

Appropriation: Payment in Lieu of Taxes

APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE SHEET

For expenses necessary to implement the Act of October 20, 1976, as amended, (31 U.S.C. 6901-07), \$135,000,000, of which not to exceed \$400,000 shall be available for administrative expenses. Provided, that no payment shall be made to otherwise eligible units of local government if the computed amount of the payment is less than \$100. (*P.L. 106-113, Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, as enacted by section 1000(a)(3) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000.*)

Activity: Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)

Activity Summary (000's)

Activity	1999 Actual	2000 Enacted to date	Uncontrollable & Related Changes (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	2001 Budget Request	Change From 2000 (+/-)
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 125,000	134,385	0	+615	135,000	+615
<i>FTE</i>	1	1	0	0	1	0
Total Dollars	125,000	134,385	0	+615	135,000	+615
<i>Total FTE</i>	1	1	0	0	1	0

The FY 2000 funding is the net of the reduction pursuant to P. L. 106-113.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

The BLM distributes Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) to units of local government (e.g., counties) which contain certain federally owned lands within their boundaries. The amount of the payments is determined by several codified formulas (U.S.C 6901-07) and is designed to supplement other Federal land revenue sharing payments that county governments may be receiving. PILT may be used by the recipients for any governmental purpose.

Since the inception of the PILT program, over \$2 billion in payments have been made. The table on the next page summarizes the PILT payment made to eligible units of government, by state, for 1999.

**Summary of Payments to Eligible Units of Government
by State, BLM, 1999 Actual**

State/Territory	1999 Payment	State /Territory	1999 Payment
Alabama	379,424	Montana	9,846,022
Alaska	8,734,619	Nebraska	369,141
Arizona	10,275,296	Nevada	7,180,805
Arkansas	1,723,721	New Hampshire	520,545
California	12,789,337	New Jersey	35,428
Colorado	9,294,770	New Mexico	11,597,427
Connecticut	11,324	New York	53,735
Delaware	10,885	North Carolina	1,280,234
District of Columbia	5,215	North Dakota	576,261
Florida	1,713,122	Ohio	265,989
Georgia	833,594	Oklahoma	860,026
Guam	1,244	Oregon	3,720,267
Hawaii	14,500	Pennsylvania	166,830
Idaho	8,354,480	Puerto Rico	22,268
Illinois	347,230	South Carolina	185,049
Indiana	260,945	South Dakota	1,331,297
Iowa	131,579	Tennessee	699,638
Kansas	340,257	Texas	1,351,955
Kentucky	727,353	Utah	9,783,359
Louisiana	154,816	Vermont	265,301
Maine	100,722	Virgin Islands	10,411
Maryland	51,190	Virginia	1,199,069
Massachusetts	41,885	Washington	3,707,574
Michigan	1,314,138	West Virginia	892,121
Minnesota	944,771	Wisconsin	293,889
Mississippi	558,615	Wyoming	7,969,204
Missouri	1,282,100	Total	*124,580,977

* In addition to the total, \$400,000 is used for administrative expenses and \$19,023 was used to make prior year adjustments.

2001 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 2001 Budget Request for Payment in Lieu of Taxes is \$135,000,000 and 1 FTE.

- C "Payments in Lieu of Taxes" (PILT) are Federal payments to local governments that may be used for any governmental purpose. PILT payments are computed and disbursed by the Bureau of Land Management on or before September 30th of each year. The payments provide additional support to local governments that have certain Federal land within their boundaries. Examples of how PILT payments have been used include the improvement of local school, water, and road systems. Payment eligibility is reserved for local governments (usually counties) that provide services such as those related to public safety, environment, housing, social services, and transportation, and that contain nontaxable Federal lands.
- C The PILT Act (P.L. 97-258, as amended) defines three categories of lands that are eligible for payments:
 - Ÿ Federal lands in the National Forest System and the National Park System, lands administered by BLM, lands in Federal water resource projects, dredge areas maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, inactive and semi-active Army installations, and some lands donated to the Federal government (Section 6902 of the Act);
 - Ÿ Federal lands acquired after December 30, 1970, as additions to lands in the National Park System or National Forest Wilderness Areas (Section 6904 of the Act); and
 - Ÿ Federal lands in the Redwood National Park or lands acquired in the lake Tahoe Basin near Lake Tahoe under the Act of December 23, 1980, (Section 6905 of the Act).\
- C PILT Payments are computed based on the number of acres of Federal entitlement land within each county. The number of this qualified land is multiplied by a dollar amount per acre set by law. Payments are subject to limitations based on population. Congress sets annual PILT program funding limitations which may also affect the amount of the payments under the program.

As in previous years, BLM will calculate and distribute Payments in Lieu of Taxes to all eligible counties and units of local government.

PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The BLM achieved the major planned workload accomplishments in 1999 and is expected to complete the planned workloads in 2000. Significant achievements in 1999 include:

- C All payments to eligible counties were made before September 30, 1999.
- C In keeping with the Department of the Treasury's government wide initiative, seventy-two percent of the PILT payments made in 1999 were by Electronic File Transfer (EFT). Delivering payments via EFT ensures that PILT payments are received by recipients in a more direct, timely, and cost effective manner.

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