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**From:** MACO <MACO@mtcounties.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 11:33 AM  
**To:** MACO  
**Subject:** FY16 PILT & Interior Appropriations Update

Commissioners,

I am forwarding an update from NACo about FY-16 PILT payments. Far from done but a good start.

As to THIS Year's Payment.....

You will receive 91.5% of full funding the last week in June. The remaining 8.5% is still up in the air because PILT was partially funded in multiple bills. The 8.5% was appropriated but to be paid in FY-16, meaning at some point after October 1, 2016, how far after is anyone's guess. It is my understanding that they are trying to find some mechanism to include that in the June payment, but that is being very speculative.

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**To:** Public Lands Steering Committee and Western Interstate Region Board of Directors Members  
**From:** Chris Marklund, Associate Legislative Director  
**Date:** June 9, 2015  
**Re:** FY16 PILT & Interior Appropriations Update

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Good morning Public Lands Steering Committee and Western Interstate Region Board of Directors Members!

This morning the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies released its FY16 appropriations bill. The bill is scheduled to be marked up by the subcommittee tomorrow.

**The bill fully funds the President's budget request for PILT in FY16 at \$452,000,000 in discretionary spending.**

The bill also includes \$3.6 billion for wildland firefighting and prevention – a \$52M increase above FY15, \$5 billion for the USFS – targeting much of the appropriation toward wildland fire prevention and suppression, \$1.1 billion for the BLM – an increase of \$30 million, and \$2.7 billion for the National Park Service – an increase of \$53M above FY15.

Further, the bill includes funding increases for implementation and monitoring of sage grouse conservation plans, blocks the listing of the sage grouse under the ESA and includes language blocking implementation of the WOTUS rule.

Release of this bill is the first step in a long legislative process. It may still be amended as it works through the committee process and is considered on the House floor. It will also have to be reconciled with the Senate's Appropriations Committees priorities for the Department of the Interior before it may be signed into law.

A summary of the legislation is available here:

<http://appropriations.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=394247>

Full text of the legislation is available here: <http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/BILLS-114HR-SC-AP-FY2016-Interior-SubcommitteeDraft.pdf>

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at [cmarklund@naco.org](mailto:cmarklund@naco.org) or 202.942.4207.

Best regards,

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