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North Dakota to Receive \$1,005,087 from Interior Under Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program

Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton today announced that North Dakota will receive \$1,005,087 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 North Dakota will go to 43 counties eligible under the PILT program for tax revenue lost because of the federal land in their jurisdiction. The \$1,005,087 that North Dakota receives this year represents a \$38,416 increase over Fiscal Year 2003. The counties receiving the largest payments are McLean, McKenzie, and Mountrail.

A table showing North Dakota’s 2004 PILT payments by county is attached.

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NORTH DAKOTA PILT 2004

Local Unit of Government	Total Paid This FY
Barnes	\$8,629
Benson	\$4,760
Billings	\$59,401
Bottineau	\$179
Bowman	\$7,505
Burke	\$217
Burleigh	\$20,544
Cavalier	\$1,890
Dickey	\$886
Divide	\$1,902
Dunn	\$58,941
Eddy	\$111
Emmons	\$43,960
Golden Valley	\$16,217
Grand Forks	\$1,643
Grant	\$12,440
Griggs	\$2,329
Kidder	\$3,014
Logan	\$1,165
McHenry	\$3,158
McIntosh	\$637

Local Unit of Government	Total Paid This FY
McKenzie	\$96,974
McLean	216,221
Mercer	45,310
Morton	18,390
Mountrail	83,934
Pierce	4,775
Ramsey	519
Ransom	51,622
Renville	310
Richland	34,043
Rolette	148
Sargent	2,368
Sheridan	40,672
Sioux	42,587
Slope	25,392
Stark	845
Steele	190
Stutsman	12,621
Walsh	648
Ward	445
Wells	11,647
Williams	65,898
TOTAL	\$1,005,087