

# **FY 25-26 Forest Service Payment to States, Public Law 112-141**

## **Election to Receive Payment**

## **Election to Allocate the State payment**

**By September 30, 2025 (midnight, mountain time), please complete and return all pages of this form to the U.S. Forest Service, Albuquerque Service Center, All Service Receipts (ASR) branch.**

By email: [asc\\_asr@fs.fed.us](mailto:asc_asr@fs.fed.us)

By fax: (877) 684-1422, ATTN: ASR

**A county's election to receive a payment and to allocate the State payment must be transmitted by the Governor's office or other appropriate executive office of the State, such as State Treasurer, on behalf of the Governor. The Forest Service will not accept an election directly from a county or from any non-governmental organization acting on behalf of a county.**

### **Election to Receive Payment**

The State must transmit, for each county in which a national forest is situated, the county's election to receive a share of the Secure Rural Schools Act State payment or a share of the State's 25-percent payment. The State may use this form to transmit county elections to the Forest Service. If the State fails to transmit a county's election by the deadline of September 30, 2025 (midnight, mountain time), the county will be considered to have elected to receive a share of the State payment.

### **Election to Allocate the State Payment**

Each county that elects to receive a share of the State payment must make an additional election to allocate the State payment. The guidelines for making the allocation vary depending on the amount of the county share of the State payment.

- **\$100,000 or less.** An eligible county that elects to receive a share of the State payment that is \$100,000 or less (a minor distribution) may elect to use 100-percent of its share for public roads and schools under title I. **In contrast to previous years, a county that elects to receive a minor distribution must make an affirmative election to use the 100-percent of its share for title I purposes.** In the alternative, the county may opt to allocate 15-percent to 20-percent of its share to title II, title III, or a combination of both, except that the allocation for title III projects may not exceed 7-percent. The total percentage allocated to title II and title III combined must be no less than 15-percent and no greater than 20-percent. The county also may opt to return its allocation, in whole or part, to the Federal Government.
- **\$100,001 to \$349,999.** If the county share of the State payment is more than \$100,000 but less than \$350,000, the county must allocate 15-percent to 20-percent of its share to title II, title III, or a combination of both. The total percentage allocated to title II and/or title III must be no less than 15-percent and no greater than 20-percent. The county also may opt to return its allocation, in whole or part, to the Federal Government.
- **\$350,000 or greater.** If the county share of the State payment is \$350,000 or greater, the county must allocate 15-percent to 20-percent of its share to title II, title III, or a combination of both, except that the allocation for title III projects may not exceed 7-percent. The total percentage allocated to title II and title III combined must be no less than 15-percent and no greater than 20-percent. The county also may opt to return its allocation, in whole or part, to the Federal Government.

An eligible county that fails to elect to allocate its payment shall be considered to have elected to expend 80-percent of its share of the State payment for public schools and roads. The remaining 20-percent will be available to the Forest Service to carry out projects in the eligible county to further the purposes of title II.

### Instructions for transmitting county elections

State name: Marion County, Florida	Preparer's mailing address: PO Box 1030 Ocala, FL 34478-1030
Preparer's name and title: Audrey L. Fowler, Budget Director	(This field is shared with the row above)
Preparer's phone number: (352) 671 - 5508	Preparer's email: AudreyF@marioncountyclerk.org

In the following table, for each county in which a national forest is located enter the county name in Column A.

Enter an X in Column B for each county that elects to receive a share of the State's 25-percent payment (the 7-year rolling average of national forest receipts). Enter an X in Column C for each county that elects to receive a share of the Secure Rural Schools Act State payment.

For each county that elects to receive a share of the Secure Rural Schools Act State payment, refer to the allocation guidelines above and then enter a numerical percentage to indicate the county's allocation of its share of the State payment:

- Column D, enter the percent of county share of State payment to be allocated to public schools and roads;
- Column E, enter the percent of county share of State payment to be allocated to title II, Special Projects on national forests;
- Column F, enter the percent of county share of State payment to be allocated to title III, County Funds for uses authorized under title III;
- Column G, enter the percent of county share of State payment to be returned to the U.S. Treasury, if any.

