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Washington to Receive \$5,879,878 from Interior Under Federal PILT Program

Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton today announced that **Washington** will receive **\$5,879,878** under the Payment In Lieu of Taxes Act to compensate county governments whose jurisdictions contain tax-exempt Federal lands.

“These important dollars help States offset the loss of tax revenues to counties that contain Federal lands,” Norton said. “This money helps pay for essential services such as firefighting, search-and-rescue operations, and a host of other badly needed on-the-ground services.”

The money distributed to **Washington** will go to **38** counties eligible under the PILT program for tax revenue lost because of the federal land in their jurisdiction. The **\$5,879,878** that **Washington** receives this year represents a \$ 775,320 or 15 percent increase over Fiscal Year 2003. The counties receiving the largest payments are Chelan, Okanogan, and Whatcom.

The Bureau of Land Management in Oregon and Washington has responsibility for 16 million acres of public lands and about 23 million acres of sub-surface federal mineral estate in the two states. The BLM, an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, manages 261 million acres of public lands, primarily in the 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural and other resources on the public lands.

Summary by State and County Fiscal Year 2004		
WASHINGTON		
County	Payment	Total Acres
ADAMS COUNTY	\$15,598.00	11,740
ASOTIN COUNTY	\$57,246.00	68,489
BENTON COUNTY	\$56,630.00	40,614
CHELAN COUNTY	\$931,388.00	1,436,576
CLALLAM COUNTY	\$180,262.00	518,815
CLARK COUNTY	\$136.00	717
COLUMBIA COUNTY	\$108,966.00	164,287
COWLITZ COUNTY	\$6,515.00	34,349
DOUGLAS COUNTY	\$69,705.00	51,721
FERRY COUNTY	\$202,586.00	497,402

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County	Payment	Total Acres
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$42,078.00	30,408
GARFIELD COUNTY	\$74,261.00	101,788
GRANT COUNTY	\$88,095.00	64,621
GRAYS HARBOR CTY	\$34,407.00	146,221
ISLAND COUNTY	\$17,159.00	753
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$133,390.00	703,325
KING COUNTY	\$66,720.00	351,799
KITTITAS COUNTY	\$391,536.00	480,361
KLICKITAT COUNTY	\$12,705.00	45,760
LEWIS COUNTY	\$90,055.00	474,840
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$96,974.00	70,971
MASON COUNTY	\$31,277.00	164,913
OKANOGAN COUNTY	\$994,028.00	1,569,141
PACIFIC COUNTY	\$3,395.00	2,433
PEND OREILLE COUNTY	\$368,769.00	484,811
PIERCE COUNTY	\$148,762.00	337,961
SAN JUAN COUNTY	\$3,350.00	2,401
SKAGIT COUNTY	\$384,712.00	539,732
SKAMANIA COUNTY	\$160,817.00	847,952
SNOHOMISH COUNTY	\$120,089.00	633,064
SPOKANE COUNTY	\$2,094.00	1,560
STEVENS COUNTY	\$202,782.00	242,363
THURSTON COUNTY	\$118.00	623
WAHKIAKUM COUNTY	\$0.00	1
WALLA WALLA	\$31,654.00	24,047

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County	Payment	Total Acres
COUNTY		
WHATCOM COUNTY	\$623,586.00	847,031
WHITMAN COUNTY	\$28,094.00	20,752
YAKIMA COUNTY	\$99,939.00	526,957
TOTAL	\$5,879,878.00	11,541,299

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