adjustments to the per acre and population variables was included in the 1994 amendments to the PILT Act. For purposes of calculating the 2014 payment, the 2013 per acre amounts are adjusted from \$2.54 per acre and \$0.35 per acre to \$2.58 and \$0.36 per acre, and the population variables are adjusted from \$68.45 - \$171.11 to \$69.59 - \$173.97 per capita.

## **Ravalli County Commissioners Office**

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**From:** MACOleg <MACOleg@mtcounties.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2014 8:15 AM  
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**Importance:** High

Commissioners, Treasurers and Clerks,

The Bureau of Land Management released FFY-14 PILT Payments to counties yesterday. The BLM Press Release was forwarded in a previous e-mail.

Attached is a spreadsheet with the payment amounts and entitlement acres for FFY-14 as well as the PILT Payment history since 1999.

The Federal Fiscal Year 2014 payments to Montana Counties is \$28,809,242 compared to \$26,497,071—an increase of \$2,312,171 over last year, or 8.73%.

The largest dollar increase was in Flathead County at \$241,436 (11.11%) , followed by Park at \$191,839 (18.37%) and Ravalli at \$160,577 (8.19%). Counties with the greatest reductions were McCone at \$173,245 (-63.73%), Musselshell at \$154,991 (-83.12%) and Anaconda-Deer Lodge at \$2,082 (-0.54%). Other counties seeing significant percentage changes were Judith Basin (+76.14%), Powell (+56.23%) and Toole (+33.88%).

The overall change in acres was an increase of 33,365 with the largest change of acreage being in Missoula County with +11,692; meanwhile Sweet Grass County saw the largest reduction at -7,369.

On a per-acre basis, Petroleum and Garfield Counties continue to receive the lowest per acre payment at \$0.26 and \$0.27 respectively due to population caps in the PILT formula while Custer received \$2.55 per acre and Yellowstone received \$2.53 per acre.

The Agriculture Act of 2014 (H.R. 2642 / Public Law 113-79) authorized full funding for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program for Fiscal Year 2014. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (P.L. 112-141), reauthorized PILT for 2013 and funded full entitlement levels of the program. From 2008 through 2012, the program was funded under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. After administrative expenses, a total of \$436.9 million is allocated for payments to counties.

BLM computes payments authorized under section 6902 of the Act using the greater of the following two alternatives:

(A) \$2.58 (in fiscal year 2014) times the number of acres of qualified Federal land in the county (as defined above), reduced by the amount of funds received by the county in the prior fiscal year under certain other Federal land receipt sharing programs such as the twenty-five percent timber program or the mineral leasing program

-or-

(B) Thirty-six cents (in fiscal year 2014) times the number of acres of qualified Federal land in the county, with no deduction for prior-year payments.

Both alternatives explained above are subject to a population ceiling limitation computed by multiplying the county population times a corresponding dollar value (adjusted annually for inflation) contained in the Act.

The President's fiscal year 2015 budget proposes to extend mandatory full funding for the program for another year while a sustainable long-term funding solution is developed for the PILT program.

This would be a good opportunity to reach out to our Congressional delegation to thank them for their support of the PILT Program and to tell them it's importance to your county and how it is being used to fund essential services.

If you have any questions, please contact me,

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**MONTANA PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT) 2013 and 2014**

County	Payment			Percent Change 2013-14	Acres			Per Acre	
	Jun-13	Jun-14	Change from 2013		Jun-13	Jun-14	Change	2013	2014
	ANACONDA DEER LODGE	\$386,440	<b>\$384,358</b>		(\$2,082)	215,181	216,220	1,039	\$1.80
BEAVERHEAD	\$679,159	<b>\$737,941</b>	\$58,782	2,046,632	2,051,678	5,046	\$0.33	\$0.36	
BIG HORN	\$13,750	<b>\$14,903</b>	\$1,153	41,433	41,433	0	\$0.33	\$0.36	
BLAINE	\$813,876	<b>\$936,960</b>	\$123,084	451,657	451,657	0	\$1.80	\$2.07	
BROADWATER	\$553,314	<b>\$572,853</b>	\$19,539	288,781	288,682	(99)	\$1.92	\$1.98	
CARBON	\$796,238	<b>\$891,354</b>	\$95,116	574,660	574,675	15	\$1.39	\$1.55	
CARTER	\$190,948	<b>\$203,710</b>	\$12,762	593,361	593,718	357	\$0.32	\$0.34	
CASCADE	\$419,841	<b>\$461,559</b>	\$41,718	214,475	215,375	900	\$1.96	\$2.14	
CHOUTEAU	\$342,023	<b>\$372,753</b>	\$30,730	156,184	156,184	0	\$2.19	\$2.39	
CUSTER	\$792,469	<b>\$849,852</b>	\$57,383	333,580	333,580	0	\$2.38	\$2.55	
DANIELS	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	200	200	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
DAWSON	\$21,225	<b>\$23,005</b>	\$1,780	63,960	63,960	0	\$0.33	\$0.36	
FALLON	\$38,461	<b>\$41,687</b>	\$3,226	115,901	115,901	0	\$0.33	\$0.36	
FERGUS	\$1,089,117	<b>\$1,165,903</b>	\$76,786	484,948	484,357	(591)	\$2.25	\$2.41	
FLATHEAD	\$2,173,745	<b>\$2,415,181</b>	\$241,436	2,438,965	2,442,403	3,438	\$0.89	\$0.99	
GALLATIN	\$1,461,043	<b>\$1,583,737</b>	\$122,694	732,997	732,751	(246)	\$1.99	\$2.16	
GARFIELD	\$204,576	<b>\$219,527</b>	\$14,951	814,977	814,977	0	\$0.25	\$0.27	
GLACIER	\$934,215	<b>\$1,005,711</b>	\$71,496	401,497	401,721	224	\$2.33	\$2.50	
GOLDEN VALLEY	\$56,945	<b>\$67,194</b>	\$10,249	31,537	31,611	74	\$1.81	\$2.13	
GRANITE	\$232,970	<b>\$252,238</b>	\$19,268	702,050	701,291	(759)	\$0.33	\$0.36	
HILL	\$106,035	<b>\$116,687</b>	\$10,652	47,718	47,718	0	\$2.22	\$2.45	
JEFFERSON	\$984,131	<b>\$1,077,086</b>	\$92,955	553,147	552,340	(807)	\$1.78	\$1.95	
JUDITH BASIN	\$125,158	<b>\$220,454</b>	\$95,296	308,427	309,918	1,491	\$0.41	\$0.71	
LAKE COUNTY	\$382,783	<b>\$417,349</b>	\$34,566	173,937	174,506	569	\$2.20	\$2.39	
LEWIS & CLARK	\$2,184,611	<b>\$2,339,471</b>	\$154,860	1,081,937	1,082,200	263	\$2.02	\$2.16	
LIBERTY	\$62,392	<b>\$79,590</b>	\$17,198	33,656	33,705	49	\$1.85	\$2.36	
LINCOLN	\$580,059	<b>\$628,135</b>	\$48,076	1,747,997	1,746,388	(1,609)	\$0.33	\$0.36	
MADISON	\$656,474	<b>\$735,234</b>	\$78,760	1,055,265	1,055,810	545	\$0.62	\$0.70	
MCCONE	\$271,831	<b>\$98,586</b>	(\$173,245)	274,105	274,096	(9)	\$0.99	\$0.36	
MEAGHER	\$160,294	<b>\$174,341</b>	\$14,047	483,044	484,718	1,674	\$0.33	\$0.36	
MINERAL	\$211,977	<b>\$230,966</b>	\$18,989	638,789	642,150	3,361	\$0.33	\$0.36	
MISSOULA	\$1,464,787	<b>\$1,593,555</b>	\$128,768	826,979	838,671	11,692	\$1.77	\$1.90	
MUSSELSHELL	\$186,472	<b>\$31,478</b>	(\$154,994)	87,517	87,517	0	\$2.13	\$0.36	
PARK	\$1,044,257	<b>\$1,236,096</b>	\$191,839	953,524	955,709	2,185	\$1.10	\$1.29	
PETROLEUM	\$82,901	<b>\$88,471</b>	\$5,570	335,040	335,040	0	\$0.25	\$0.26	
PHILLIPS	\$456,938	<b>\$495,265</b>	\$38,327	1,376,973	1,376,973	0	\$0.33	\$0.36	
PONDERA	\$196,745	<b>\$220,473</b>	\$23,728	107,919	108,699	780	\$1.82	\$2.03	
POWDER RIVER	\$198,029	<b>\$213,573</b>	\$15,544	596,756	593,791	(2,965)	\$0.33	\$0.36	
POWELL	\$265,751	<b>\$415,196</b>	\$149,445	742,655	741,751	(904)	\$0.36	\$0.56	
PRAIRIE	\$142,521	<b>\$154,476</b>	\$11,955	429,486	429,486	0	\$0.33	\$0.36	
RAVALLI	\$1,959,799	<b>\$2,120,376</b>	\$160,577	1,115,675	1,120,239	4,564	\$1.76	\$1.89	
RICHLAND	\$17,988	<b>\$19,496</b>	\$1,508	54,206	54,206	0	\$0.33	\$0.36	
ROOSEVELT	\$1,421	<b>\$1,541</b>	\$120	4,284	4,284	0	\$0.33	\$0.36	
ROSEBUD	\$108,140	<b>\$117,177</b>	\$9,037	325,876	325,784	(92)	\$0.33	\$0.36	
SANDERS	\$303,664	<b>\$329,947</b>	\$26,283	915,087	917,344	2,257	\$0.33	\$0.36	
SHERIDAN	\$591	<b>\$640</b>	\$49	1,781	1,781	0	\$0.33	\$0.36	
SILVER BOW CENSUS CTY	\$481,305	<b>\$521,140</b>	\$39,835	233,605	234,665	1,060	\$2.06	\$2.22	
STILLWATER	\$355,062	<b>\$397,714</b>	\$42,652	191,193	198,382	7,189	\$1.86	\$2.00	
SWEET GRASS	\$383,994	<b>\$409,834</b>	\$25,840	302,039	294,670	(7,369)	\$1.27	\$1.39	
TETON	\$583,746	<b>\$638,906</b>	\$55,160	284,568	284,509	(59)	\$2.05	\$2.25	
TOOLE	\$47,723	<b>\$63,890</b>	\$16,167	45,779	45,779	0	\$1.04	\$1.40	
TREASURE	\$248	<b>\$269</b>	\$21	748	748	0	\$0.33	\$0.36	
VALLEY	\$995,515	<b>\$1,094,603</b>	\$99,088	1,122,580	1,122,548	(32)	\$0.89	\$0.98	
WHEATLAND	\$101,177	<b>\$119,516</b>	\$18,339	65,924	66,058	134	\$1.53	\$1.81	
WIBAUX	\$8,958	<b>\$9,709</b>	\$751	26,995	26,995	0	\$0.33	\$0.36	
YELLOWSTONE	\$183,239	<b>\$197,576</b>	\$14,337	78,235	78,235	0	\$2.34	\$2.53	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,497,071</b>	<b>28,809,242</b>	<b>\$2,312,171</b>	<b>27,326,422</b>	<b>27,359,787</b>	<b>33,365</b>	<b>\$0.97</b>	<b>\$1.05</b>	

Data Source: <http://www.doi.gov/pilt/>

**PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES  
FISCAL YEAR 2014 SUMMARY BY STATE**

	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>
<b>State</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Payment</b>
ALABAMA	\$901,119	\$1,023,078
ALASKA	\$26,458,503	\$28,548,370
ARIZONA	\$32,203,852	\$34,497,956
ARKANSAS	\$5,840,895	\$6,340,600
CALIFORNIA	\$41,445,228	\$45,298,833
COLORADO	\$31,650,351	\$34,530,642
CONNECTICUT	\$28,900	\$30,934
DELAWARE	\$17,828	\$77,446
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	\$16,917	\$18,159
FLORIDA	\$4,968,346	\$5,311,455
GEORGIA	\$2,286,091	\$2,450,254
GUAM	\$2,244	\$2,403
HAWAII	\$326,906	\$349,305
IDAHO	\$26,326,163	\$28,579,192
ILLINOIS	\$1,119,970	\$1,181,018
INDIANA	\$489,606	\$545,278
IOWA	\$453,945	\$491,294
KANSAS	\$1,104,649	\$1,183,003
KENTUCKY	\$1,949,675	\$2,182,678
LOUISIANA	\$634,317	\$638,198
MAINE	\$299,779	\$316,231
MARYLAND	\$99,591	\$108,292
MASSACHUSETTS	\$111,203	\$118,864
MICHIGAN	\$4,187,945	\$4,611,245
MINNESOTA	\$1,974,972	\$2,181,242
MISSISSIPPI	\$1,580,410	\$1,825,109
MISSOURI	\$3,079,132	\$3,477,166
MONTANA	\$26,497,071	\$28,809,242
NEBRASKA	\$1,120,561	\$1,053,278
NEVADA	\$23,331,913	\$25,439,484
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$1,767,252	\$1,908,034

NEW JERSEY	\$97,250	\$104,096
NEW MEXICO	\$34,692,967	\$37,677,905
NEW YORK	\$144,520	\$160,767
NORTH CAROLINA	\$2,363,722	\$4,242,457
NORTH DAKOTA	\$1,374,438	\$1,525,912
OHIO	\$554,833	\$600,939
OKLAHOMA	\$2,794,607	\$3,042,242
OREGON	\$15,578,762	\$17,680,594
PENNSYLVANIA	\$685,575	\$801,459
PUERTO RICO	\$9,930	\$9,534
RHODE ISLAND	\$0	\$0
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$470,359	\$575,919
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$5,669,767	\$6,313,000
TENNESSEE	\$1,877,039	\$2,121,952
TEXAS	\$4,803,981	\$5,220,394
UTAH	\$35,391,052	\$37,903,225
VERMONT	\$944,378	\$1,019,729
VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$33,424	\$36,132
VIRGINIA	\$3,263,807	\$3,614,508
WASHINGTON	\$17,222,833	\$19,272,636
WEST VIRGINIA	\$2,892,560	\$3,108,857
WISCONSIN	\$1,304,986	\$1,600,968
WYOMING	\$25,340,612	\$27,143,411
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$399,786,736</b>	<b>\$436,904,919</b>