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The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden:

Thank you for your July 20, 2011, letter to Tom Tidwell, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, and me regarding estimates of county payments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Public Law 110-343).

The Act provided transition payments to the O&C counties through FY 2010 and established a different formula for calculating O&C county payments for FY 2011. In developing the estimate for payments under the FY 2011 formula, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) found an error in its preliminary calculations. I regret that the error occurred, but I can assure you that it was discovered during the internal review process. The correct estimate was published in the President's FY 2012 Budget Justifications submitted to the Congress in March 2011.

This official estimated payment information is available to the public after the Budget Justifications are delivered to the Congress and is found in the "Payments to O&C Counties" section of the Budget Justifications. Because of the nature of the variables for calculating payments as established in the Secure Rural Schools Act, the final amount of O&C county payments for FY 2011 cannot be determined until the end of this FY. The final payment amount is subject to review and audit before the payments are made to counties 6 to 8 weeks following the close of the FY. In response to your request at the hearing on August 3, 2011, the BLM prepared a preliminary draft estimate of county-by-county payments which is enclosed with this letter. Also enclosed are the data elements used to derive the draft estimate.

I am ensuring that the BLM improves the transparency and accuracy of our information. We are also looking for ways to improve the ease with which this information can be found on the BLM website.

I appreciate your attention to this issue. Please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns and questions at 202-208-3801, or your staff may contact Karen Mouritsen, BLM Budget Division Chief, at 202-912-7059.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Abbey
Director

Enclosures

BLM 2011 Secure Rural Schools Payment Data Elements

Oregon County	BLM Acres	Average High 3 BLM Payments ¹	Per Capita Personal Income (PCPI) ²
Benton	51,439	\$3,016,158	\$37,922
Clackamas	52,448	\$5,957,180	\$43,646
Columbia	10,960	\$2,211,133	\$33,325
Coos	158,952	\$6,332,858	\$31,614
Curry	36,681	\$3,917,785	\$34,683
Douglas	632,312	\$26,887,811	\$31,686
Jackson	389,564	\$16,819,641	\$34,314
Josephine	259,120	\$12,966,258	\$29,981
Klamath	46,199	\$2,511,676	\$29,387
Lane	279,556	\$16,390,294	\$33,562
Lincoln	8,773	\$386,412	\$33,810
Linn	85,265	\$2,833,685	\$29,451
Marion	20,707	\$1,567,114	\$32,876
Multnomah	4,208	\$1,169,969	\$40,490
Polk	40,491	\$2,318,470	\$30,056
Tillamook	38,307	\$601,085	\$32,773
Washington	11,380	\$676,220	\$39,465
Yamhill	33,003	\$772,823	\$32,894

Additional data needed to calculate BLM county payment ³			
Sum of BLM acres and NFS acres in eligible counties	181,033,723		
Sum of the average High 3 BLM county payments and average county share of High 3 FS payments to states		\$480,914,372	
Median PCPI all eligible counties			\$30,096
Sum of adjusted shares for all eligible counties		0.90255	
FY2011 Full funding amount		\$364,500,000	

¹ Average of the three highest safety net payments made to each county from fiscal year 1986 through fiscal year 1999.

² As most recently published by the Bureau of Economic Analysis in 04/2011.

³ National Forest System (NFS) data is current as of 5/5/2011.

BLM 2011 Secure Rural Schools Payment Data Elements

Calculating payments

(from Forest Service web site www.fs.usda.gov/pts / Secure Payments / Calculating Payments)

1. Calculate county's 50-percent base share (Act section 3(9).)

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\text{BLM acres in county}}{\sum (\text{NF acres}) + \sum (\text{BLM acres})} + \frac{\text{County average 'high 3' 50\% payments}}{\sum (\text{Average 'high 3' 25\% payments}) + \sum (\text{Average 'high 3' 50\% payments})} \right)}{2}$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\text{BLM acres in county}}{\text{Sum of BLM + NFS acres in all eligible counties}} + \frac{\text{County average 'high 3' 50\% payments}}{\text{Sum of average 'high 3' payments to all eligible counties}} \right)}{2}$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\text{BLM acres in county}}{181,033,723} + \frac{\text{County average 'high 3' 50\% payments}}{\$480,914,372} \right)}{2}$$

2. Calculate county's income adjustment (Act section 3(12).)

$$\left(\frac{\text{County PCPI}}{\text{Median PCPI of all eligible counties}} \right)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{\text{County PCPI}}{\$30,096} \right)^2$$

3. Calculate county's 50-percent adjusted share (Act section 3(8).)

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\text{County 50\% base share}}{\text{County income adjustment}} \right)}{\left(\sum \frac{\text{Base share}}{\text{Income adjustment}} + \sum \frac{\text{50\% base share}}{\text{Income adjustment}} \right)}$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\text{County base share}}{\text{County income adjustment}} \right)}{\text{Sum of the adjusted shares for all eligible counties}}$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\text{County base share}}{\text{County income adjustment}} \right)}{0.90255}$$

4. Calculate county's payment (Act section 101(b).)

Full funding amount × county 50-percent adjusted share

$$\$364,500,000 \times \text{county 50-percent adjusted share}$$

Estimated Title II Payments as of August 2, 2011 by RAC for 2011(FY12) Round 4 (Final)

County	Oregon & California Land Grant Fund			Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Fund			Combined Total
	Amounts Paid to Counties	Amounts Retained by BLM for Title II Projects	O&C Total	Amounts Paid to Counties	Amounts Retained by BLM for Title II Projects	CBWR Total	
Benton	\$3,213,269.91	\$48,933.04	\$3,262,202.95				\$3,262,202.95
Clackamas	6,191,858.55	251,282.50	6,443,141.05				\$6,443,141.05
Columbia	2,273,128.55	118,379.66	2,391,508.21				\$2,391,508.21
Coos	6,284,384.38	565,080.88	6,849,465.26	786,759.46	70,744.04	857,503.50	\$7,706,968.76
Curry	3,887,797.11	349,583.94	4,237,381.05				\$4,237,381.05
Douglas	25,809,568.73	3,271,635.47	29,081,204.20	137,577.47	17,439.40	155,016.87	\$29,236,221.07
Jackson	16,827,336.71	1,364,378.65	18,191,715.36				\$18,191,715.36
Josephine	14,023,989.89	0.00	14,023,989.89				\$14,023,989.89
Klamath	2,390,579.47	325,988.11	2,716,567.58				\$2,716,567.58
Lane	16,424,384.99	1,302,959.85	17,727,344.84				\$17,727,344.84
Lincoln	392,857.46	25,076.01	417,933.47				\$417,933.47
Linn	2,834,982.06	229,863.41	3,064,845.47				\$3,064,845.47
Marion	1,631,391.70	63,560.72	1,694,952.42				\$1,694,952.42
Multnomah	1,248,409.68	17,000.00	1,265,409.68				\$1,265,409.68
Polk	2,451,179.82	56,421.02	2,507,600.84				\$2,507,600.84
Tillamook	585,269.40	64,849.34	650,118.74				\$650,118.74
Washington	621,676.04	109,707.54	731,383.58				\$731,383.58
Yamhill	835,866.95	0.00	835,866.95				\$835,866.95
Totals	\$107,927,931.40	\$8,164,700.14	\$116,092,631.54	\$924,336.93	\$88,183.44	\$1,012,520.37	\$117,105,151.91

*These payments are estimates and are subject to change.

Final payment amount will be available after review and audit after the end of the fiscal year.

Estimated Title II Payments as of August 2, 2011 by RAC for 2011(FY12) Round 4 (Final)

Total 2011 / FY12 Payment	Title II Portion	Salem RAC	Eugene RAC	Roseburg RAC	Medford RAC	Coos Bay RAC	DATA CHECK
\$833,799.68	\$66,703.97	\$66,703.97					\$66,703.97
\$1,217,136.47	\$97,370.92	\$97,370.92					\$97,370.92
\$767,189.87	\$61,375.19	\$61,375.19					\$61,375.19
\$2,570,518.52	\$205,641.48					\$205,641.48	\$205,641.48
\$1,269,474.32	\$101,557.95				\$50,778.97	\$50,778.97	\$101,557.95
\$10,821,440.77	\$865,715.26		\$25,971.46	\$554,057.77	\$112,542.98	\$173,143.05	\$865,715.26
\$5,767,032.40	\$865,054.86			\$8,650.55	\$856,404.31		\$865,054.86
\$5,777,421.49	\$462,193.72				\$462,193.72		\$462,193.72
\$1,160,162.41	\$174,024.36				\$174,024.36		\$174,024.36
\$5,784,729.72	\$462,778.38		\$462,778.38				\$462,778.38
\$136,314.20	\$20,447.13	\$20,447.13					\$20,447.13
\$1,341,823.66	\$107,345.89	\$75,142.12	\$32,203.77				\$107,345.89
\$570,785.07	\$45,662.81	\$45,662.81					\$45,662.81
\$274,003.20	\$21,920.26	\$21,920.26					\$21,920.26
\$1,021,366.39	\$81,709.31	\$81,709.31					\$81,709.31
\$248,871.73	\$37,330.76	\$37,330.76					\$37,330.76
\$172,506.23	\$25,875.94	\$25,875.94					\$25,875.94
\$302,455.93	\$24,196.47	\$24,196.47					\$24,196.47
\$40,037,032.06	\$3,726,904.65	\$557,734.88	\$520,953.60	\$562,708.32	\$1,655,944.35	\$429,563.51	\$3,726,904.65

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