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THE CHECK REALLY IS IN THE MAIL
Feds Send Half A Million Dollars To
Southern West Virginia Counties

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of the Interior is signing checks to the tune of over one-half million dollars to 11 southern West Virginia counties to compensate local governments which have Federal lands located within their jurisdictions, U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) announced today.

"When the Federal government purchases land, whether it is for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers water project or a unit of the National Park System, the county is annually compensated for any loss of property tax revenue," Rahall said. "As such, people not only benefit from having a flood control project or park in the area but also from the payments made under this program."

The payments are being made under what is known as the Payments In Lieu of Taxes Program, or PILT. Rahall is a senior member of the House Committee on Natural Resources which has jurisdiction over the PILT program.

The funds, which total \$524,081, are being distributed as follows:

<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Federal Land Managing Agency</u>
Cabell	\$ 1,479	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Beech Fork Lake
Fayette	\$64,242	National Park Service New River Gorge National River
Greenbrier	\$75,905	Forest Service Monongahela National Forest
Mingo	\$ 2,855	U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Tug Fork flood control projects
Monroe	\$15,076	Forest Service Jefferson National Forest
Pocahontas	\$231,317	Forest Service Monongahela National Forest
Raleigh	\$26,889	National Park Service New River Gorge National River
Summers	\$18,586	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Bluestone Lake
Wayne	\$27,030	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Beech Fork Lake/East Lynn Lake
Webster	\$49,409	Forest Service Monongahela National Forest
Wyoming	\$11,293	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers R.D. Bailey Lake