

Wayne National Forest Support to Local Governments and Communities

Wayne National Forest is comprised of 244,263 acres in 12 southeast Ohio counties and 54 townships

Each year, the USDA Forest Service contributes to the local economy through several ways including [Payment in Lieu of Taxes \(PILT\)](#), [Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act](#), [Twenty-Five Percent Fund Act of 1908](#), and [Federal Mineral Payments](#). As of June 29, 2018, counties have received **\$1,084,785.13** in 2018. In addition, funds were also paid for road projects, cooperative law enforcement agreements, and volunteer fire department support.

The Department of the Interior reports that more than 1,900 local governments around the country received \$552.8 million in PILT funding in 2018. This is the largest amount ever allocated in the program's 40-year history. Congress authorizes PILT to compensate county governments for private property taxes forgone due to public ownership.

Funds are also provided to counties for roads and schools through the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture. In 2018, Congress reauthorized the act which included retroactive payments to states for FY17. Funds are distributed to counties based on national forest acres within the county.

The Payments to States Act of 1908 mandates that 25-percent of all receipts received from commercial activities on national forests including timber, grazing, special-use permits, power and mineral leases, and admission and user fees are returned to states in which the national forests are located, for public schools and public roads. The United States Department of Agriculture made the 25-percent payments to states under the 1908 Act for FY17 in February of 2018.

The Department of the Interior distributes mineral payments from federal mining activities (lease sales, royalties, rents, and bonus payments) on federal land with the state where the activity took place.

| County | National Forest Acreage | Payment In Lieu of Taxes | Secure Rural Schools Act | 1908 Act 25% 7-Year Rolling Average (Annual Receipts) | Mineral Payments (Lease Sales/Royalty Payments) (10/17 through 5/18) | Total Payment to County |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Athens | 18,821 | \$13,843 | \$26,526.29 | | \$50,850.46 | \$91,219.75 |
| Gallia | 18,450 | \$15,514 | \$21,034.73 | | \$46,532.50 | \$83,081.23 |
| Hocking | 26,001 | \$18,099 | \$31,968.30 | | \$70,956.40 | \$121,023.70 |
| Jackson | 1,643 | \$1,079 | \$2,230.32 | | \$4,642.38 | \$7,951.70 |
| Lawrence | 75,331 | \$83,193 | 0 | \$18,368.95 | \$190,393.58 | \$291,955.53 |
| Monroe | 24,660 | \$18,208 | \$40,574.98 | | \$66,269.87 | \$125,052.85 |
| Morgan | 3,369 | \$2,439 | \$5,744.55 | | \$9,082.61 | \$17,266.16 |
| Noble | 716 | \$561 | \$1,074.60 | | \$1,893.75 | \$3,529.35 |
| Perry | 22,391 | \$16,138 | \$28,388.06 | | \$60,456.77 | \$104,982.83 |
| Scioto | 11,668 | \$8,373 | \$15,732.52 | | \$31,729.31 | \$55,834.83 |
| Vinton | 1,901 | \$1,176 | \$2,982.78 | | \$5,100.40 | \$9,259.18 |
| Washington | 39,291 | \$27,771 | \$38,437.04 | | \$107,419.98 | \$173,628.02 |
| TOTAL | 244,242 | \$206,394 | \$214,694.17 | \$18,368.95 | \$645,328.01 | \$1,084,785.13 |