Montana to Receive $16,681,936 from Interior
Under Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program

Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton today announced that Montana will receive $16,681,936 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 Montana will go to 56 counties eligible under the PILT program for tax revenue lost because of the federal land in their jurisdiction. The counties receiving the largest payments are Ravalli, Flathead, and Lewis and Clark.

A table showing Montana's 2004 PILT payments by county is attached.

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MONTANA PILT 2004

Local Unit of Government	Total Paid This FY
Anaconda-Deer Lodge	$278,185
Beaverhead	528,399
Big Horn	7,858
Blaine	472,885
Broadwater	385,936
Butte-Silver Bow	296,832
Carbon	553,359
Carter	112,769
Cascade	278,350
Chouteau	193,330
Custer	449,788
Daniels	121
Dawson	27,005
Fallon	11,858
Fergus	652,162
Flathead	1,289,535
Gallatin	928,387
Garfield	115,029
Glacier	555,233
Golden Valley	41,132
Granite	133,496
Hill	52,631
Jefferson	563,902
Judith Basin	174,068
Lake	159,735
Lewis and Clark	1,284,086
Liberty	40,962

Local Unit of Government	Total Paid This FY
Lincoln	331,525
Madison	501,579
McCone	168,087
Meagher	115,577
Mineral	121,881
Missoula	653,528
Musselshell	102,325
Park	815,523
Petroleum	46,760
Phillips	232,000
Pondera	136,315
Powder River	113,630
Powell	353,646
Prairie	75,566
Ravalli	1,408,485
Richland	12,959
Roosevelt	1,949
Rosebud	61,803
Sanders	173,483
Sheridan	338
Stillwater	251,505
Sweet Grass	313,408
Teton	366,822
Toole	50,265
Treasure	142
Valley	491,925
Wheatland	84,318
Wibaux	5,120
Yellowstone	104,439
TOTAL	**$16,681,936**