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Dear County Commissioners, Township Supervisors, and School Superintendents:

This letter is to notify you of the receipt you can anticipate from the United States Treasury through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania based on receipts for FY 2016 from the Allegheny National Forest. Elk, Forest, McKean, and Warren Counties will receive the 25 Percent Fund Payment, which is now based on a rolling seven-year average of actual forest receipts.

The new Administration has yet to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS Act). Without Congressional reauthorization of the SRS Act, the Forest Service will revert to making payments to states under the 1908 Act (16 U.S.C. 500) commonly called the 25 percent payments, for fiscal year 2016 (2017 payments).

Elk, Forest, McKean, and Warren Counties will receive the 25 percent fund payment, which will be distributed to the school districts and townships for schools and roads. The 25 percent fund payment of \$1,824,943.67 has been made to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which will be sent to Elk, Forest, McKean, and Warren Counties. Distribution to the counties will be as follows:

County	Acres of National Forest Land (Rounded)	25 Percent Fund Payment for FY 2016
Elk	111,836	\$397,385.49
Forest	119,109	\$423,771.81
McKean	135,346	\$480,890.73
Warren	147,018	\$522,895.64
TOTALS	513,309	\$1,824,943.67

Enclosed for your information is the spreadsheet prepared by the Forest that depicts our *best estimate* of how the monies *might be* distributed by each county to the townships, based on acreage figures within the Allegheny National Forest for those townships. The amounts distributed to each township and school district is decided by each county.

Sincerely,

SHERRY A. TUNE
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures

