



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
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HUERFANO COUNTY
401 Main Street, Suite 201
Walsenburg, CO 81089-2045

Dear County Official:

I am pleased to notify you that on June 15, 2023, the Department of the Interior (Department) issued payments under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. The PILT program compensates eligible local jurisdictions for Federal lands administered by agencies within the Department and on behalf of the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Local governments may use the PILT payments for any governmental purpose, including emergency response, public schools, and roads. Since local governments cannot tax Federal lands, annual PILT payments help to defray the costs associated with maintaining important community services.

The Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act, 31 U.S.C. 6901–6907, as amended, authorized the program. The PILT Act prescribes the formula used to compute the annual payments based on annually adjusted per-acre and population variables. Prior-year Federal payments under certain revenue-sharing programs, as reported annually by States, are deducted in formulating the payment amounts. A provision in the PILT Act provides temporary compensation for recent additions to the National Park System and National Forest Wilderness Areas.

The President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117–328) on December 29, 2022, providing full funding for the 2023 PILT program. More than 1,900 local jurisdictions received a total of \$578.8 million in PILT payments this year.

For 2023, your county is receiving a PILT payment of \$613,236. If you provided current bank routing and account numbers to our Interior Business Center or to the System of Awards Management (SAM), an electronic funds transfer was posted to your account on or about June 15, 2023. If you did not receive a payment or require further information, please refer to www.doi.gov/pilt. The website includes information on how to register in SAM to expedite receipt of future PILT payments. If you have any questions, please contact the PILT Program Manager, Ms. Dionna Kiernan, at DOI_PILT@ios.doi.gov or (202) 341–2066.

Sincerely,



Deb Haaland